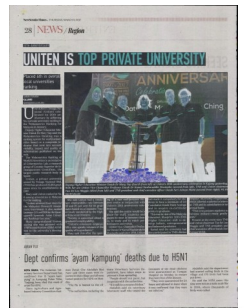


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20TH ANNIVERSARY

UNITEN IS TOP PRIVATE UNIVERSITY

Placed 6th in overall local universities ranking

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UNIVERSITI Tenaga Nasional (Uniten) celebrated its 20th anniversary by achieving No. 1 private university ranking in the Webometrics Ranking for Malaysia in January.

Deputy Higher Education Minister Datuk Dr Mary Yap said the Webometrics Ranking was a ranking system for world universities based on a composite indicator that took into account visibility, impact and quality of information published on the web.

* The Webometrics Ranking of World Universities is an initiative of Cybermetrics Lab, a research group of Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas, the largest public research body in Spain.

Uniten, a private university owned by Tenaga Nasional Bhd, (TNB) has produced 25,884 graduates since its establishment in 1997.

Mary said Uniten ranked at No. 6 among universities in Malaysia

for the ranking.

“Uniten attained four stars for the Malaysian Research Assessment Instrument. It also ranked between 251 and 300 in the Quacquarelli Symonds Asian University Rankings last year.”

Mary congratulated Uniten, saying she was pleased with TNB’s contribution of RM1.45 billion to the university’s development.

She said Uniten had a consistent employability rate between 95 and 97 per cent for its graduates based on a Graduate Tracker Study conducted by the Higher Education Ministry.

“Society is concerned about a graduate’s employability.

“Uniten’s consistent employability rate speaks volumes of the quality of its graduates.”

Mary said this after the opening of a new multipurpose student centre in conjunction with Uniten’s 20th anniversary celebrations.

She said the centre would be a place for staff, students and

guests to meet in between classes, to study and to watch performances and events.

Uniten Vice-Chancellor Professor Datuk Dr Kamal Nasharuddin Mustapha said since 2014, Uniten

had made it compulsory for students to have a minimum of 2.0 Cumulative Grade Point Average and to acquire co-curricular points to graduate.

This was in view of the Malaysia Education Blueprint 2015-2025 (Higher Education) shift to develop holistic, entrepreneurial and balanced graduates.

Kamal said the university had also participated in TNB’s Better Brighter Internship Programme, which allowed students to intern at TNB and its subsidiaries on an annual basis.

“This is to prepare students to become industry-ready graduates.”

Present at the event were TNB and Uniten chairman Tan Sri Leo Moggie and TNB president and chief executive officer Datuk Seri Azman Mohd.

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Deputy Higher Education Minister Datuk Dr Mary Yap (fourth from left) at Uniten's 20th anniversary celebration in Kajang yesterday. With her are Uniten Vice-Chancellor Professor Datuk Dr Kamal Nasharuddin Mustapha (second from left), TNB and Uniten chairman Tan Sri Leo Moggie (third from left) and TNB president and chief executive officer Datuk Seri Azman Mohd (second from right). PIC BY HALIM SALLEH