

Vernacular Schools Will Keep People Apart, Says Mahathir

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PUTRAJAYA, June 20 (Bernama) -- Former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said vernacular schools would keep people apart and hamper unity among the different races.

He said the proposed setting up of a new Chinese independent high school in Kuantan might have a similar effect.

"We have accepted from the very beginning that vernacular schools could be set up by the different communities, which has resulted in our young people not being together.

"If we recognise Chinese education and their certificates, etc, we will have three different people, each talking in a different language. I think we will not be able to even live together if we don't understand each other."

Dr Mahathir said this after launching the Perdana Leadership Foundation-Maybank Foundation Essay Competition 2012, here, Wednesday.

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