

Government says 'no' to private college venture

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KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. — The Government has rejected an application to establish the Merdeka College because such a private foundation is not in line with the Government's aspirations to build a united nation, Education Minister **Dr. Mahathir Mohamed** told the **Dewan Rakyat** today.

He said the venture undertaken by the board of directors

of Merdeka Universiti Sdn. Berhad was also against the Government's New Economic Policy to reduce racial differences in the country.

Dr. Mahathir was replying to Mr. Chian Heng Kai (DAP-Batu Gajah) who asked whether the Education Ministry has received an application for registration of Kolej Merdeka and whether the Government has approved the application.