

M'sian varsities excel again

All five research universities in top 50 of QS world rankings for 2019

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PETALING JAYA: All five Malaysian research universities are in the top 50 of the 2019 edition of the *QS University Rankings: Asia* with Universiti Malaya (UM) breaking into the top 20.

UM is in joint 19th place with China's Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) is in 34th place followed by Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Universiti Sains Malaysia and Universiti Teknologi Malaysia. (see table).

The rankings were released today and include the region's 500 best universities.

UPM vice-chancellor Prof Datin Paduka Dr Aini Ideris said the university achieved high scores in international research network, international faculty and international students.

"UPM has continuously shown a positive performance for the past five years," she said.



Top 10 Malaysian universities in QS University Rankings: Asia 2019

Institution	2019 rank	2018 rank
Universiti Malaya (UM)	19	24
Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM)	34	36
Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM)	41	43
Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM)	43	46
Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM)	47	49
Universiti Teknologi Petronas (UTP)	99	101
Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM)	128	131
Taylor's University	135	150
Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM)	137	158
International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM)	143	163

Source: QS Quacquarelli Symonds 2004-2018 www.TopUniversities.com

Taylor's University vice-chancellor and president Prof Michael J. Driscoll said its improved performance is proof that its approach to teaching and learning resonates well with students and top players in the industry.

"To be within the top 100 universities in Asia by 2022, we will be

strengthening our research capabilities and developing strategic partnerships," he said.

Taylor's University is in joint 135th place with Comsats Institute of Information Technology, Pakistan.

UCSI University vice-chancellor and president Senior Prof Datuk Dr

Khalid Yusoff welcomed the 34-spot climb, describing it as further indication of the outcome of measures to enhance its academic strengths.

"The rise in UCSI's international profile over the past year is most encouraging," he said. UCSI University is in 178th spot this year.

Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman president Prof Datuk Dr Chuah Hean Teik said the rankings should be taken in the right spirit for further improvement.

"We should not forget the vision and mission of the university, and the fundamentals of education," he added. The institution jumped to 188 this year.

QS director of research Ben Sowter said Malaysia has followed its successful year in the QS world rankings with noteworthy results in the regional version.

"It has five universities in the top 50 and the country's top 19 universities have all moved up," he added.

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