Other languages can enrich Bahasa

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I was recently invited to speak on Bahasa Melayu at a seminar. It was an honor to be invited to speak on this subject. It was also an opportunity to reflect on the value of the other languages in the Malaysian context.

In Malaysian society, Bahasa Melayu is the dominant language. However, other languages such as English, Mandarin, and Tamil are also spoken and have their own unique cultural and linguistic values.

The choice of language is often influenced by factors such as education, occupation, and personal preference. In recent years, there has been a movement to promote the use of Bahasa Melayu in official and educational settings.

However, the use of other languages should not be seen as a threat to Bahasa Melayu. Instead, it can enrich the national language by incorporating its unique cultural and linguistic elements. By embracing the richness of other languages, we can foster a more inclusive and diverse society.

In conclusion, while Bahasa Melayu remains the dominant language, the use of other languages can enrich the nation's linguistic heritage. It is important to recognize and promote the value of these other languages in order to create a more inclusive and diverse society.

Other Thots

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When they fry, they don't write poems or go on a hunger strike. They travel to the psychoanalytical world of desire from which very few ever return.

Even, university graduates and ITM diploma holders who came for job interviews were convinced that there is such a word as fras in English.

CITY Hall has been instructed to sell the 25 Volvo 240 200Ls purchased for its officers who are not entitled to such a car or any car at all. Its director-general, Dato' Noruddin Abdul Razak, would not say why the officers were told to sell.

We have refrained from making any comment on the issue before stating the News Straits Times policy on the protection of information sources.

It cannot be taken for granted that the statement in the August issue was a reflection of the real intention. The police had indicted it in investigating our reporters and public relations officers who were involved in highlighting the purchase of the cars. The trip to Putrajaya, which is not mentioned, is blanked by City Hall officials.

The police had first indicated their intention direct to us and later through a lawyer to engage us to advise them on the matter.

We decided to deal through our lawyer instead of the usual friendly, unofficial basis because I was aware of the matter very seriously.

In line of duties, I wrote a letter and went on a hunger strike. He travelled as far away as he could to forget her.

Today's youth, especially Malays, seems to be swimming in a sea of confusion and uncertainty.

Othman on Aug 21. He alleged that the auditor-general's Office had contradicted the GSA by speaking to reporters of our afternoon newspaper, The Malay Mail.

In any case, we were more than willing to co-operate with the police as long as it was in accordance with the law.

This is 1995. Now we can co-operate with the police all the time because we share a common interest in the maintenance of law and order.

We co-operate with the police only by not printing certain information that we have until such time that they have completed their investigations.

In some cases, information which is prejudicial to the interests of the country is not published at all.

For example, several days after the August issue was published, a telephone call from a person claiming to represent the National People's Front (NPF) Group was used by the police to cover the police's investigation.

I personally received several letters from people who are not members of the Press Council, some without even mentioning that I was a member of the Press Council. This is a new phenomenon.

Supposing you think the Press is not above the law, you are wrong. We are not above the law, but the police are and they can report you, as they have done.

Journalists and editors are taken to court all the time for allegedly defaming, libelling and slandering individuals or groups. If the news is true, it is difficult to say whether the lawyers are right or wrong, but the lawyers can be encouraged.