

UMS wins 2015 Premier Award for Best Publisher

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KOTA KINABALU: Penerbit UMS, the publication unit of Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS), has been selected to receive the 2015 Premier Award for Best Publisher (Government Agency).

The selection was made by a panel of professional appraisers at the National Book Award and was chaired by Professor Datuk Wira Dr Abdul Latif Abu Bakar, who is also Head 1 of GAPENA or the Federation of National Writers.

Among the criteria for the award were the level of quality and number of publications. More than 30 categories were contested for the year 2015.

The National Book Award or Anugerah Buku Negara is organised by the National Book Development Founda-

tion, a non-governmental organisation (NGO) that was established in accordance with the government's desire to encourage the reading culture so that the Malaysian society is immersed in information and knowledge.

It is open to all writers, publishers and players in the industry to give them due recognition and incentive.

The award ceremony was held on 26 November 2015, which was officiated by the Deputy Prime Minister, Dato' Seri Dr. Ahmad Zahid Hamidi at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC).

The event is held in conjunction with the Malaysia Book Expo from 25 to 29 November 2015 at the PWTC, organised by the National Book Development Foundation in collaboration with Uni-



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versiti Kuala Lumpur, GAPE-NA, Dewan Bahasa dan Pus-

taka (DBP) and the National Library.