

Good quality education readily available here

I REFER to the letter "Our education is world-class" (*The Star*, March 4).

I wish to express my thanks to Chan Weng Kit for drawing the attention of the public that foreign universities may not necessarily be better than many of our home-grown institutions.

The writer highlighted that Universiti Malaya (UM) scored higher than many prestigious foreign universities for medicine and life sciences.

The writer is correct as the figures that were reported were taken from the QS World University Rankings 2015/2016.

However, more significantly, the writer has also highlighted an important element in the QS World University Rankings which is often given scant attention by the public who are more interested in comparing the overall rank-

ing of our local universities against our international counterparts.

This is the QS World University Rankings by subject. In the 2015/2016 rankings, UM was featured among the top 50 in this ranking as we hit the 32nd position for Development Studies. In addition, we were also ranked among the top 100 for Architecture/Built Environment, English Language and Literature, Linguistics, Chemical Engineering, Electronic and Electrical Engineering as well as Mechanical, Manufacturing and Aeronautical Engineering. In other words, as pointed out by the writer, quality education is readily available at our doorsteps and at a fraction of the price for a similar course overseas.

Many of Malaysia's leaders who have contributed much to nation

building graduated from UM and many of our alumni have received international recognition and accolades for their contributions in various disciplines.

The same can be said of the other public universities like Universiti Sains Malaysia, Universiti Putra Malaysia, and Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, to name a few, which have also given Malaysians access to quality education and continue to provide our nation with graduates who can contribute back to society.

As Universiti Malaya and the other public universities in Malaysia strive to continue to make available quality education to all Malaysians, it is perhaps time for Malaysians to make a change in their mind-sets, support our own homegrown institutions and in the process discover for

themselves that the pasture on this side is just as rich.

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