KOTA BAHRU: The Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka (DBP), through its Packaged Book Publishing Programme, will publish 150 titles of books of various fields in the Malay language by the end of this year.

DBP Deputy Director-General (Policy) Prof Dr Zaharani Ahmad said DBP had completed 300 manuscripts in various fields under the programme so far.

"We have set up panels of experts and committees, which comprise lecturers of public and private institutions of higher learning, to work with DBP. They have been assigned to develop and produce titles and assess the manuscripts, while DBP is responsible for publishing the books," he said when met at the Open Day Carnival of Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Dato Ahmad Maher here.

The carnival was launched by Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) Board of Directors chairman Tan Sri Dr Wan Mohd Zahid Mohd Noordin.

Zaharani said efforts to publish more books in Malay language was in line with the government's aspiration to uphold the status of the national language. – Bernama.