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Mr. Dawood Auleear, General Secretary of ALIF SOCIETY of Mauritius expressed his interest to work with Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), when he visited UPM last 17 August 1998. He had a discussion with Prof. Dr. Kamel Ariffin Mohd. Atan, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) on matters pertaining to mutual interest such as students/staff exchange program. He extended an invitation to 12 medical students to study for a period of time in Mauritius and lodging would be provided. Other areas of interest that he mentioned were Architecture, Science,

Agriculture, particularly sugar plantation and industry which is a blooming industry in Mauritius.

According to Mr. Dawood the education of the country is very much tied up with University of Cambridge as Malaysia used to be. He, who represents the society and cultural Muslim Organization in his country expressed his interest to turn to the eastern rim of the India Ocean to a multi-racial country such as Malaysia. In the discussion Prof. Dr. Kamel Ariffin mentioned among other things the Distance Learning UPM is running