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CHINESE SCHOOLS MUST IMPLEMENT ENGLISH POLICY FROM YEAR ONE - PM

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 23 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today the government wants Chinese primary schools to start using English to teach mathematics and science from Year One.

He said the Barisan Nasional (BN) Chinese-based component parties were given a week to come out with ideas on the best way to do this.

"We are trying to start it from Year One, that is what they (Chinese parties) are trying to do, trying to find a formula," he told reporters after closing a seminar on gold dinar.

The prime minister was asked whether the week-long period given to the BN Chinese-based parties to decide on "modifications" for Chinese primary schools meant that these schools would be allowed to start implementing the English policy from Year Four.

Yesterday, Dr Mahathir chaired a meeting of the BN Supreme Council where component parties reached a consensus that English would be used to teach science and mathematics in all public schools beginning next year, with some modifications for Chinese schools.

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