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Dr Mahathir disappointed over rejection

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. - Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today expressed disappointment with the Dong Jiao Zhong Chinese Education Movement's rejection of Vision Schools concept.

He said the idea of Vision Schools was to expose the younger generation to the spirit of co-operation to cultivate harmony.

Asked whether he was upset with the rejection, Dr Mahathir said:

"If you (reporters) want me to say it (being upset), I will say it ... I am upset," Dr Mahathir told a Press conference after opening the 40th Commonwealth Telecommunications Council meeting at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel here.

Under the Vision School concept, Chinese and Tamil national-type primary schools, along with national schools, will be placed in one compound, sharing the same facilities.

The Education Ministry plans to establish seven Vision Schools soon under a pilot project.

Dr Mahathir said the project would continue despite the Dong Jiao Zhong's rejection.

"They don't have to accept it if they don't want to, but to the other (groups) who accept, we will implement it. If only two schools accept, we will do it."

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