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UPM, UTM on list of best young universities

KUALA LUMPUR: Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) and Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) have been named among the world's best young universities by the Times Higher Education.

The Times Higher Education 150 Under 50 Rankings 2016 list recognises universities that are less than 50 years old and have made a great impact on the global stage.

UPM is ranked 138 and UTM 145.

Switzerland's École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne was highest in the rankings, Singapore's Nanyang Technological University was second and Hong Kong's University of Science and Technology came in third.

The table uses the same 13 per-

formances indicators — measuring institutions on their teaching, research, citations, international outlook and knowledge transfer.

The ranking also looked at key statistics of the university's number of students and international students, ratio of student to staff and ratio of female to male students.

UPM scored 32.3 for teaching, 50.1 for international outlook, 34.2 for industry income, 29.6 for research and 10.2 for citations. All points are over 100.

As for key statistics, the ranking stated UPM had 23,883 students, of which 16 per cent were international students.

The student to staff ratio was 12:2,

while female to male was 63:37.

"UPM is one of Malaysia's premier research universities with a long-established reputation for excellence in teaching and research.

"A multidisciplinary university with the highest number of academic staff with PhDs in Malaysia shows that UPM is highly committed to the discovery of knowledge and offers only the finest learning experience.

"As one of the largest universities in Malaysia, UPM is a key player in contributing to the growth of learned and skilled human capital in the nation and is highly committed to effectively strategising innovative practices in teaching, learning, research, innovation and professional

services," the Times Higher Education said in its report.

Meanwhile, UTM was dubbed as: "an innovation-driven entrepreneurial research university in engineering science and technology located in Kuala Lumpur, the capital city of Malaysia, and Johor Baru, the southern city in Iskandar Malaysia, which is a vibrant economic corridor in the south Peninsular Malaysia".

UTM scored 33.0 for teaching, 51.7 for international outlook, 31.1 for industry income, 20.3 for research and 44.7 for citations.

Key statistics showed UTM had 16,270 students, of which, 13 per cent were international students. The ratio for female to male is 43:57.