

Detailed study to rectify flaws in education system

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KUALA LUMPUR, Mon: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today the government will study the education system to correct its flaws.

He said the national schools are less effective if compared to the Chinese national schools.

"There are certain problems which result in a lack of emphasis on education, discipline and others in national schools, whereas these are the things considered important by Chinese parents," he said.

Speaking to reporters after chairing the Umno Supreme Council meeting here, he said

the council members were briefed on the system at the start of the meeting and they concluded that there are several weaknesses which need to be corrected.

A detailed study will be conducted as these matters are within the government's jurisdiction.

He said the government's policy on education has been misunderstood by many who think that the education system is aimed at segregating the races.

"For example, we find in certain schools, the emphasis is placed on religion and this results in the non-Muslims

being disinterested in national schools. In reality, we created the national schools with the intention that the non-Malays and the non-Muslims will attend the schools too," he said.

"Because of the misunderstanding, certain things had happened in the country which prevented the system from achieving its purpose.

"There are things that happened because many do not understand our agenda or the aim of our education system."

Mahathir said these problems have deprived the system of the success the government had hoped for.