

Perlis Raja Muda Calls For Visa Facilitation To Promote Malaysia-Ukraine Visits
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KYIV (Ukraine), Sept 17 (Bernama) -- The Raja Muda of Perlis, Tuanku Syed Faizuddin Putra Jamalullail, has called for an improvement in the visa facility to promote visits between Malaysia and Ukraine.

He said Ukraine required Malaysians to obtain a visa for all types of visits to the country while Malaysia did not impose any visa for Ukraine visitors for up to 30 days.

Tuanku Syed Faizuddin was speaking at a Malaysia Day event in this capital city of Ukraine last night. He is here on a working visit leading a Reserve Officers Training Unit (Palapes) delegation.

The Raja Muda, who is chancellor of Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP), said he hoped that there would be greater collaboration in the educational sector through the use of a stringent system of standards for mutual benefit.

He said the number of Malaysian students pursuing medicine in Ukraine had dropped although the cost of study was low.

"I was made to understand that at one time an average of 500 Malaysian students attended courses in medicine in Ukraine, but the number has dwindled to only three," he said.

He said he believed that the drop was due to the issue of recognition of the medical degrees from Ukraine since 2005.

Meanwhile, various events were held to celebrate Malaysia Day, including the singing of patriotic songs with Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) Shah Alam Palapes training officer Maj Ismail Ahmad taking the lead.

UniMAP vice-chancellor Brig Gen Prof Datuk Dr Kamarudin Hussin, who is also UniMAP Palapes commandant, delivered a patriotic poem while several Palapes leaders and staff of the Malaysian embassy sang patriotic songs.

The Malaysian Ambassador to Ukraine, Chuah Teong Ban, in his speech, said the spirit to celebrate Malaysia Day was strong among Malaysians despite they being far away abroad.

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