

Read to Sharpen Minds

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FRIDAY, 21 MARCH – Reading is often considered as a boring activity as today’s society can easily get any information through alternative means such as e-newspapers, e-journal and e-book.

In order to inculcate reading culture among the public especially Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) community, the Library Department, Publications Unit and Koperasi UMS Berhad once again organised a UMS Book Fair 2014.

The book fair will be held until 23 March at UMS Library which was officiated by the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Environment, Datuk Seri Panglima Masidi Manjun.

In his speech, he said that people should be make reading as an exercise of the mind.

“Reading will not damage us, in fact it is a remedy for dementia,” he added.

He said reading was very important to enhance our knowledge and discipline and high self-esteem through the reading of high impact books.

Meanwhile, UMS Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Datuk Dr. Mohd. Harun Abdullah in his speech said that books were important to shape our thinking and elevate human dignity to a higher level.

“Reading can sharpen our minds, germinate ideas and strengthen understanding of one’s life to think critically and creatively.

“Thus, I would like to urge students to prudently use the 1Malaysia Book Voucher (BR1M) by purchasing the required books for their learning,” he said. His speech text was read by UMS Head Librarian, Dayang Rukiah Awang Amit.

In the programme, UMS Library also received more than 2,300 copies of books from the Sokka Gakai Association Malaysia and PACOS Trust which covers the field of medicine, nursing psychology and social sciences.

Also present were the Chairman of the Koperasi UMS Berhad Bookstore and Gifts cum UMS Book Fair 2014 Chairman, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mahmud Hj. Sudin and Head of Publications Unit cum Joint Chairman of UMS Book Fair 2014, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Asmady Idris. – *ZMD (fl)*

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