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**PETALING JAYA:** Universiti Malaya (UM) has been ranked 18th in the Times Higher Education (THE) Emerging Economies University Rankings 2019.

UM is tied with China's Tongji University at the 18th spot, which is its highest position to date. It moved up nine spots from its 27th ranking last year.

Ellie Bothwell, THE's Global rankings editor, said UM improved in all indicators, particularly in international outlook and teaching environment.

"To continue this trajectory next year, it should focus on its research environment, in particular research income and its volume of publications," she said.

Apart from UM, Malaysia had 10 other institutions in the overall 2019 table compared with nine in 2018 (ranking in brackets).

They are Universiti Teknologi Petronas (60), Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (86), Universiti Sains Malaysia(105), Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (117), Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (132), Universiti Putra Malaysia (145), Universiti Tenaga Nasional (187), Universiti Utara Malaysia (201-250), Universiti Teknologi Mara (351+) and Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (351+)

The top four universities in the rankings are from China.

In first to fifth place were Tsinghua University, Peking University, Zhejiang University, University of Science and Technology of China and Lomonosov Moscow State University (Russian Federation).

The rankings involved 450 universities, up from 378 last year, from 43 countries across four continents.

THE is a global organisation that produces data, analysis and expertise on higher education.