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Try private institutions, students advised

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. - Students who are unable to obtain places at local institutions of higher learning should opt for private institutions, and not grade the latter as "second class" outfits.

Education Ministry Parliamentary Secretary Datuk Dr Mahadzir Mohd Khir today said the number of students in private institutions of higher learning was still small compared to those in public institutions.

"This is where fairs such as the Facon Education Fair can play the role of providing the relevant information needed," he told a Press conference after launching the 14th Facon Education Fair 2003 at the Mid Valley Exhibition Centre here.

Mahadzir said these students only needed to search for an alternative.

Commenting on the announcement by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on restructuring the national school system, Mahadzir said he agreed that a new system would be more attractive to all races.

If sufficient time was allocated for religious studies in national schools, parents would not resort to Sekolah Agama Rakyat since many had said the time allotted for religious studies in national schools was insufficient.