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Loans soon for students in final year of twinning courses abroad

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. - The National Higher Education Fund Corp will soon give loans to students pursuing final year twinning programmes abroad, including those wishing to pursue Islamic Studies.

For students pursuing Islamic Studies, the loan quantum will not exceed the cost of the courses in local colleges. Another requirement: students must enrol in academic subjects.

The corporation's public relations officer, Nora Md Yusoff, was responding to a New Straits Times reader who complained that his daughter was having difficulties applying for a loan to further her studies in Australia.

At the tabling of Budget 2004 by former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, he announced that the Government was considering extending this loan facility to students pursuing twinning programmes abroad for the final year of their studies.

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