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Raja Shahrizan Raja Aziddin giving Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad a guided tour of his 'Rhythm of the 21st Century' exhibition at Galeri Petronas yesterday.

## Dr M backs single-stream school system

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** A single-stream school system can help promote unity and racial integration, said former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

He said Malaysia was unique in the sense that it had multiple school streams while other countries had only one, regardless of their ethnicity and languages.

"You do not see a German stream, French or Italian stream in the Swiss education system, even though it has three main languages. The students learn those languages under a single system," he said after launching "Rhythm of the 21st century — Monologues of Raja Shahrizan Raja Aziddin" at Galeri Petronas yesterday.

Dr Mahathir said the Barisan Nasional-led government might not consider having a single school system for fear of losing public support.

"Don't let politics get in the way of education."

On Vision Schools, which were created during his tenure as prime minister but was rejected by a Chinese educationist group, Dr Mahathir said this should not be the case as it could lead to disunity.