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PM: It's a viable idea for us

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We may consider sending more students to Germany, says Najib

BERLIN: Malaysia may consider sending more of its students to further their studies in Germany, said Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

There are 634 registered Malaysian students in Germany now.

Noting that tuition fee is free in Germany but that language was a barrier, he said: "If they master a degree of proficiency in the German language, then sending students to Germany is very viable for us to consider."

"I will take it up and look into the possibility of diverting some students to Germany in the future," he said at a dinner with Malaysians in Germany hosted by the Malaysian Embassy here on Tuesday.

The Prime Minister will be visiting Wismar, a port city in the state of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, which is about 200km from the capital Berlin.

Mecklenburg-Vorpommern is the sixth largest German state by area and the most thinly populated.

Najib and his wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor will be welcomed by its Minister President Erwin Sellering and his wife Britta Sellering.

He will visit Wismar, where Genting Hong Kong Ltd is managing three shipyards it acquired in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern last



One for the album: Najib and Rosmah posing for photographs with Malaysian students during a dinner hosted by the Malaysian Embassy in Berlin. — Bernama

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Genting has since renamed the shipyards as MV Werften and will focus on building cruise ships.

According to reports, MV Werften will deliver the first of four luxury Crystal River ships in 2017, the first of a series of 20,000 gross tonnage

Crystal Endeavour Class polar expedition yachts in 2018 and the first of a series of 201,000 gross tonnage Star Cruises Global Class cruise ships by 2020.

The visit to Wismar and the port is the last leg of the Prime Minister's official visit to Germany, which is

his first on the invitation of German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

Wismar has been included in the Unesco list of World Heritage Sites since 2002, together with the historical core of Stralsund, which was founded in the 13th century. — Bernama