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Call to stop pupils loitering at outlets

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - The Government should take effective measures to ensure that schoolchildren do not loiter at entertainment and gambling centres, DAP National vice-chairman Dr Tan Seng Giaw said today.

He said the trend would pose serious problems to youths, thus affecting the development and security of the country.

"Naturally, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and most Malaysians do not want to see these centres promoting unhealthy activities such as prostitution, drug addiction and the spread of HIV/AIDS," he said in a statement.

Dr Tan, who is also the MP for Kepong, was commenting on Dr Mahathir's directive to all State Governments and local authorities to tighten supervision on entertainment outlets under their jurisdiction.

He hoped the Government could introduce a single schooling session which required pupils to stay in schools until 4pm.

"This will ensure all pupils go home straight instead of frequenting these centres.

"However, owing to various factors such as shortage of classrooms, it is still not possible for the Government to implement this," Dr Tan said.

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