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KUALA LUMPUR: Universiti Malaya (UM) will establish a cooperation network with foreign universities to ensure that the national education system will be further developed, UM Vice-Chancellor Tan Sri Dr Ghauth Jasmon said.

He said the network would include countries such as Indonesia, India, Philippine, Australia and South Korea.

Dr Ghauth said through the cooperation network, UM would be able to overcome various issues in its education system and hence, achieve its target to be recognised as one of the world's top 100 universities by 2015.

"The cooperation network is important to further develop UM's education system through exchange of views and experi-

ence of foreign universities, especially in certain areas like the research on HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus), that will lead to the transformation of the national education system." He said this at a media conference after opening the 1st International Conference on World-Class Education here Monday.

Meanwhile, when asked on the proposed amendment of the Universities and University Colleges Act 1971, Dr Ghauth said UM would not restrict its students to join politics as long as the activities remained off campus.

"However, if their political beliefs and activities were to be spread and caused problems on campus, then, stern action will be taken against them," he said. - Bernama