

Malaysia's Higher Education Popular With Asian Students
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KUALA LUMPUR, May 13 (Bernama) -- Malaysia's higher education system which has been recognised as one of the best in the world is a popular choice for students particularly from South East Asia and Asia Minor to pursue their education.

Higher Education secretary-general Datuk Ab Rahim Md Noor said the country's popularity as an education centre had also increased with the establishment in Malaysia of branch campuses by renowned international universities.

Ab Rahim also referred to a study by the Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research, University of Melbourne, Australia, which placed Malaysia's higher education sector as the 27th of 50 top universities in the world.

"Among our courses that international students are drawn to are engineering, medicine, Islamic banking and social science," he told reporters after opening the 4th Asia-Europe Meeting Of Ministers For Education (ASEMME4), here today.

The meeting involving 148 participants themed, 'Strategizing ASEM Education Collaboration' which ends tomorrow, is organised jointly by the Higher Education Ministry and Asia-Europe Meeting's education secretariat.

Meanwhile, he said the involvement of Malaysia in the meeting would provide it the opportunity to be acknowledged by the other participating countries.

It would also provide more opportunities for student exchange and for academic staff to share experiences and gain exposure, he said.

Ab Rahim also said the ministry would find ways to draw more students from developed countries like Europe to study in Malaysia.

According to him, the number of overseas students pursuing higher education in Malaysia was far lower than that of Malaysians studying abroad.

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