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Include POL classes in normal school time-table

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I REFER to the report (NST, March 20) where Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the Government would train more teachers for Pupil's Own Language classes in national-type schools.

The Government should ensure schools with sufficient POL teachers include POL classes as part of the normal school time-table.

An example is Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Taman Desa Perdana in Jalan Klang Lama, Kuala Lumpur. Chinese students represent 70 per cent of the school's population and they have a few teachers trained to teach Chinese. Yet they do not have Chinese language classes as part of the normal time-table.

As such, it might not be just a matter of not enough trained POL teachers but the non-inclusion of POL classes into the time-table.