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## UMP placed in 2019 QS World University Rankings by Subject

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Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) can now stand tall among the world's elite universities after it is listed in the QS World University Rankings by Subjects 2019 for three categories: Engineering (Chemical), Engineering-Mechanical Aeronautical and Manufacturing, and Engineering and Technology.

For the Engineering (Chemical), UMP is listed in the ranking of 251-300, Engineering-Mechanical Aeronautical and Manufacturing ranks at 301-350 while Engineering and Technology, it is positioned at 401-450.

UMP is also the only university in Malaysia Technical University Network (MTUN) to be listed in the subjects of Engineering (Chemical), and Engineering and Technology.

This was announced by Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) on February 27, 2019 and with this announcement, it further elevated UMP's position which had already attained a level of excellence after earning five stars in all aspects of rating including the Malaysia Research Assessment (MyRA), Rating System for Malaysian Higher Education (SETARA), Ministry of Education Data Collection System (MyMoheS) and Financial Management Excellence based on the National Audit Department Accountability Index.

The Engineering-Mechanical Aeronautical and Manufacturing ranking at 301-350 was a result of continued increase of support from employers and the number of citations for each publication in the area.

It was also a moment to be proud of when for the first time, UMP was listed in the subjects of Engineering (Chemical), and Engineering and Technology.

This reflected the university's impressive performance in all four indicators – academic reputation, employer reputation, citation for each publication and the H-Index.

According to UMP Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dato' Sri Dr. Daing Nasir Ibrahim, this achievement highlighted the high quality of UMP's teaching and learning that focused on all kinds of technical and technological aspects.

"The ranking of subjects is often used by students when making evaluations and decisions before selecting their choice of university.

"UMP management highly appreciates the excellent services, contributions and commitment made, because success will be impossible without the participation of all staff from the various Centres of Responsibility, who worked hard to collect and scrutinise strategic data before submitting the data to the related rating platforms," he said.

Professor Dato' Sri Dr. Daing Nasir said this in his speech at a special gathering to mark its success in achieving five-star ratings in QS Stars, MyRA, MyMoheS and SETARA as well as a show of the university's appreciation to its staff.

The event was organised by the Department of Corporate Affairs and Quality at Ancasa Royale Hotel in Pekan.

Also present were Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic & International), Professor Ir. Dr. Wan Azhar Wan Yusoff, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research & Innovation), Professor Dato' Dr. Mashitah Mohd Yusoff, Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Corporate Affairs & Quality), Professor Dato' Dr. Ishak Ismail and Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Industrial & Community Relations), Professor Dr. Jamil Ismail.

Other guests included the university's senior officials, deans, directors, heads of department and data contributors.

UMP's strings of accomplishments began in July 17, 2018 when it obtained five stars in the QS Stars, followed by its listing at 188th in the QS Asia University Ranking on October 24 and placed at 97th in the UI Greenmetric World University Ranking on December 19.

UMP also received five stars in MyRA, MyMoheS and SETARA which positioned the university at par with the country's five research universities, especially in the aspects of publications and citations.

These achievements put UMP at a level that was so sustainable and competitive that it was not only a leading MTUN university but was also among today's most dynamic and progressive public universities.

Professor Dato' Sri Dr. Daing Nasir said the challenge now was how the sustainability and competitiveness aspects be maintained as one formidable quality.

“As such, in the draft of UMP’s 2025 Mission, the management team and staff from all departments will have to play bigger roles to elevate the university from being good to being great, to ensure that UMP remains on a sustainable, strategic platform,” he added.

There was also a presentation of certificates and new-designed lanyards that marked the celebration of UMP’s excellence, in line with its image of a world-class and five-star technology university.

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