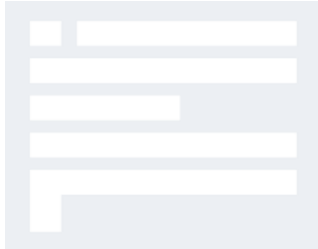


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### Malaysia aims for 31,700 book titles by 2020

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Tourism and Culture Minister Nazri Aziz says the government aspires to make Malaysia a World Book City. – The Malaysian Insight file pic, January 11, 2018. TOURISM and Culture Minister Nazri Aziz said the government aimed to meet the target of 31,700 book titles by 2020, compared with 19,713 titles last year.

"This target can be achieved with the efforts of various parties including government agencies and private companies in the industry," he said at the launch of the book, The Palace of Pahang, published by Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) at the National Library in Kuala Lumpur, today.

Pahang Regent Tengku Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah launched the book written by Pahang palace official Halim Ibrahim and UPM lecturer Assoc Prof Dr Norhasni Zainal Abidin.

Nazri said the government's aspiration was in line with the 31.7 million population and the ratio of one title per 1,000 people, the Unesco standard for a developed country.

Nazri said reading and literacy rate were major factors in the progress of the book industry and would determine Malaysia's success in achieving World Book City status by 2020. – Bernama, January 11, 2018.