

Melanau dictionary out soon

DARO: A registry of words and a dictionary of the Melanau language into Malay is expected to be published by next year.

Former senior lecturer of the Faculty of Modern Languages and Communications, Universiti Putra Malaysia associate professor Dr Mohd Sharifudin Yusop, said the dictionary would focus on the Melanau language in the Matu, Daro and Pulau Bruit areas.

“The Unesco/Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka/Education Ministry project began in January and is 60% completed.

“We expect it to be published next year,” he said.

Mohd Sharifudin said the phonetics of the language would also be included in the dictionary.

“This is to ensure the Melanau language in the area remains intact in pronunciation in the future,” he said. — Bernama