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UM ranked 18 in Times Higher Education Emerging Economies University Rankings 2019

The recent release of the Times Higher Education (THE) Emerging Economies University Rankings (EEUR) on 16 January 2019 showed that University of Malaya (UM) has been positioned at 18. This is the second time that UM participated and is being ranked amongst the Emerging Economies university rankings. This position placed UM as Top 20 amongst Emerging Economies universities, and also the best performing university in Malaysia.

The THE-EEUR system (in its sixth year) includes a special group of 300 plus universities that spread across 40 over countries classified by FTSE* as in advanced emerging, secondary emerging or frontier economies. Malaysia is classified as advanced emerging by the FTSE classification.

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 been recalibrated for its weightings.

UM continues to focus on strengthening its fundamentals through the many phases of its Strategic Plan. Through the UM Eco-Campus Blueprint (UMECB), UM has expanded its research focus on environment and sustainability matters linked to the United Nations Sustainability Goals (SDGs). Many initiatives outlined in the UMECM is promulgating UM's research orientation towards closer partnership in various industries and community.

UM's Vice-Chancellor, Datuk Ir. (Dr.) Abdul Rahim Hj. 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 in order to better prepare UM graduates to handle new technologies as the economy moves towards Industrial Revolution (IR) 4.0. The challenge is how universities can handle these fast evolving smart technologies in this IR 4.0 era.

Datuk Ir. (Dr.) Abdul Rahim Hj. 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 Education (MOE) 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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Note: * *FTSE* stands for *Financial Times Stock Exchange*. *FTSE* is a British provider of stock market indices and associated data services, wholly owned by the London Stock Exchange (LSE) and operating from premises in Canary Wharf.

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