

KPT To Empower Professional Prog Coordination, Monitoring Mechanism

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KUALA LUMPUR—The Ministry of Higher Education (KPT) is strengthening strategic coordination and proactive monitoring mechanisms with local and foreign professional bodies to ensure that issues of recognition of overseas graduate study programmes can be addressed effectively.

Deputy Minister of Higher Education Adam Adli Abd Halim said the move includes creating records of Malaysian students abroad to monitor and ensure that the accreditation and quality of their studies are always maintained.

Deputy Higher Education Minister Adam Adli Abdul Halim said improvements are necessary to prevent technical issues involving the recognition of professional qualifications, referring to the recent case of four pharmacy graduates from Alexandria University in Egypt. He explained that the issue resulted from a programme name change that was not communicated by the university to the Malaysian Pharmacy Board, rather than a failure by the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA). Adam Adli said MQA continues to recognise the qualifications, while professional registration remains subject to the relevant professional body's requirements. In response to a question in the Dewan Negara, he stated that MQA and professional bodies work together through a Joint Technical Committee to ensure the quality assurance of higher education programmes. He also advised graduates from overseas institutions to verify their eligibility and apply for registration with the relevant professional bodies, as additional requirements such as clinical training, practical experience, professional examinations, or competency assessments may be required before they can practise in Malaysia.

