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### **MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (KLN) PREPARED TO HELP STUDENT PROGRAMMES ABROAD**

Arau, April 18 – The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (KLN) is prepared to help with the travelling arrangements of students involved with university programmes abroad.

According to Foreign Affairs Minister Yang Berhormat Dato' Saifuddin Abdullah, his ministry is ready to facilitate travelling arrangements for universities' international programmes.

“Wisma Putra will assist in visa-related matters and university travelling trips while their arrival at the airport will be welcomed by Malaysian representatives in 106 overseas offices.

“In fact, I have recently conducted discussions with several groups of young people who have set up an international communications platform led by the President of the Malaysian Youth Council,” he said when delivering a speech at the National Management Program Series with UniMAP's Student Council here recently.

He proposed that the platform be the focal point to assist the students or university's management to carry out international programmes, as all public and private universities have these programmes.

“Then, they (students or university management) will know with whom or which department to contact with regards to overseas programmes.

“The procedure should not be difficult seeing as no existing mechanism complicates implementations or wastes time and energy,” he said.

According to him, the university's Department of Student Affairs and Alumni (HEPA) can discuss with his ministry to identify the mechanisms to facilitate and ease any overseas programmes arrangement.

Dato' Saifuddin, who was on a working visit to UniMAP, spent over an hour in a dialogue session with the university's student leaders.

Also present at the programme were UniMAP Deputy Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Mohd Fo'ad Sakdan, UniMAP Librarian Madam Mazmin Mat Akhir and Senior Deputy Registrar Ms. Hajah Ruzalina Ibn Ruslan.

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