

# Dr M: Many Chinese support English plan

KUALA LUMPUR: The Government believes that many among the Chinese community support its plan to introduce the teaching of Mathematics and Science in English, but they prefer to remain silent.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said it was obvious that many of the Chinese parents wanted their children to master the English language.

Referring to a report in *Utusan* Malaysia which revealed that over 7,000 Chinese students from Johor continued their middle secondary education in Singapore annually so that they could study in English, Dr Mahathir said this showed that there are people in the Chinese community who agree (with us).

"There are others who disagree, but those who agree do not say anything," he told reporters after opening a special gathering of the second generation of Felda settlers at the International Islamic University yesterday.