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PTPTN waiting for ministry's directive

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THE announcement by former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad during his budget presentation in October last year that loans would be made available to students following a 2+1 or 1+2 twinning programme to complete their courses overseas was welcomed by many parents.

When I visited the National Higher Education Fund office in Damansara in December last year, my hopes were shattered. The officer informed me that to date loans to study overseas were only for Islamic Studies. She added that they were aware of the statement by Dr Mahathir, but were unable to do anything as there was no official directive from the Education Ministry.

In July, my daughter will be going to Australia to complete her final year. I visited the PTPTN office again in February only to receive the same reply from the officer, that there was still no directive.

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