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PERAK COLLEGE TO START TWINNING WITH MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY

IPOH, May 15 (Bernama) -- Perak Medical College (PCM) will send its Chief Executive Officer Abu Bakar Hashim to the University of Melbourne, Australia, to start discussions on a twinning programme in medicine.

Perak Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Tajol Rosli Ghazali said today the twinning programme, expected to be launched next year, would allow PCM students to complete their final two years at the Australian university.

"The college and university have already agreed to cooperate in the fields of physiotherapy, nursing and bio-mathematics," he told reporters here after attending a thanksgiving given in his honour for being conferred an honorary doctorate in law by the University of Melbourne last Saturday.

For the degree in biomaths, he said students could study at the PCM for three years and the final year in Australia or three years at the PCM and opt for medical studies in Australia.

On politics, Tajol Rosli, who is also Perak Barisan Nasional (BN) chief, said any request from BN component parties for seats in the next general election should be directed to BN Chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"It's up to Dr Mahathir to decide. I will abide by any decision made by him," he said, commenting on the statement by People's Progressive Party's (PPP) State Chairman Lee Heng that Perak PPP was hopeful of getting two parliamentary and four state seats in the next general election.

He said the request should be sent to Dr Mahathir and a copy of the letter forwarded to him.

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