

M'sia home to 4 of world's top 50 young universities: Quacquarelli Symonds



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KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia's higher education scene has made great strides forward as it now has four institutions in the world's top 25, according to 2018 Quacquarelli Symonds' (QS) Top 50 Under 50 Ranking, which lists the world's top 50 universities founded before 1967.

Released today, the list places Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) in the lead at 15th from 17th last year, and ranks Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) at 16th from 26th last year.

The other two Malaysian institutions are Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM), which ranks 21st, up from 25th last year, and Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), jumping from 33rd to 23rd this year.

Seven of the top ten universities for this ranking are in Singapore, Hong Kong, South Korea and Australia.

Singapore's Nanyang Technological University is again the world's best young university.

Ben Sowter, Research Director at QS, said: "This year, we don't only see that Asia-Pacific universities retain their pre-eminence. We also observe them making considerable headway on

their European and North American counterparts, with all of the top six experiencing rises in the overall QS World University Rankings.

“Similarly, Malaysian higher education has become increasingly competitive. These rises are a testament to the growing renown of these young, STEM-focused, sensibly strategic, ambitious universities – and continue to bring the continent’s excellence into ever-sharper relief.”

QS Quacquarelli Symonds has been compiling university rankings since 2004, when they published their inaugural QS World University Rankings. Since then, QS’s rankings have grown to be the world’s most popular source of comparative data about university performance.