

# It's go for Maths, Science in English

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**KUALA LUMPUR, Wed.** — The Education Ministry is preparing materials and training teachers for the teaching of Science and Mathematics in English for all schools, including national-type Chinese and Tamil schools.

Minister Tan Sri Musa Mohamad said preparations in terms of textbooks, teaching materials and teacher training would be made as if the move was “applicable to all”.

He said he had already received a letter from the MIC stating its acceptance of the move if several conditions were met.

“We are still waiting for news from the Chinese component parties,” he said, adding that no specific time frame had been given to them to come up with a decision.

Education director-general Datuk Abdul Rafie Mahat had said that new Science and Mathematics text-

books would use “simple English”.

Speaking after the ministry's post-Cabinet meeting today, Musa said the Government would proceed with the teaching of Science and Mathematics in English with or without the commitment from the Chinese community.

He said a decision had been made for the move to be introduced in national schools next year and the Government would not back down from its stand.

“There will be no delays in implementing the move. We will proceed first and if there are any flaws or defects along the way, we will rectify them.”

Science and Mathematics will be taught in English in Standard One, Form One and Lower Six next year. Schools are also encouraged to teach the two subjects in English at other levels of education.

No decision has been made as to whether the move would also be introduced in national-type schools.

Some Chinese groups are against the move.

On the establishment of multi-racial clubs in universities, Musa said a committee would be formed comprising representatives from the ministry and universities to determine how and in what form such clubs should be.

“These clubs will hold various activities capable of fostering inter-racial understanding and harmony.”

He said while universities had in the past carried out many activities to cultivate a spirit of *muhibah* among students, efforts must be enhanced.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, at the launch of Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman yesterday, had urged universities to establish multi-racial clubs.

He also said the Government would give out awards to clubs coming up with the most innovative means to promote interaction among the races.