Twinning programmes with China

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MORE twinning programmes will be established between institutions of higher learning in Malaysia and China.

Deputy Education Minister Datuk Hon Choon Kin said such twining programmes will only require students to study overseas for the final year, Sin Chew Daily reported yesterday.

Hon, who is leading a team on an 11-day tour of China, was speaking at a media briefing on higher education in Malaysia after visiting the Fourth China International Education Exhibition in Beijing on Sunday.

Earlier, he witnessed the signing of three memorandums of understanding - between Inti College Malaysia and China Beijing National Education Development Ltd/Oriental University City; Sunway College and Xian Top Rank International College; and Sedaya International College and Yinlun Secondary School/Shida English House - at the Malaysian embassy in Beijing.

Hon said there are about 11,000 Chinese students in Malaysia, and 500 Malaysians studying in China.

Sin Chew reported that he received a memorandum from the Malaysian Students Club in Beijing, which urged the government to:

- recognise the degrees from institutions of learning in China;
- provide scholarships to Malaysian students in China; and
- station an education officer in Beijing to help Malaysian students.

Hon was also quoted in Nanyang Siang Pau as saying the government had taken steps to encourage Chinese students to study in Malaysia, including speeding up visa approvals and scrapping Bahasa Malaysia and Malaysia Studies as compulsory subjects for foreign students.
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