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UTP makes history, ranked among world's top 250 universities

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KUALA LUMPUR: Universiti Teknologi Petronas (UTP) has achieved a remarkable feat by becoming the first Malaysian university to secure a place in the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2025, moving up to the 200-250 band from its previous position at the 301-350 band.

In a statement today, UTP stated that the significant leap of 100 places has positioned UTP as the number one university in Malaysia and a private university in ASEAN.

"Since 2017, the university has steadily ascended the rankings, moving from the 601-850 band to the top 250 universities in the world today.

"UTP's rise in the rankings is evidence of its unwavering focus on academic and research excellence, strong industry collaborations, and a commitment to producing future-ready graduates," it said, adding that the university's emphasis on interdisciplinary learning and experiential education equips students with the skills and knowledge needed to thrive in a rapidly evolving world.

Meanwhile, UTP vice-chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Mohamed Ibrahim Abdul Mutalib said that the achievement is a source of immense pride for the entire UTP community, reflecting the steadfast dedication and commitment of the university's faculty, staff, students and alumni.

"We express our gratitude to Petronas, industry partners, and academic collaborators who have contributed to UTP's achievements," he said, emphasising that UTP's strategic focus is on becoming a research-led university while maintaining its commitment to teaching excellence.

Mohamed Ibrahim said the university's extensive efforts to collaborate with industry and establish strong partnerships worldwide, coupled with increased translational research, have enabled UTP to produce industry-demand and future-proof graduates.

In line with its vision to become a leading energy and technology university by 2050, he said that UTP is set to introduce a new innovative engineering programme that equips students with interdisciplinary skills for the future at THE Campus Live SE Asia organised by UTP this Nov 26 at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre.

"Recognising the rapid advancements in artificial intelligence (AI) and other cutting-edge technologies, UTP is adopting new teaching and learning methods to ensure its graduates possess the necessary attributes to thrive in the evolving landscape," he added.

As UTP continues to navigate upcoming challenges, he emphasised the university's focus on impactful research, particularly in the areas of energy transition, future living, sustainability and digitalisation.

"We are working diligently to ensure that our research is not only cutting-edge but also relevant, addressing global challenges and offering real-world solutions that can be commercialised. By doing so, we contribute to the betterment of society and the advancement of knowledge," he said. – BERNAMA