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Hasnu Zamzam (center) presided over the opening ceremony of the 2024 International Conference on Malay Manuscripts: The Secret Knowledge of Traditional Medicine in the Pharmacopoeia 1001; on the left is Sarasiah. (Photo by Huang Zhihan)

KUALA LUMPUR: Unity Minister Datuk Allan Dargan hopes that the 2024 International Conference on Malay Manuscripts: The Secret Knowledge of Traditional Medicine in Kitab Tib 1001 will serve as a channel to promote Malay traditional medicine so that it can gain more recognition and become a branch of medical practice and research, as well as disseminate relevant knowledge more widely regardless of national boundaries, race and culture.

At the opening ceremony of the 2024 International Conference on Malay Manuscripts: Materia Medica 1001: Secret Knowledge of Traditional Medicine, Unity Ministry Secretary-General Datuk Seri Hasnul Zamzam said that Materia Medica is an important cultural heritage that reflects the great knowledge and Malay traditional medicine knowledge passed down from generation to generation.

He said that the "Medicine Classic" can be found not only in my country, but also in manuscripts of this traditional medical knowledge in other countries, such as Leiden in the Netherlands, Britain, France, Indonesia, Sri Lanka and several European countries.

"This proves that knowledge in this field was once quite influential and was widely studied and disseminated."

Hasnujanjan later told the media that the country's natural treasures have many suitable materials that can be used to alleviate health problems, and the Ministry of Unity hopes to continue to develop the natural treasures through similar activities.

"I believe that one day, it (Malay traditional medicine) will be parallel and comparable to modern medicine."

Library Director: A total of 5,252 Malay manuscripts are collected

National Library director Sarasiah said as of August, the National Library has a total collection of 5,252 Malay manuscripts for reference and research by users and researchers, of which 2,831 Malay manuscript titles have been digitised and uploaded to the National Library's My Repository website.

She said the Malay manuscripts collected by the National Library covered areas such as religion, literature, law, language and traditional medicine.

The 2024 International Conference on Malay Manuscripts: Malay Medical Book "Medicine Classics" 1001 Traditional Medicine will be held at the National Language and Literature Publishing Bureau today and tomorrow.