

Rankings good reflection of M'sian varsities

THE inclusion of three subjects from Malaysian universities in the top 50 category of the 2016 QS World University Rankings: By Subject reflects the strong position of local universities, especially in engineering studies, said Higher Education Minister Datuk Seri Idris Jusoh.

The three subjects from local universities which have been included in the world's best 50 category are the Development Studies Programme (University of Malaya) at 30th place, Electric and Electronic Engineering (University of Malaya) at 37th place and Chemical Engineering (Universiti Sains Malaysia) at number 46.

Idris said the achievement was proof of the hard work, commitment and dedication of the lecturers and researchers, as well as the higher education community.

"Of course, the efforts do not end here and I urge all universities to continue improving their research findings and teaching methods.

"I always say that the world ranking is important as a benchmark of the global status of the country's education system, but it is not everything.

"I hope this will have a meaningful positive and permanent impact on the local and international community," he said.

According to the 2016 QS World University Rankings: By Subject, 26 subjects from University of Malaya were listed in the top 300, while Universiti Sains Malaysia had 22, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (20), Universiti Putra Malaysia (19), Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (12), Universiti Teknologi Mara (five), Univer-

siti Teknologi Petronas (four), Multimedia University (two), International Islamic University Malaysia (two) and Universiti Utara Malaysia and Universiti Malaysia Sabah one each.

The varsities with engineering subjects that made it to the Top 100 are University of Malaya (Chemical; Mechanical, Aeronautical and Manufacturing), Universiti Sains Malaysia (Electrical and Electronic; Mechanical, Aeronautical and Manufacturing); Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (Chemical); Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (Chemical; Electrical and Electronic).

Idris said this is a testament of the Ministry of Higher Education's tagline of "Soaring Upwards", which aims for continual improvement in the country's higher education landscape.

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