

Cross-Culture: Education Ministry to Study DPM's Recommendation
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SUNGAI PETANI, Feb 8 (Bernama) -- The Education Ministry will study the call made by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi on cross-cultural studies to strengthen the spirit of unity.

Education Minister Datuk Seri Mahdzir Khalid said the ministry has to study the existing co-curriculum first.

"The ministry agrees that unity is important, if we neglect it, it will become worse, there definitely has to be a mechanism," he said.

He was speaking to reporters after attending a dinner event held for the golden anniversary of Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan (SMK) Khir Johari, here Sunday night.

Last Saturday, the Deputy Prime Minister suggested that basic cross-cultural studies be given emphasis in the current education system beginning at the pre-school or nursery level.

Meanwhile, commenting on complaints about the lack of experienced teachers in interior areas, Mahdzir said several aspects must be looked at.

"New teachers definitely have no experience but the schools have senior teachers, 10 years, who have experience, so there must be assimilation between new and old teachers.

"We are also looking at whether there are sufficient teachers or enough teachers but not following their options, in some schools there are more teachers, in some others there are less," he said.

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