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### Books Will Enlighten Public On Russia-Malaysia Ties

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**KUALA LUMPUR** -- To mark over 50 years of diplomatic relations between the Russian Federation and Malaysia, the National Library of Malaysia (PNM) has added the book 'Sejarah Tamadun dan Budaya Rusia' written by Prof Dr Victor Pogadaev to its collection.

Pogadaev who arrived in Malaysia in 1970 as a student at Universiti Malaya, returned to his alma mater as a professor from 2001 to 2016 and, over the

years, has translated various pieces by national laureates from Russian to Malay and vice versa.

“Currently, there's interest in Malaysian literature and history in Russia, and I hope with the relevant books and literature pieces, people could understand bilateral ties between the two countries better,” he said during the book launch at PNM here today.

Russian ambassador to Malaysia, Valery N. Yermolov said relations between the countries had been fruitful, with interest in culture and language growing over the years.

Meanwhile, PNM director-general Datuk Nafisah Ahmad said the exhibition of Russian books at the library would run for a month from today.

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