Kuantan, 28 February - Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) was ranked five-star in Malaysia Research Assessment (MyRA) for the achievement in research, development and commercialization programme implemented by the university throughout 2016 based on the results announced by the Ministry of Education Malaysia (MoHE) today.

Evaluation is based on several criteria including quality of researchers, research output, postgraduate, innovation and professional services. Also being assessed is network and support facilities.

UMP Vice-Chancellor, Prof Dato’ Sri Ts. Daing Nasir Ibrahim said, this achievement is in line with UMP aspirations to become a distinguished technological university by 2020.

He added, this assessment system will provide UMP opportunities in policy making including setting up key policy, in which can help in the development of this university, as well as getting recognition from both local and international parties.
UMP will also intensify the role of the Center of Excellence (CoE and ICoE) and increase the publication of high-impact journals as well as to further boost commercialization activities.

“Our 2015 rating has reached four-star level compared to 2011 and 2010 where we only manage to achieve two-star. This five-star achievement is a proof of a very aggressive development of research and innovation of this university,” he said.

He hopes that UMP will continue to strive for excellence in the future. This success is also in line with the achievement of the UMP Strategic Plan 2016-2020 that carries the theme ‘Communitising Technology’ especially in boosting the success of high-impact research and publications.