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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### **UM ranked 27 in Times Higher Education Emerging Economies University Rankings 2018**

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The recent release of the Times Higher Education (THE) Emerging Economies University Rankings (EEUR) on 9 May 2018 showed that the University of Malaya (UM) has been positioned at 27. This is the first time that UM participated and is being ranked amongst the Emerging Economies university rankings. This position also placed UM as the best performing university in Malaysia.

Certainly this ranking provides a good gauge on UM's core standing performance in teaching, research, knowledge transfer and international outlook. THE-EEUR ranking methodology uses the same 13 performance indicators as THE World University Rankings (THE-WUR) with five core indicators: Teaching (30%), Research (30%), Citations (20%), International Outlook (10%) and Industry Income (10%). Compared to the THE-WUR methodology, the last three indicators, that is, Citations, International Outlook and Industry Income had recalibrated weightings. Citations weighting has been reduced by 10% to 20%, International Outlook and Industry Income weightings were increased by 5% to 10% respectively.

UM continues to focus on strengthening its fundamentals through the many phases of its Strategic Plan.

UM's Vice-Chancellor, Datuk Ir. Abdul Rahim Hashim is delighted with the results. He reiterated that UM's participation in the ranking systems is to further improve its value proposition and to benchmark UM against other Institutions of Higher Learning. He also mentioned that UM aims to improve its linkages and collaboration with strategic industries and international partnerships.

Datuk Ir. Abdul Rahim Hashim wishes to thank the university community - staff and students for their commitment and contributions towards the achievement of the University's performance. He is also grateful to the Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE) for their unwavering support and hope that the Ministry will continue to provide stronger support so that UM could rise further in university rankings in the coming years.

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