

Cabinet team to review schools

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KUALA LUMPUR,
Wed. — A Ministerial
committee has been
set up under the chair-
manship of the Education
Minister Dr. Mahathir
Mohamed to review the
country's educational
system.

The decision was taken at
the first meeting of the
Cabinet today.

A statement issued by the
Prime Minister's Department
said "the committee will review,
within the framework of the
existing national educational
policy, the present system's
objectives effectiveness as well
as the curricula."

The review is aimed at ensur-

ing that the country's manpower
needs — both short term and
long term — are met, and in
particular, that the educational
system serves the national ob-
jective of a united, disciplined
and trained population.

Members of the committee
are: The Minister of Labour and
Manpower, Datuk Lee San
Choon; the Minister of Com-
munications, Tan Sri V.
Manickavasagam; the Minister
of Lands and Mine and Special
Functions, Datuk Asri Haji
Muda; the Minister of General
Planning and Socio-Economic
Research, Datuk Haji Abdul
Talb Mahmud; the Minister of
Culture, Youth and Sports,
Datuk Ali Haji Ahmad; the
Minister of Housing and New
Villages, Mr. Michael Chen; and
the Minister of Primary Indus-
tries, Datuk Musa Hitam.

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Dr. Mahathir said on
Sunday that a review
was being carried out on
the selection of pupils
for study in the arts and
science streams in Form
Four and Form Six.

He was devoting full
attention to the matter
to ensure that it would
not affect the ability of
pupils in ill-equipped
schools, especially those
in rural areas.

It was necessary that
the education system be
reviewed in terms of cur-
riculum, the teaching
methods, staff position
and other related mat-
ters.

"An education system
acceptable to all is not
an easy matter, but it is
possible," Dr. Mahathir
said.

The Ministry would
make every effort to
make the system accept-
able to all and ensure it
would not deviate from
the aspirations of the
national education policy
and the New Economic
Policy, he added.