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DR MAHATHIR DISAPPOINTED WITH OPPOSITION TO VISION SCHOOL

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 6 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said he is disappointed with the Dong Jiao Zhong's opposition to the vision school concept.

"If you want me to say that, I will say that. I am disappointed," he said when asked to comment on the Chinese education movement's opposition to vision schools.

He said their objection showed that the group, representing boards and teachers associations of Chinese schools in the country, had never accepted anything about education in Malaysia.

"What they want to have is education in China. Everything must be completely Chinese.

"They do not have to accept if they do not want to, but for those schools which already accepted the concept, we will carry it out for them first. Even if only two schools have accepted, we will still carry it out," he said at a news conference after opening the 40th Commonwealth Telecommunications Council meeting here.

Under the concept, national and national-type school students would share the same facilities in a single campus.

Dr Mahathir said the Chinese, Malays and Indians have lived and worked together in this country.

"If it is in China, by all means do it," he said.

Dr Mahathir said Malaysia is a good friend of China and has no objection to their system.

"But their system is for their country," he said.

The vision school system was aimed at integrating the races from young, the prime minister added.

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