

'Education policies should not be dictated by emotions'
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Education policies should be based on rationality and proper public feedback and not determined by emotional thinking for political mileage, warned DAP Party assistant treasurer Nga Kor Ming.

He said this has led to the deterioration of the country's education system.

Nga (*right*) said Education Minister Muhyiddin Yassin's recent announcement at the Umno General Assembly that history will be a compulsory subject in the SPM in 2013, was another flip-flop.

"This is a surprise as it was not discussed at the weekly cabinet meetings," pointed out the party state secretary in a media statement.

Muhyiddin's announcement was made without the knowledge and consent and of education bodies such as NUTP, Dong Chia Zhong and other educational bodies, lamented the DAP Taiping MP.

He said this decision was made even without prior discussion with Deputy Education Minister, Wee Ka Siong, which he likened to a slap in the face for MCA.

"Muhyiddin's conduct again proves that Umno's political hegemony has marginalised all other component parties in BN," he reasoned.

"Just imagine, an important education policy can be formulated overnight at political party's meeting but not the legitimate platform such as the cabinet," said DAP leader.

Learn from Singapore

Nga said that Malaysia must learn from Singapore's consistent education policies that have established the republic as an education leader in the international arena.

However, Malaysia on the other hand has changes in the education policies each time a new education minister takes over the helm.

"It must be noted that at present, almost 30 percent of SPM students failed in history," he claimed.

"More than 500,000 students will find their future in limbo and it will be disastrous for them as they will not qualify to any higher learning institution, if this policy is implemented in 2013," he warned.

"It is most unfair that the ministry has chosen to evaluate the student's academic performance based on a single subject," he lamented.

"The ministry had also failed to learn from the past where RM5.2 billion was spent to teach science and mathematics in English but later only found it to be a complete failure," he pointed out.

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