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Unity clubs to be set up in secondary schools

KOTA KINABALU, Sun. - Unity clubs would be set up in secondary schools to promote racial tolerance and patriotism among students, National Unity and Social Development Minister Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman said today.

She said her Ministry and the Education Ministry had begun preliminary discussions to ensure that the formation of the club was sustainable and would help achieve the desired objectives.

Siti Zaharah said co-operation from the Education Ministry was crucial to get the commitment from the schools to make the club as an avenue to organise activities that could bring about unity and understanding among the various races.

"We will provide the guidance to ensure the proposed club is active at all times," she said after launching a Rukun Tetangga campaign to fly the national flag in Petagas, here, today.

Several schools in Selangor and the Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur would be identified as a pilot project.

The Ministry will also help the club organise activities such as talks, study programmes and work camps that can speed up racial integration among the students.

The Ministry has also begun dialogues with university students on the proposed formation of multi-racial clubs on campus as suggested by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.