

Cuepacs to give its proposals on racial unity

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PETALING JAYA: Cuepacs will submit proposals to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad soon on enhancing racial unity in the country, said its president Datuk N. Siva Subramaniam.

"We will have discussions and compile a report," he said. Siva Subramaniam said the various races, political parties and others should work together to unite Malaysians.

Siva Subramaniam was commenting on the Prime Minister's concern over the unhealthy trend of racial polarisation that had affected

the very young in Malaysian schools.

Dr Mahathir had said that students now like to mix with others from their own race, with the Chinese wanting to go to Chinese schools, Indians preferring Tamil schools and Malays wanting to send their children to religious schools.

He was also quoted as saying that if the situation continued, the different races in the country would not be able to interact and understand each other anymore.

Siva Subramaniam said racial polarisation was a seri-

ous issue and there was a need to work as one team to resolve the matter, including getting young children of all races to interact.

"There is no point in having a Ministry of National Unity but nothing is done at the grassroots level. There is a need for every citizen to voice his concern in resolving the problem," he said.

Siva Subramaniam said the people must rally behind the Government and the Prime Minister to give their full support in "rebuilding a united country" for the future.