

Cabinet to decide on English issue soon

KUALA LUMPUR: The final decision on whether the teaching of Mathematics and Science in English should start from Year One or later will be made by the Cabinet soon.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said various suggestions had been received regarding the proposed plan to start teaching the two subjects in English in all schools from Year One starting next year.

"There are those who suggested that it should start at the secondary level, there are also some who suggested that it should start from Year Four.

"We haven't made any decision yet. Of course I must discuss with the Cabinet first; this involves the Ministry of Education and I cannot overrule them," he told reporters after opening the national conference on taxation at the Palace of the Golden Horses yesterday.

Dr Mahathir was responding to questions on his meeting on Monday with the Associated Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry and federation of seven Chinese major clans and associations on the issue.

He also said the Government would continue to equip schools with computers and other educational tools needed to improve the teaching and learning of English.