

Higher Education Ecosystem Enhanced Through Digital Libraries - Zambry

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CYBERJAYA: Efforts to strengthen the nation's higher education ecosystem are being intensified through the implementation of digital libraries across all universities and polytechnics in Malaysia. Higher Education Minister Datuk Seri Dr Zambry Abd Kadir said the initiative aims to accelerate access to reference materials and facilitate learning and research processes among students and lecturers.

"The upgrading of this library is part of our broader effort to ensure that our institutions remain relevant, responsive and aligned with the changing needs of both learners and industry." "The upgraded library has been thoughtfully designed to support modern learning practices and provides improved access to digital resources, alongside dedicated spaces for collaboration, research and independent study," he said in his speech.

Malaysia plans to ensure all universities and polytechnics are equipped with digital libraries, with most universities already having their own facilities. The upgraded digital library at University of Cyberjaya was launched to expand access to knowledge resources, improve research efficiency, and support modern learning practices. According to Cyberjaya Education Group Berhad chairman Mohd Shahrom Nordin, the library upgrade strengthens academic experience, research capabilities, and student development while keeping institutions relevant to current industry and learner needs. Designed as a digital-first academic hub, the facility can accommodate around 600 students and provides 22,309 physical books alongside over 29 million digital resources, including academic databases and e-journals. With an investment of RM1.49 million, the upgraded library includes discussion areas, smart learning rooms, quiet study zones, digital access terminals, and flexible learning spaces for both individual and group study.