

Government-aided schools to teach Maths, Science in English

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SEREMBAN, Thurs. — The teaching of Mathematics and Science in English from next year will be carried out at fully government-aided schools only.

Deputy Education Minister Datuk Hon Choon Kim said he was informed that the move would not be implemented at national-type schools.

He said the committee headed by the director-general of education Datuk Abdul Rafie Mahat, set up to determine how and when the move could be implemented, had yet to complete its study but would submit its findings soon.

"We will then forward the views to the Cabinet for deliberations," he said after launching a day-long seminar on excellence in Sijil

Pelajaran Malaysia examination organised by KDU College Sdn Bhd.

On May 11, Education Minister Tan Sri Musa Mohamed confirmed that Science and Mathematics would be taught in English.

Prime Minister and Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had announced a proposal made by the party's supreme council recently that the two subjects be taught in English to help arrest the declining standard of the language among students.

Dr Mahathir said Umno hoped more could be carried out as soon as possible.

The move was made after a public outcry over the decline of English.