

## UMPSA welcomes its first female vicechancellor



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Previously serving as deputy vice-chancellor (Academic and International) at Universiti Malaya since 2022, the 55-year-old expert in electrochemistry and ionic liquids began her two-year tenure at UMPSA's Tun Abdul Razak Chancellery yesterday.

Expressing her commitment to UMPSA's vision, she described the university — part of the Malaysian Technical University Network (MTUN) — as a leader in impactful innovation and international academic collaborations.

"I am honoured by this meaningful opportunity and will do my best to propel UMPSA to greater heights in technology and engineering.

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"Together with the UMPSA community, I aim to make the university's vision of becoming the best technological university a reality," she said.

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Yatimah holds a PhD in electrochemistry-inorganic from the University of East Anglia, UK (1999), and both a bachelor's and master's degree in chemistry from Universiti Malaya (1993, 1996).

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Formerly known as Universiti Malaysia Pahang, the institution underwent a name change on April 14, 2023, to reflect its continued growth and excellence.

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