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Tourists-Sarawak

MORE GERMAN TOURISTS FOR SARAWAK

KUCHING, June 4 (Bernama) -- Germany-based travel agents attending a tourism seminar here have pledged to bring 10,000 tourists to Sarawak this year.

Sarawak had gained big exposure from the seminar aimed at promoting Sarawak as a destination among Germany-based travel agents, State Tourism Minister Datuk Dr James Masing said.

Sarawak had been receiving 6,000 to 7,000 tourists from Germany and German speaking countries annually, he said after opening the "Far East Live Seminar", Germany's second largest "out of country" seminar for German-based travel agents.

Dr James who is also the Bakun Trust Fund Chairman said students from Belaga in the state's Kapit Division would receive financial assistance to pursue their studies in local and foreign universities.

He said students who had been accepted into local universities need not worry over money as the fund was available to them.

"For overseas bound students, we will decide on a case by case basis because our priority is to finance students attending local universities,"he said.

The fund was launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in 1996 with grants totalling RM10 million from the federal and state governments.

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