Universiti Putra Malaysia, the highest listed Malaysian varsity in the Top 50 Under 50 Ranking.

RANKING

M'sia home to 4 of world's top 50 young universities: QS

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MALAYSIA'S higher education scene has made great strides forward as it now has four institutions in the world's top 25, according to 2018 Quacquarelli Symonds' (QS) Top 50 Under 50 Ranking, which lists the world's top 50 universities founded before 1967.

Released today, the list places Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) in the lead at 15th from 17th last year, and ranks Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) at 16th from 26th last year.

The other two Malaysian institutions are Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM), which ranks 21st, up from 25th last year, and Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), jumping from 33rd to 23rd this year.

Seven of the top ten universities for this ranking are in Singapore, Hong Kong, South Korea and Australia.

For the fourth consecutive year, Singapore's Nanyang Technological University is again the world's best young university.

QS research director Ben Sowter said: "This year, we don't only see that Asia-Pacific universities retain their pre-eminence. We also observe them making consider-

able headway on their European and North American counterparts, with all of the top six experiencing rises in the overall QS World University Rankings.

"Similarly, Malaysian higher education has become increasingly competitive. These rises are a testament to the growing renown of these young, STEM-focused, sensibly strategic, ambitious universities — and continue to bring the continent's excellence into ever-sharper relief."

A number of UK institutions founded in 1966 ceased to be eligible for inclusion this year. The United Kingdom's only top young university is Oxford Brookes, which drops to 41st.

Meanwhile, Europe's top young university is Finland's Aalto University, places 7th in the ranking.

Australia is the most-represented nation, with nine of the world's top 50 young universities, while Spain follows with six universities in the list.

QS has been compiling university rankings since 2004, when they published their inaugural QS World University Rankings. Since then, QS's rankings have grown to be the world's most popular source of comparative data about university performance.

QS TOP 50 UNDER 50 RANKING 2018: TOP 10

RANK	Institution Name	Location	Est. Year
1	Nanyang Technological University (NTU)	Singapore	1991
2	The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST)	Hong Kong	1991
3	KAIST - Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology	South Korea	1971
4	City University of Hong Kong	Hong Kong	1984
5	Pohang University of Science and Technology (POSTECH)	South Korea	1986
6	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Hong Kong	1994
7	Aalto University	Finland	2010
8	University of Technology Sydney (UTS)	Australia	1988
9	CentraleSupèlec	France	2015
10	Universidad Autònoma de Madrid	Spain	1968

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