

UPM is in the top 100

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UNIVERSITI Putra Malaysia (UPM) has been ranked among the world's top 100 universities in the fields of Agriculture, Forestry and Education, outdoing more than 2,000 other universities from around the globe.

According to the latest review by the QS *World University Rankings 2013/14*, in the fields of agriculture and forestry, UPM is placed among 51 to 100, sharing its place with other Asian universities such as Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology, Japan; Zhejiang University, China; National Taiwan University, Taiwan; Kyushu University, Japan; Korea University, South Korea and Chiang Mai University, Thailand.

In total, seven Asian universities are ranked among the top 50 in the fields of agriculture and forestry.

Meanwhile, in the field of education, UPM along with Universiti Malaya; Beijing Normal University and Peking University in China as well as Seoul National University, South Korea, are placed among 51 to 100.

Four other Asian universities among the top 50 in educational studies are the University of Hong Kong and Chinese University of Hong Kong; Nanyang Technological University, Singapore and

National Taiwan Normal University.

UPM vice-chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Mohd Fauzi Ramlan said the results are evidence of the university's success in developing an international reputation for academic standards and quality of graduates.

"The QS rankings of top universities use a variety of performance indicators: academic and employer reputation, faculty to student ratio, citations per faculty, international students and international faculty."

Prof Mohd Fauzi also said UPM has made some improvements in its internationalisation activities that include lecturers and students' mobility programmes, researches and publications, recognitions and citations in high-impact journals, and book publishing for international markets.

"In the area of teaching, the revised curriculum focuses not only on compulsory courses but also elective courses in which to improve graduates' *savoir faire*," he added.

In addition, Prof Mohd Fauzi said UPM always encourages its researchers to continue producing high-impact products with significant commercial potential such as Satiri grass, bio-fertiliser Bacto-10, Akar Putra chicken breed and Ajib fertiliser.