UniKL marks second consecutive listing in THE world rankings

KUCHING: Universiti Kuala Lumpur (UniKL) marked another milestone when it made it into the list of Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings (WUR) for the second consecutive year.

It said in a statement that UniKL is ranked in the 1,200+ position among 1,662 ranked universities worldwide, alongside 17 other Malaysian universities including five private universities namely Universiti Teknologi Petronas (UTP), Universiti Tenaga Nasional (UNITEN), Multimedia University (MMU) and Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR).

UniKL is Malaysia's largest private technical entrepreneurial university under the purview of Majlis Amanah Rakyat (Mara), an agency under the Ministry of Rural Development (KPLB).

"Being ranked in both THE and QS World Rankings is also tantamount to UniKL as among the top universities in the country.

"This is a commendable feat considering UniKL was originally established as several technical and vocational colleges before being amalgamated and upgraded as a university in 2002," said the statement.

It added being the youngest Malaysian university in the ranking, UniKL has proven its dedication towards academic and research excellence while maintaining its Higher Tehnical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) and hands-on learning philosophy.



DATUK DR ROZIAH OMAR

"UniKL presence in the world ranking is the result of the We4Asia transformation plan launched in 2014, the dedication and commitment of all its staff and community as well as support from stakeholders.

"This has allowed UniKL to excel in the 13 performance indicators that measure an institution's performance in teaching, research, knowledge transfers and international outlook," added the statement.

Meanwhile, the president and chief executive officer (CEO) of UniKL, Datuk Dr Roziah Omar in the same statement said UniKL is currently working towards raising its international outlook and

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presence through collaborations with internationally renowned universities and organisations both locally and abroad in addition increasing international student's numbers.

"Under its strategic renewal plan, UniKL is targeting to be ranked in the Top 600 in the world ranking by 2025," she added.

Based on the THE World Rankings, it was also revealed that universities in Asia are slowly growing to overtake Western institutions as their global positions continue to propel upwards.

According to THE head of David Watkins, universities that have published medical sciences research relating to Covid-19 have seen a significant boost in their citation impact, according to the latest rankings.

UniKL added that its Royal College of Medicine Perak (UniKL RCMP) and Institute of Medical Science Technology (UniKL Mestech) will spearhead the research in those areas.

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