



UMP CHAIRMAN: TALL ORDER, BUT ACHIEVABLE

“*Universiti Malaysia Pahang has all it takes to become world class competency-based technical university*”

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“It may be a tall order, but definitely achievable,” remarked Dato’ Mohd Hilmey Mohd Taib, the Chairman of the Board of Directors (BoD) of Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP), in a recent exclusive personal interview with the Publication & Graphics Unit of the university’s Vice-Chancellor’s Office.

The Chairman’s statement of confidence was in reference to UMP’s aspiration to be a world class competency-based technical university, but at the same time, he also opined that the apex conditional ranking should be realized in gradual stages.

“It is not going to be easy to achieve such a distinguished standing, but... marked my words, it is neither utterly impossible.

“The immediate ranking we have to set our sights on would be to become “the university of

choice” for tertiary education in the East Coast of the Peninsular,” said Dato’ Mohd Hilmey, as he unwind with a group of three interviewers, sipping cups of tea at a homestay village not far from the country’s world renowned highland resort, Genting Highlands.

“The subsequent target is an obvious one – we need to be on par with the long-established public institutions of higher learning in the country. Preferably, in the level playing field with the ones which have made it to world ranking – I believe you know which ones I mean,” he added.

In order to accomplish these aspired rankings, Dato’ Mohd Hilmey emphasized that foremost, all the academic and non-academic staff of the university has to work collectively as a team and contribute undivided supportive roles to UMP senior management in steering the university

