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UM MAKES TOP 20 IN QS ASIA UNIVERSITY RANKINGS 2019

In the recent Quacquarelli Symonds Asia University Rankings (QS-AUR) 2019, University of Malaya (UM) has achieved an overall rank of 19, reflecting an improved performance from 24 in QS-AUR 2018. In this latest release, UM is amongst top 4% in the regional Asia rankings. Since 2014, UM has gained 13 places, and over the 5 considered years UM has always illustrated positive performances.

Of the eleven considered indicators, the International Research Network indicator is the strongest one for UM, ranked 3rd among the top 300 Asian universities. UM also excelled in the Academic Reputation and the Employer Reputation indicators with ranks 25 and 30, respectively. These improved rankings are positive reinforcement to UM's overall rankings in Asia.

According to the Vice-Chancellor of UM, Datuk Ir. (Dr.) Abdul Rahim Hj. Hashim, the improved rankings represent regional acknowledgement and recognition of UM's quality in teaching, research and international collaborations. He highlighted that UM's assiduous efforts in strengthening research, internationalisation as well as industry engagement over the past few years are yielding positive results. Datuk Ir. (Dr.) Abdul Rahim Hj. Hashim further attributed this success to the commitment of all UM staff and their dedication towards achieving the goals set in the University's Strategic Plan.

The emphasis for the University's next phase is to continue its primary focus on establishing stronger academic fundamentals, intensifying international research collaborations and enhancing academic-industry partnerships. As the emergence of university rankings plays a bigger role in shaping the opinions of potential students,

parents, and employers, the rankings achievements are added assurance to various stakeholders that UM is keeping pace with other top institutions of higher learning.

Datuk Ir. (Dr.) Abdul Rahim Hj. Hashim acknowledged the continuous support of the Ministry of Education Malaysia in making UM's achievements possible. He reiterated that the Ministry's assistance is imperative to further develop the country's premier standing to new heights.

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