KUANTAN, July 16 - Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) was recognised as among the best 15 universities in Asia that recorded high increase in publications and in forging engineering regional co-operations last year.

Its Vice Chancellor Professor Datuk Dr. Daing Nasir Ibrahim said UMP registered an increase in rate of 131 percent. He added that the acknowledgement was stated in a report, ‘Higher Education - In Asia: Expanding Out, Expanding Up’ by the United Nations Organisation for Educational, Scientific and Culture (UNESCO).

"It is a remarkable success and a boost to motivate UMP staff to continue to produce creative and innovative works that hinged on an ideal and high quality research culture."

This is a reflection of the hard work of the university’s researchers and lecturers who have been consistent in their focus in producing quality academic publications. They also live out a research culture," he said in a statement released here today. Dr. Daing Nasir added that last year alone, UMP produced 340 academic publications comprising original works, conference papers and academic articles.

"The Cendekia Bitara Award which is held annually to honour UMP researchers also contributes to the increase in the number of publications and production of quality and high-impact journals," he added. He also said UMP was always committed in developing its human resources and technology so as to meet the needs of industries and this in turn, contributed to the country's development.

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