

NUTP to conduct courses for teachers in English

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KUALA LUMPUR: THE National Union of the Teaching Profession (NUTP) will conduct weekend courses from July for primary school teachers on how to teach Science and Mathematics in English.

The courses would be held nationwide and all teachers interested could join the classes, NUTP secretary-general Datuk N. Siva Subramaniam said on Tuesday.

"It's a voluntary service that we are providing to complement the government's effort to retrain teachers to teach the two subjects in English," he told Bernama.

On May 10, the Umno supreme council proposed that contemporary English Literature be introduced to enhance the command of English among bumiputra students and Malaysians in general.

The council also proposed that Science and Mathematics be taught in the English language from the primary school level as early as next year.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had said that effective teaching of English as well as the teaching of Mathematics and Science subjects in English would enable students to have a better command of the language.

Siva Subramaniam said the NUTP supported the idea and described it as a good move for the country and future generations to acquire important knowledge.

"All parties should support and contribute to the idea of teaching the two subjects in English. The good command of English will further propel the nation to greater heights," he said.