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'English move will benefit all'

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KUANTAN, Sun. - Racial integration will remain a dream if there are those who are suspicious of government policies which are formulated in the interests of the people as a whole.

National Unity and Social Development Minister Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman said Chinese community leaders should explain to the people why there was a need to use English to teach Science and Mathematics in schools.

"We are living in a multi-racial country and Malaysians should support policies which will benefit everyone, and not only one community."

She said the Chinese community should not fear that its culture and language would be sidelined due to the implementation of the policy.

"If this is still perceived by the Chinese community, then we ourselves are sidelining the Malays. But we do not think of it this way as it is in the interests of the country and people."

Dr Siti Zaharah was speaking after opening the "Healthy Living Programme without Dadah and HIV/AIDS" at Felda Bukit Kuantan today.

She was asked to comment on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's warning to extremists who oppose the use of English to teach Science and Mathematics in schools to stop or face the consequences.