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NUTP SUGGESTS SCIENCE, MATHS IN ENGLISH IN YEAR FOUR

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 5 (Bernama) -- The National Union of Teaching Profession (NUTP) has proposed that Science and Mathematics be taught in English from Standard Four.

The Secretary-General, Datuk N.Siva Subramaniam, said the introduction at Standard Four would allow for a strong foundation in pupil's respective mother tongues and Bahasa Malaysia between Standards One and Three.

"Based on studies carried by NUTP the majority agree the subjects should be taught in English in Standard Four."

"Pupils from Standard One to Standard Three should be well grounded in basic learning skills, Bahasa Malaysia and their mother tongue. Only from Standard Four onwards should Science and Mathematics be taught in English," he told a press conference today.

Siva said the proposal would be presented to the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, in a meeting which would be held with the NUTP, Cuepacs, Malaysian Trades Union Congress (MTUC) and school heads sometime soon.

Siva said the meeting was aimed at providing feedback to the Prime Minister on the actual situation concerning the issue besides explaining views of students, parents and teachers.

"The meeting with the Prime Minister will allow discussions on the various communities' feelings and proposals. However, the final decision rests with the government," he said.

He said the NUTP would also propose the setting up of language laboratories in every school, that Science and Mathematics education on television be conducted in English, that English teachers master the language and conduct tuition at Teachers' Activities Centres.

Siva said the study also revealed that the government's proposal to introduce teaching of Science and Mathematics in English was well received by the majority of people but many were still doubtful about the way it would be implemented.

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