

Marking a new global milestone

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

UniKL is ranked in the 1,200+ position among 1,662 ranked universities worldwide alongside 17 other Malaysian universities, including five private universities: Universiti Teknologi Petronas, Universiti Tenaga Nasional, Multimedia University and Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman.

Being ranked in both THE and QS World Rankings is also tantamount to UniKL, Malaysia's largest private technical entrepreneurial university under the purview of Majlis Amanah Rakyat, an agency under the Ministry of Rural Development, is among the top universities in the country.

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

Being the youngest Malaysian university in the ranking, UniKL has proven its dedication to academic and research excellence while maintaining its Higher TVET and hands-on learning philosophy.

UniKL's presence in the world ranking is the result of the WE4ASIA



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transformation plan that was launched in 2014, along with the dedication of all its staff and community as well as support from the stakeholders.

This has allowed UniKL to excel in the 13 performance indicators that measure an institution's performance across four areas –

teaching, research, knowledge transfers and international outlook.

According to president and chief executive officer of UniKL Datuk Dr Roziah Omar, UniKL is currently working towards raising its international outlook and presence through collaborations with internationally renowned universities and organisations both locally and abroad, besides an effort to boost its international student's numbers.

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

Times Higher Education World Rankings also revealed that universities in Asia are slowly growing to overtake Western institutions as their global positions continue to rise.

According to David Watkins, Head of Data Science at THE, 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 through 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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