

D-G: Schools may teach Dr M's leadership style

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KEMASIK (Kemaman): Schools and universities may teach their students about the leadership style of Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, if the Education Ministry accepts a recent proposal made at the just concluded Umno general assembly.

"It is part of our country's history and important to advance the people's thinking. We will ensure that the proposal, if included in the school curriculum, is followed up with specific programmes," said Education director-general Datuk Abdul Rafie Mat.

The Prime Minister's leadership is based on nationalism, Islam and a futuristic thinking and is too priceless for the country to ignore, he said on Sunday after launching an English language park at the Kemaman Teachers Resource Centre.

Wanita Umno delegate Azihani Ali, who made the proposal, said a subject on Dr Mahathir's style and vision should be included in the school curriculum in appreciation of the Prime Minister's

leadership of the country for 22 years and also to stop anti-establishment influence in schools.

Abdul Rafie said: "In schools, it can be included in the (chapter on) independence struggle and in universities, it could become a research topic."

"Management and leadership institutes already have collections of Dr Mahathir's writings and speeches."

On the English theme park, he thanked ExxonMobil for contributing RM192,000 for the project, which was a collaboration between the state's Education Resource Centre and the Kemaman district Education Department.

The theme park features a giant mushroom, vocabulary shack, graffiti wall and indoor facilities, all aimed at making learning fun.

Among those present at the function were state Education director Ahamad Zabidi Shamsuddin, ExxonMobil chairman Rob Fisher and Kemasik assemblyman Datuk Abu Bakar Ali.