

Achievement in QS World University Ranking proves M'sia's world-class higher education

KUALA LUMPUR: The success of all five Malaysian research universities being ranked among the world's top 200 proved that Malaysia's higher education is world-class, said Higher Education director-general Datuk Seri Dr Mohamed Mustafa Ishak.

He said the goal is contained in the strategic plan of higher education launched in 2013 to place Malaysia as a world-class higher education hub.

"The government has been working on this, when the blueprint was launched, Prime Minister Tan Sri

Muhyiddin Yassin was the Education Minister.

"And today we can see for the 2015-2025 target, Malaysia is already on the right track," he said on the 'Ruang Bicara' talk show over Bernama TV Friday night.

He said this is the country's best achievement so far in the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings 2021.

Commenting further, Mohamed Mustafa said the achievements were comprehensive and showed that the gov-

ernment and Higher Education Ministry's (KPT) investment had been fruitful.

The five universities are Universiti Malaya (UM), Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) and Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM).

"This is not just rise in rankings, it is also an indicator or benchmark of the quality of Malaysian higher education. In order to become an education hub, we must be able to compete with other leading universities," he said. — Bernama