

# PM: We'll allow foreign campuses

KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. — The Government will allow foreign universities to set up local campuses in a move to cut costs for Malaysians intending to study overseas, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

Dr Mahathir said that so far, three or four foreign universities had already put up proposals to do so, in-

cluding those from Britain and Japan.

"We want to concentrate on technical and engineering courses for a start, and we will discuss the proposals as soon as we can with those universities," Dr Mahathir said when asked by reporters to elaborate on his speech earlier at the Tunku Abdul Rahman College's convocation at Wisma MCA.

He added: "We are aware that many of our students at these universities have to pay fees that are rising substantially every year.

"However, we are not able to set up universities (to cater for them) because of the difficulty of getting professors and lecturers.

"So, rather than be forced to spend so much overseas, it would be better to bring

these foreign universities to conduct courses here provided they meet our conditions and follow our education policy."

To a question, he said the conditions to be imposed on these universities would depend on the country's needs and the capacity of those universities to respond.

"Perhaps a few courses can be conducted in Bahasa.

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