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LDP NOT JOINING FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON ENGLISH ISSUE, SAYS CHONG

KOTA KINABALU, Oct 23 (Bernama) -- The Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) will not be involved in further discussion among the Chinese-based component parties of the Barisan Nasional (BN) on the government's proposal to teach Science and Mathematics in English in primary schools next year.

Its president, Datuk Chong Kah Kiat, said today that the LDP, a Chinese-based party, had decided to leave the matter to the wisdom of the federal cabinet and as such, it was no longer necessary for the party to be involved further in the discussion.

"We have made our stand very clear...to leave it to the federal cabinet," the Chief Minister told reporters after chairing the state cabinet meeting here.

Chong, who is also the Sabah BN chairman, was asked to comment on the outcome of the BN supreme council meeting chaired by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday in which the BN component parties had reached a consensus on the issue.

The Chinese-based component parties had, however, asked for a week to discuss the proposal among themselves and to come up with the best approach to implement it in the Chinese schools.

Chong said: "We won't be joining the discussion...we have never joined the meeting anyway. We have conveyed the party's stand that we leave it to the Cabinet and we will respect its decision."

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