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PUTRAJAYA: The Education Ministry will provide assistance to some 600 Albukhary International University (AiU) students following the institution's move to cease operations.

Its second minister, Datuk Seri Idris Jusoh, said the ministry was holding discussions with AiU's management on ways to enrol scholarship students into other universities to allow them to complete their courses.

"The ministry would ensure the students pursued their specific courses in relevant institutions while facilitating the absorption of its academic staff into other schools," he said after attending the Universiti Teknologi Mara

(UiTM) Alumni Association fund cheque presentation ceremony, here, yesterday.

Several newspapers and online portals had reported AiU's planned closure yesterday but the reasons behind the closure of its campus operations remain unclear.

On another matter, Idris said the alumni association had set a target of collecting RM1 billion for its education fund by the end of the year.

He said the target for the varsity's endowment was achievable as UiTM had produced at least half a million graduates since it opened.