

KUALA LUMPUR, JULY 30 (BERNAMA) — THE GOVERNMENT HAS DRAWN UP A PROGRAMME TO ABSORB TEMPORARY SCHOOL CLERKS INTO THE PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT TO FACILITATE SMOOTH ADMINISTRATION OF SCHOOLS.

EDUCATION MINISTER, DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED, TOLD THE DEWAN NEGARA TODAY PRIORITY WOULD BE GIVEN TO CLERKS WITH LONG SERVICE.

EARLIER, REPLYING TO SEN. CHUA CHING CHENG, DEPUTY EDUCATION MINISTER, ENCIK CHAN SIANG SUN, SAID APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL CLERKS WAS HANDLED BY THE EDUCATION SERVICE COMMISSION.

SEN. CHUA ALSO WANTED THE EDUCATION MINISTRY TO CONSIDER ENSURING THAT SCHOOL CLERKS OF NATIONAL TYPE CHINESE SCHOOLS HAD A PASS IN MANDARIN.

ENCIK CHAN REPLIED HIS MINISTRY WOULD SEEK THE CO-OPERATION OF THE EDUCATION SERVICE COMMISSION TO GIVE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION TO THIS REQUEST.

THE REPLY SPARKED OFF A NUMBER INQUIRIES FROM OTHER SENATORS.

REPLYING TO THESE, DR. MAHATHIR SAID APPLICATIONS FOR POSTS OF SCHOOL CLERKS FOR NATIONAL TYPE CHINESE SCHOOLS WOULD BE CONSIDERED ON THEIR MERITS RATHER THAN THE ETHNIC ORIGINS OF THE APPLICANT. — BERNAMA 1640/ZCM