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MAHATHIR SAYS DON'T BE TOO NATIONALISTIC ABOUT ACQUIRING KNOWLEDGE

KUALA LUMPUR, March 22 (Bernama) -- Former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said people should not be too nationalistic when seeking knowledge.

He said knowledge came in all forms and languages, and sometimes the native language needed to be learned first before the knowledge could be acquired.

"We should not be reluctant to learn other languages because they can help us gain access to the knowledge," he said in his speech when opening the abacus and mental arithmetic campaign at Wisma MCA tonight.

The government, he said, had decided to implement the teaching of mathematics and science in English as it is the universal language.

"We will not lose our national and racial identity if we speak in English," he added.

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