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LDP LEAVES IT TO FED CABINET TO DECIDE ON ENGLISH

KOTA KINABALU, Oct 21 (Bernama) -- The Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), a Chinese-based component party of the Sabah Barisan Nasional (BN), is leaving it to the Federal Cabinet to decide on the proposal to teach Science and Maths in English in all primary schools from next year.

Stressing that the party "does not want to jump in and compound whatever differences in opinion" on the issue, its President, Datuk Chong Kah Kiat said his party believed that the Cabinet would decide what was best for the people.

"I have said it before that we are leaving this to the wisdom of the Federal Cabinet. We believe that the Federal Cabinet is in the position to decide what is good for the country," the Chief Minister said after launching AirAsia's operations at Terminal Two of the Kota Kinabalu International Airport here today.

Chong, who is Sabah BN Chairman, was asked to comment on the LDP's stand on the matter in the wake of yesterday's newsreport that the MCA unanimously decided to reject the government's proposal.

"We believe that at the end of day after Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad listens to all the views and discussions are held in the Federal Cabinet, a decision will be made and we will respect that decision," he said.

Chong was also asked about the signature campaign launched by Hiew King Cheu, the defeated DAP candidate in the recent Gaya parliamentary by-election, calling for the removal of Kota Kinabalu Mayor, Datuk Abdul Ghani Rashid.

Chong said, "They (DAP) want to show the people that they are still here and working...to maintain their presence, that they are still around."

There was no reason to replace the mayor as he had been doing a good job, the Chief Minister said.

"The mayor's post is not an enviable job. It takes courage to get things done and I think this man has courage and does what he thinks is good for the city." he said

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