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**QS ranks Universiti Malaysia Pahang among wo**

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Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) has once again made Malaysia proud, achieving another milestone in becoming a distinguished technological university. This time around, QS World University Rankings (WUR) 2019, UMP has further established its standing as one of the world-class universities in the world map (top 100 in the world (#751-800), five-stars rated).

The QS global ranking for world universities 2020 report announced on 19th June 2019 was based on research citations per faculty, student-to-faculty ratio, proportion of international faculty, and proportion of international students.

Among all, the strongest point of UMP is the international faculty indicator where it ranked #360 globally. UMP also has a strong reputation (ranked #501 in the world). These reports suggest that the teaching and research related approaches align with industry preferences.

Last month, Professor Ir. Dr. Wan Azhar Wan Yusoff assumed office as the new Vice-Chancellor of UMP; his tenure of time commemorates this new appointment.

"Having found a place in the rankings is just the beginning for UMP; we will continuously grow and graduate more students," Professor Ir. Dr. Wan Azhar said.

The QS WUR rankings — published by Quacquarelli Symonds, an organization specializing in education, can be found at [topuniversities.com](http://topuniversities.com).

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**Empowering TVET education – UMP's main aim**

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As a public university and a member of the Malaysia Technical University Network (MTUN), Universiti Ma and strengthen the transformation agenda in the country's Technical and Vocational Education and Training developed, high-income nation by 2050.

UMP's Board of Directors' Chairman, Dato' Sri Ibrahim Ahmad said TVET would produce a home-gro country to cater to the challenges expected in the Industrial Revolution 4.0.

"By utilising the expertise of the university, the level of industrial competency and productivity can be enha facing technical challenges.

"On this matter, UMP needs to form sound collaborations with related agencies that can help create mor graduates," he said during the 'Coffee Talk with UMP Chairman' at UMP Library Auditorium at the university

Also present were UMP Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ir. Dr. Wan Azhar Wan Yusoff and members of UMP Ahmad Shariff, Dato' Mohd Zafir Ibrahim Nor, Shaiful Suliman and Mohd Fuad Kamal Ariffin.

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Other guests included Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research & Innovation), Professor Dr. Kamal Zuhairi Zamli (Alumni), Professor Dato' Dr. Yuserrie Zainuddin and Registrar/Chief Operating Officer, Associate Professor

Some 300 of UMP staff turned up for the programme comprising the university's management as well as the Professional Staff Association (PPTI) and UMP Supporting Staff Association President (KESUMP) members.

Dato' Sri Ibrahim said in making an organisation an outstanding one, it required workers who enjoyed working.

"Every task or responsibility assigned to a worker must be based on one's capability and talent," he added.

He also advised UMP's staff to carry out their duties based on trust, integrity and responsibility.

"The workforce is a valuable asset to the university. By creating a scholarship programme, this will give them an opportunity to develop their talents and undergo leadership training locally and abroad," he said.

He also emphasised on the aspect of performance, work procedures and governance, apart from several others such as customer management, staff management, risk management, procurement and asset.

Industry & Community Network Department (ICoN) Manager and Administrative and Professional Officer, Raizalhilmy Mohd Rais said he was thrilled with the experience of having to be able to share the aspirations of the staff.

He said the Chairman spoke about UMP's direction in driving the university to be an exceptional institute of higher learning.

He also thanked the university for their attentiveness in organising training programmes aimed at enhancing the staff's performance.

UMP Supporting Staff Association President (KESUMP), Abd. Latip Haji Deris praised the organiser for organising the first ever held, a platform that involved the university's top management.

He added that it was the way forward by the top management in playing its role and sharing their views to the staff for the university be a referral feature by others.

Academic Staff Association Deputy President (PAKAD), Ahmad Johari Mohamad said the involvement of the staff in the programme gave a clearer picture on a lot of things such as the university's Core Values – sustaining the university's upholding principles that had been collectively agreed upon, being creative in making wise decision, tenacity

in measures taken – which were ethics in having excellent work culture practices.

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