

A big leap for Universiti Malaysia Pahang

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UMP is now the top-ranked university in the Malaysian Technical University Network. — Filepic

KUANTAN: Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) has made a noteworthy increase in the 2019 QS Asian University Rankings by a leap of 100 places to the 188 spot from the 251-300 range in just six years.

UMP said in a statement that it was the university's best performance ever in the rankings.

With the announcement, UMP was 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 were also ranked in this latest rankings result, with Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP) being ranked 201st while Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia (UTHM) fell in the range of 301-350, said the statement.

For the rankings, QS considered 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.

UMP said that not only its academic reputation and employer reputation had significantly improved over the past year as its internationalisation was another outstanding contributing factor in the growth of 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 UMP vice-chancellor Prof Datuk Seri Dr Daing Nasir Ibrahim.

“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 thanks to our continuous efforts to strengthen our fundamentals,” he added.

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