

Bahasa Melayu-Indonesia among Top 10 Languages in the World
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 6 (Bernama) -- Bahasa Melayu-Indonesia has been named as one of 10 most widely used languages in the world.

According to Education Minister Datuk Seri Mahdzir Khalid, the selection was made by 'Ethnologue: Languages of the World' - a comprehensive online referral centre for languages run by the Summer Institute of Linguistics (SIL) International.

He said the Malay language (Bahasa Melayu) has also been recorded as one of the 10 most widely used languages on the Internet by Internet World Stats for 2015.

"Bahasa Melayu is in 8th position, and is ahead of the French, which is ranked 9th and with such potential, Bahasa Melayu-Indonesia must be empowered or promoted as a key feature of the ASEAN community," he said during the opening of the 55th Conference of the Language Council of Brunei Darussalam-Indonesia-Malaysia (MABBIM) and linguistic seminar here, today.

The text of his speech was read by the ministry's secretary-general, Tan Sri Dr Madinah Mohamad.

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