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MAURITIUS PLANS TO SEND 500 STUDENTS TO MALAYSIA

PETALING JAYA, May 17 (Bernama) -- Mauritius plans to send some 500 students annually to Malaysian tertiary institutions to pursue Information, Communication and Technology (ICT) courses in particular, said its Labour and Industrial Relations Minister S.Soodhun.

The two countries have similar ICT development objectives and looked forward to sharing Malaysia's expertise in that particular field, he told reporters after meeting 12 Mauritian students at the Limkokwing Institute of Creative Technology here today.

Soodhun, who is on his first visit to Malaysia, said he was impressed with the country's development in education and that despite the comparatively cheaper cost than in Europe and the United States, the standard of education was at par with that of those countries.

"In the past we sent our children to Europe and other countries but now we have decided to send them here especially after looking at what your institutes could offer, " he said.

Mauritius spent 44 per cent of its national budget on education, he said.

While at the institute, he signed a memorandum of understanding with its chairman Tan Sri Lim Kok Wing on scholarship awards to 10 Mauritian students to pursue studies there and its associate colleges.

Earlier, Soodhun called on the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at his office in Putrajaya.

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