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NUTP TO CONDUCT WEEKEND COURSES FOR TEACHERS IN ENGLISH

KUALA LUMPUR, May 29 (Bernama) -- The National Union of the Teaching Profession (NUTP) will conduct weekend courses from July for primary school teachers on how to teach Science and Mathematics in English.

The courses would be held nationwide and all teachers interested could join the classes, NUTP secretary-general Datuk N. Siva Subramaniam said today.

"It's a voluntary service that we are providing to complement the government's effort to re-train teachers to teach the two subjects in English," he told Bernama, here.

On May 10, the Umno supreme council proposed that contemporary English Literature be introduced to enhance the command of English among bumiputera students and Malaysians in general.

The council also proposed that Science and Mathematics be taught in the English language from the primary school level as early as next year.

However, the council felt that that the reintroduction of English-medium schools to improve the command of English was not necessary.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had said that effective teaching of English as well as the teaching of Mathematics and Science subjects in English would enable students to have a better command of the language.

Siva Subramaniam said the NUTP supported the idea and described it as a good move for the country and future generations to acquire important knowledge.

"All parties should support and contribute to the idea of teaching English in those two subjects. The command of English will further propel the nation to greater heights," he added.

Siva Subramaniam, who is also Cuepacs president, said the NUTP would send its officers to Brunei and Singapore to study the concept of teaching English in those two subjects.

He said that in Brunei and Singapore, various subjects, including Mathematics and Science, were taught in English.

After the study tour, the NUTP officers would coordinate the weekend courses in all the states, he said.

"We will provide a basic guide for teachers, including the method for teaching the subjects in English and how to master the language," he said.

He said the NUTP had also conducted similar courses for teachers during the transitional period when English-medium schools were converted to the Malay medium in the mid-seventies.

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