

RANKINGS

UKM 12th in QS Top 50 Under 50 Rankings

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UNIVERSITI Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) has clinched the 12th spot in the recently released Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) Top 50 Under 50 Rankings for 2019, up from the 16th place last year.

This makes UKM the top Malaysian university in the rankings.

The QS Top 50 Under 50 Rankings highlight the best universities in the world which are under 50 years old, allowing top young universities to shine.

In the rankings, UKM is closely followed by Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) at 13th place, Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) at 14 and Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) at 18.

UKM vice-chancellor Professor Tan Sri Dr Noor Azlan Ghazali said the university is very proud yet humbled by this best ranking achievement since its establishment in 1970.

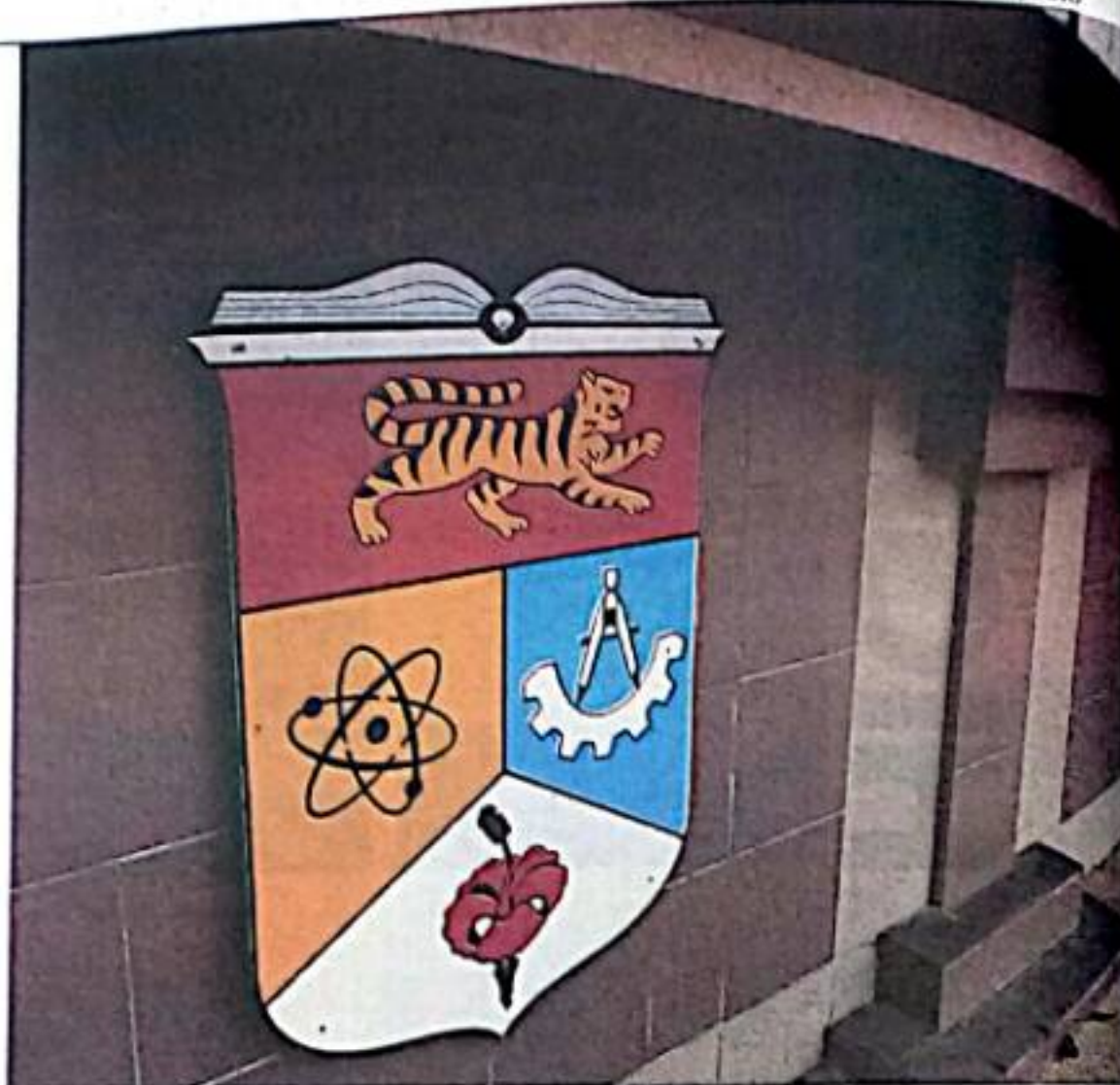
Calling it "UKM's special gift for Malaysia", Noor Azlan said there is a lot more to be achieved and delivered in the years to come, beyond ranking.

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UKM has moved up from the 16th place last year to 12th spot this year.

QS TOP 50 UNDER 50 2019: TOP 10

Rank	Institution Name	Location	Est. Year
1	Nanyang Technological University	Singapore	1991
2	The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	Hong Kong	1991
3	KAIST	South Korea	1971
4	Paris Sciences & Lettres University	France	2001
5	City University of Hong Kong	Hong Kong	1984
6	Pohang University of Science and Technology	South Korea	1986
7	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Hong Kong	1994
8	CentraleSupélec	France	2015
9	Aalto University	Finland	2010
10	University of Technology Sydney	Australia	1988

Source: QS Quacquarelli Symonds



"This achievement is a manifestation that we are on the right track."

It is pivotal, added Noor Azlan, that this global ranking is "felt" by all stakeholders which include the people, government, industry and scholarly societies.

"Being relevant to all and clearly visible 'on the map' is vital. It takes all of Warga UKM — scholars, students, and administrators to strongly move together."

He added that UKM will continuously measure itself against global peers without forgoing its national motives.

Nanyang Technological University, Singapore tops the 50 Under 50 Rankings list this year followed by Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and KAIST.

There are 17 Asian universities in the ranking. Australia is the most represented country in the rankings, with 10 universities earning a place in the league table.

The top new entrant this year is France's Paris Sciences & Lettres, which debuts in 4th position.