

'Form one union for all teachers'

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EDUKATION Minister Dr. Mahathir Mohamed urged teachers today to consider forming a single union.

He said a single union, with its wider representation, would provide teachers with a more effective channel to seek redress for any grievances.

He said the existence of different unions for teachers have caused unnecessary delays and problems to his Ministry's attempts to settle issues.

Dr. Mahathir was speaking at the 12th delegates conference of the West Malaysia DTC teachers union at the Town Hall here.

The Ministry, he said, often encountered similar claims presented by different unions almost at the same time.

He also told teachers to hold seminars and forums regularly. Bulletins and Journals could also be started to serve the teaching community.

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Dr. Mahathir suggested that such bulletins be circulated to the public too.

The bulletins could also be used as a means for the teachers to make constructive criticisms about the Ministry.

The union's president, Encik Ali Hashim, said his union has made a study of the country's education system.

The study, dealing mainly with the position of teachers and small schools, would be discussed by more than 200 teachers attending the three-day meeting, he added.