## Universiti Malaysia Pahang soars high in the latest QS Asian University Rankings

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Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) made history with a noteworthy increase in the 2019 QS Asian University Rankings. Awarded the prestigious QS 5-star overall rating by Quacquarelli Symonds two months ago, UMP has made a remarkable leap of 100 places to the 188 spot from the 251-300 range in just six years.

This is the university's best performance ever, and faculty and staff at UMP shared the sentiment of proudness and happiness after the 2019 QS Asian University Rankings result was announced on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018. With this, UMP is now the top-ranked university in the Malaysian Technical University Network (MTUN), which brings together four technological universities in Malaysia. The other two MTUN universities are also ranked in this latest rankings result, with Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP) being ranked 201<sup>st</sup> and Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia (UTHM) falls in the range of 301-350.

For the rankings, QS considers academic reputation, employer reputation, faculty-student ratio, citations per paper, papers per faculty, international research network, international faculty, international students, inbound and outbound exchange students, and staff with PhD. Not only its academic reputation and employer reputation have significantly improved over the past year, UMP's internationalization is another outstanding contributing factor in the growth of the UMP, signifying improvements in fundamentals of the university.

"I see QS university rankings as a benchmarking tool that enables us to continuously improve our university performance from various perspectives. We are now among the Top 10 public universities in Malaysia," said Professor Dato' Sri Ts. Dr. Daing Nasir Ibrahim, the Vice-Chancellor of UMP.

He continued: "Being young is tough because people often assume that older universities do better in university rankings and thus academic quality. However, UMP has managed to become a rising star in the region with thanks to our continuous efforts to strengthen our fundamentals."

The 2019 QS Asian University Rankings are available online at https://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings/asian-university-rankings/2019.