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GOVERNMENT TO RE-EVALUATE CRIMEA STATE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY

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YALTA (Ukraine), July 16 (Bernama) -- The Government will reconsider the recognition given to the Crimea State Medical University as its programmes are not on par with those offered by Malaysian and Western universities.

Education Minister Tan Sri Musa Mohamed said there was also a problem due to the high enrolment of private students in Crimea.

Musa said he was also informed that the programmes offered by universities in Kiev and Odessa were better than those in Crimea.

"I was informed that the university is not as good as local universities or those in the West. There are a lot of differences and as such we have to re-evaluate the situation," he said in Ukraine today.

Musa is on a visit to the Ukraine along with the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad; Defence Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak; Primary Industries Minister Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik; and Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar.

"The Ministry will send a delegation soon to evaluate courses offered by universities in Kiev and Odessa," said Musa.

Crimea State Medical University is the only university in Ukraine recognised by the Education Minister at present.

There are 12 government-sponsored students out of about 500 private Malaysian students in Crimea.

Musa said he also visited two universities in Kiev and was given an assurance that Malaysians would be welcomed, especially in the field of aeronautics engineering.

"If the number of Malaysian students are high, the university is willing to conduct programmes in English. Such opportunities are hard to come by in the West and we should take advantage of it," he said.

Musa said if the government decided to send students to Kiev then students currently undergoing first and postgraduate programmes would be considered.

He said many of the lecturers and professors in Kiev were also renowned.

Asked about government recognition, Musa said it was a secondary matter.

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