

MMU remains top private university in Malaysia

CYBERJAYA: Multimedia University (MMU) is still the top private university in Malaysia, according to the QS Asian University Rankings 2012.

The annual ranking, which is conducted by [QS Quacquarelli Symonds Ltd.](#), currently places MMU in its 191-200 band, suggesting a tie.

The ordering of the ranking seems to indicate that MMU is currently ranked 194 in all of Asia.

This rank is an improvement over last year's standing, where MMU ranked 201+. MMU's current ranking places it as the seventh-best overall university in Malaysia.

Malaysian universities in the list were University Malaya (no. 35 in Asia), Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (58), Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (74), Universiti Putra Malaysia (76), International Islamic University Malaysia (151-160), Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (161-170), Multimedia University (191-200 / 194), Universiti Teknologi Petronas (201-250), Universiti Teknologi Mara (201-250), Universiti [Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia](#) (251-300), [Lim Kok Wing](#) University (251-300), Universiti [Tenaga Nasional](#) (251-300), Universiti [Tunku Abdul Rahman](#) (251-300) and Universiti Utara Malaysia (251-300).

President of MMU, Professor [Dato' Dr. Muhamad Rasat Muhamad](#), was very happy with the news.

"We are happy not just with the ranking, but also with the improvement of our ranking," he said.

"We are constantly trying to find how we should distribute our modest resources so that we could not only successfully teach our students, but at the same time grow as a full-fledged university."

"This ranking tells us that we are on the right track. It is really gratifying. We are motivated more than ever to keep improving MMU," he added.

His enthusiasm is shared by [Professor Tou Teck Yong](#), MMU's Vice-President (R&D).

"This ranking will certainly impel us to do better," he said.

"We know we can achieve a better rank than this. We have looked at the judging criteria used by QS Quacquarelli, and their data state that we produce more papers per faculty than other Malaysian universities, we are the best Malaysian university for international students, and our academic reputation is also relatively high."

Prof. Tou added, "Now that we have identified our areas of strength, we can develop the other areas and achieve better standing. This will greatly benefit not only the university, but also our students."

MMU Multimedia University (MMU) is Malaysia's first private university. This tertiary education institution was set up through [Universiti Telekom Sdn Bhd \(UTSB\)](#), a wholly owned subsidiary of TM.

As the first private university in Malaysia, MMU developed the pioneer model for the successful establishment of private universities in the nation, paving the way for the growth of the private tertiary education sector.

Set up 16 years ago, it now has 20,000 students.