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Dr Mahathir's concern

THE call by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for the setting up of racial unity clubs was made at the MCA 49th annual general assembly in July to arrest deteriorating relations among students of different races at universities.

Feeling that universities had made no effort to foster social integration among its students, he said the proposed clubs, with members of all races, should conduct courses on the customs, taboos and sensitivities of each race.

Such clubs would give students a way to learn about the different customs, cultures and religions being practised by their fellow students.

Dr Mahathir said an award system could even be worked out whereby "hardworking" clubs would be rewarded for their efforts.