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KUALA LUMPUR, MAY 17 (BERNAMA) -- MALAYSIA WILL OFFER SCHOLARSHIPS TO INDONESIANS TO PURSUE POST-GRADUATE STUDIES, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, DR MAHATHIR MOHAMED, SAID TODAY.

THE NUMBER OF SUCH SCHOLARSHIPS HOWEVER, HAD YET TO BE DECIDED, HE ADDED.

THE OFFER OF SCHOLARSHIPS WAS AMONG THE TOPICS DR MAHATHIR DISCUSSED WITH THE VISITING INDONESIAN EDUCATION AND CULTURE MINISTER, DRS. SJARIF THAJEB, AT HIS OFFICE THIS MORNING.

AFTER THEIR HOUR-LONG TALK, THEY VISITED THE EXAMINATIONS SYNDICATE WHERE THEY WERE BRIEFED BY DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF EDUCATION, ENCIK ABDUL RAHMAN ARSHAD.

DR MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO EDUCATION MINISTER, TOLD REPORTERS THAT HE AND DRS. SJARIF ALSO DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF EXCHANGING INSTRUCTORS OF VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS. -- BERNAMA MORE 1432/LK

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MALAYSIA WAS ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN RECRUITING INSTRUCTORS IN HANDICRAFT SUCH AS WOOD-CARVING FOR WHICH INDONESIA WAS WELL KNOWN, HE ADDED.

DR MAHATHIR SAID DR. SJARIF PROMISED TO CONSIDER MALAYSIA'S REQUEST FOR MORE TEACHERS.

MALAYSIA ALSO HOPED TO RECRUIT PROFESSIONALS THROUGH THE INDONESIAN VOLUNTEER SERVICE OVERSEAS, WHICH IS SIMILAR TO THE AMERICAN PEACE CROPS.

DR MAHATHIR SAID INDONESIA WANTED THE MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENT TO OVERSEE DEALINGS BETWEEN LOCAL PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING WITH INDONESIAN INSTITUTIONS.

THIS WAS TO ENSURE THAT MALAYSIAN STUDENTS DID NOT ENROL IN INDONESIAN INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING WHICH WERE NOT RECOGNISED. --BERNAMA MORE 1436/LK

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DR MAHATHIR AND DRS. SJARIF ALSO DISCUSSED THE BAN ON THE IMPORT OF BAHASA MALAYSIA BOOKS INTO INDONESIA.

DRS. SJARIF PROMISED TO CONSIDER ALLOWING THE IMPORT OF BAHASA MALAYSIA BOOKS THROUGH THE DEWAN BAHASA DAN PUSTAKA, DR MAHATHIR ADDED. -- BERNAMA 1437/LK