

# UM, USM among top varsities

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Two local public universities have managed to get into the top 50 in the global rankings for specific subjects.

In the new QS World University Rankings by Subject published yesterday, Universiti Malaya ranked 32 in Development Studies, while Universiti Sains Malaysia achieved number 31 in Environmental Sciences.

QS said UM was also in the top 100 for Mechanical, Aeronautical and Manufacturing Engineering; Electrical and Electronic Engineering; Chemical Engineering; Linguistics; English Language and Literature and Architecture or Built Environment.

Within the global top 100, USM was listed for Chemical Engineering; Mechanical, Aeronautical and Manufacturing Engineering; Electrical and Electronic Engineering; Development Studies; and Architecture or Built Environment.

QS said Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) was included in the top 100 for Agriculture and Forestry and Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) for Chemical Engineering and Architecture or Built Environment.

Within the top 150, it said UTM was also featured for Mechanical, Aeronautical and Manufacturing Engineering; Electrical and Electronic Engineering; and Civil and Structural Engineering.

QS added that within the global top 200, eight Malaysian universities were listed for 23 subjects.

According to QS head of research Ben Sowter the number of Malaysian institutions represented has increased from six to 10.

QS said while the tables continue to be led by universities from the United Kingdom, and the United States, Switzerland's ETH Zurich (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology) was ranked first globally for Earth and Marine Sciences, and fifth in Electrical and Electronic Engineering, achieving the status of the highest ranked European Union-based institution in both subjects.

In total, QS said 15 different institutions topped at least one of the 36 subjects covered in QS World University Rankings by Subject for 2015. The ranking has been published at [www.topuniversities.com](http://www.topuniversities.com).