


UTAR among top young varsities

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Institution	Rank 2017	Rank 2016
Universiti Putra Malaysia	101-150	101-150
Universiti Teknologi Malaysia	101-150	101-150
Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman	101-150	NR
Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia	151-200	NR
Universiti Sains Malaysia	151-200	NR
Universiti Teknologi Petronas	151-200	NR

*NR = Not Ranked
Source: Times Higher Education. Link to Top 200 results at:
<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings/2017/young-university-rankings>

PETALING JAYA: Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR) joins the ranks of two public universities as the country's top young universities.

UTAR entered the *Times Higher Education Young University Rankings 2017* for the first time and was ranked in the 101st to 150th band together with Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) and Universiti Teknologi Malaysia. (see table)

UTAR president Prof Datuk Dr Chuah Hean Teik said the university would not rest on its laurels but work harder.

"We can learn about best practice from other universities.

"We thank all believers and benefactors who contributed towards UTAR, which is a not-for-profit university, so that we can provide affordable higher education," he said.

UTAR was set up by MCA in 2002.

UPM vice-chancellor Prof Datin Paduka Dr Aini Ideris said rankings were vital to enable the university to overcome shortcomings and adopt strategic approaches to further improve its overall performance.

“Under our strategic planning known as Putra Global 200, our commitment is to be among the world’s top 200 universities by 2020,” she added.

Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Universiti Sains Malaysia and Universiti Teknologi Petronas are ranked 151st to 200th.

Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings editor Phil Baty said it was great news that six Malaysian universities made the list of the world’s best young universities.

“There are clear signs of improvement, with one newcomer, UTAR, making the 101 to 150 band,” he said.

UPM, which is also in the 101-150 band, maintains the same position as last year, and has improved its performance in all five areas underlying the methodology.

Baty said the Young University Rankings covered the world’s 200 best universities that are 50 years old or younger, across 48 countries.

The ranking, which includes 200 institutions for the first time (up from 150 last year), is topped by Switzerland’s École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne followed by Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and Singapore’s Nanyang Technological University.

Read more at <http://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2017/04/06/utar-among-top-young-varsities-six-msian-universities-make-it-to-world-list/#TVxYCGIyIMHXgmt.99>