

Dr M: We'll go ahead with Bill even if DAP and group opt out-

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KLANG, Sun. — The Barisan Nasional Government will formulate the Education Bill on its own and seek legislation if the DAP and certain Chinese education-

ists do not want to be represented in the consultative council that is being formed to discuss it.

Prime Minister **Datuk Moha-**

mad said invitations have been sent to 68 institutions and bodies, including the DAP and some organisations representing Chinese educationists.

"If the DAP and other groups do not want to be represented, we will have no choice but to formulate the Bill ourselves," he told reporters after opening an extension of the Pin Hwa Secondary (Private)

School today.

Dr Mahathir said the Government would adopt the same stand as it did for the National Economic Consultative Council (NECC) when the DAP refused to be represented in the discussions pertaining to the formulation of the post-1990 economic policy.

"The Government represents the majority and we shall proceed with our pro-

posals to enact the Education Bill if those opposed to it do not want to be involved.

"After all, they only represent the minority."

He said the 27 Chinese educationists who have joined the DAP did not understand the concept of democracy where the views of the majority must be taken into consideration.

On the suggestion by

Election Watch that the Government consider the possibility of compulsory voter registration, Dr Mahathir said the Government did not take into consideration opinions expressed by the group.

"I don't care about what they think and we will only take into consideration the views of the majority because the Government is elected by the majority."