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Cuepacs-Commission

A COMMISSION TO STUDY EFFECTIVENESS OF EDUCATION SYSTEM PROPOSED

BUTTERWORTH, Oct 16 (Bernama) -- Cuepacs has proposed the establishment of a commission to study the effectiveness of the education system in the country so that it can produce more responsible citizens who are of better quality.

Cuepacs president N. Siva Subramaniam said today the proposal was among several matters which would be forwarded to the Public Services Department (PSD) next month for review by the government.

He said it was time that the education system was reviewed to determine its direction, vision and mission in the new millennium as the last review was made through the Cabinet Committee Report when Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad was then Education Minister in the early 70's.

Speaking to reporters after officiating the Consumer Education Seminar for National Type Tamil School teachers and headmasters in the state here, he said there was no point in making massive allocation to the education sector if it could not improve student discipline and produce citizens of quality who were loyal to the government and country.

He said the proposed commission could be represented by former Education Directors, members of non-governmental organisations (NGOs), parents and other organisations to take into account the views of the people in improving the education system.

Siva, who is also Secretary General of the National Union of Teaching Profession (NUTP), said serious thought must be given to reduce the gap between rural and urban schools as well as the the Tamil and Chinese National Type Schools and National Schools.

He said the lack of basic amenities led to the education system being ineffective and resulted in disciplinary problems that dampened the enthusiasm of students as well as teachers in class.

The Supplementary Nutrition Programme in schools should also be upgraded because improper diet could lead to disciplinary problems, he said.

On the involvement of teachers in politics, he hoped the Education Ministry would adopt the right approach by investigating and advising the teachers involved.

He said dismissing or transferring the teachers to other places would not solve the problem because they would continue to indulge in politics in the new place.

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