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## **PRESS STATEMENT**

### **TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION ASIA UNIVERSITY RANKINGS 2018**

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The recent release of the Times Higher Education (THE) Asia University Rankings on 7 February 2018 showed that the University of Malaya (UM) has improved in its ranking from the position of 59 last year to 46 this year. This is a great achievement for the university and a further indication of UM's continued improvement in the ranking system of Times Higher Education (THE).

This is the second year that UM participated in THE University Rankings. The improvement in rankings is an affirmation of the university's strategic plan as UM continue to strive to be an internationally renowned institution of higher learning in teaching, research, publication and innovation. UM's rise in rankings is also a testament that the investments and initiatives taken over several years to improve the performance of the university are on track.

UM's Vice-Chancellor, Datuk Ir. (Dr.) Abdul Rahim Hashim is delighted with the results. He reiterated that UM is not pursuing rankings but its participation in the ranking systems is to benchmark UM against other Institutions of Higher Learning in order to gauge the present state and status of the university and to plan for further improvement. The Vice-Chancellor also mentioned that over the years UM has improved in building on its fundamentals but it is also pertinent for UM to continue to improve in the area of graduate employability, networking and collaboration with industries and international strategic partnerships.

He would like to thank the university community - staff and students for their commitment and contribution towards the achievement of the university's performance. He is also grateful to the Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE) for its unwavering support and hopes that the Ministry will provide stronger support for UM to rise further in university rankings in the future and make the nation proud.

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