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MALAYSIA TO SEND 45 STUDENTS TO BAVARIA BEGINNING SEPT 2003

KUALA LUMPUR, March 31 (Bernama) -- Forty-five Mara-sponsored students will leave for Bavaria, Germany, to take up Automotive Engineering studies beginning September next year, Minister of Entrepreneur Development Datuk Nazri Aziz said here today.

This will be the first group sent to Bavaria following a bilateral understanding between Malaysia and the Bavarian government on placement of students there, he told the media after attending a Charity Run organised by the Malaysia-German Institute (GMI) at Dataran Merdeka here.

Nazri said in conjunction with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's visit to Germany recently a memorandum of understanding was signed with the Bavarian government to provide places for 45 Mara-sponsored students to study in Bavaria each year.

The 45 students would undergo training courses and practical sessions at institutions of higher learning there for four years.

Nazri said the first group was currently attending a compulsory two-year preparatory course on intensive German and English before leaving for Germany.

There are currently at least 150 Malaysians undergoing automotive, electronic and mechatronik studies in Germany.

Meanwhile Nazri said following the Prime Minister's visit to Russia, the Russian government was keen to offer places for Malaysian students at institutions of higher learning there.

The offer included 50 places each for Medicine and English and 30 places to study Russian.

Nazri said Mara officers would be contacting the Russian embassy here and would visit Russia to follow up on these proposals.

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