'Excellent' score for 18 varsities

Minister: Tier Five institutions to get incentives

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PUTRAJAYA: Eighteen higher education institutions achieved Tier Five or "excellent" status in the Rating System for Malaysian Higher Education 2009 (Setara).

Seven of them were public universities and the rest were private universities.

Another 25 institutions – 14 private and 11 public – were classified as Tier Four or "Very Good" while four achieved Tier Three or "Good" status.

No institution managed to get the the highest classification of Tier Six, said Higher Education Minister Datuk Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin when announcing the Setara results yesterday (see chart).

"Those in Tier Five will receive incentives like being able to enrol local and foreign government sponsored students, have access to gov-

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ernment grants and can determine their postgraduate student intake," he said at a press conference.

Mohamed Khaled added that Tier Five private institutions would also be exempted from certain provisions in the Private Higher Educational Institutions Act 1996 (Act 555).

They need not have to apply for teaching permits for lecturers, can determine the salary of foreign lecturers, and set course fees.

Apart from giving education pro-

viders a clear picture of their standing, the Setara results would be used as a basis to improve higher education policies, he added.

When tabling the 10th Malaysia Plan, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak announced that Government funding for public universities would depend on a varsity's performance in Setara.

Universiti Malaya (UM) vice-chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Ghauth Jasmon said he was happy that UM was placed in Tier Five.

"This shows that we are on the right track," he said.

"It is also a positive development in regards to obtaining grants as what UM needs is more funding to break into the top 100 in the Time Higher Education world university rankings.

"The funding will be used for critical fields like biomedical sciences, physics and nanotechnology," he added.

Tier Five: Excellent universities

Code	Institution
B	Curtin University of Technology Sarawak Campus
A	International Islamic University Malaysia
B	International Medical University
B	Management and Science University
B	Monash University Sunway Campus
B	Sunway University College
B	Swinburne University of Technology Sarawak Campus
B	Taylor's University College
B	The University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus
A	Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia
B	Universiti Kuala Lumpur
A	Universiti Malaya
B	Multimedia University
A	Universiti Putra Malaysia
A	Universiti Sains Malaysia
A	Universiti Teknologi Malaysia
A	Universiti Teknologi Mara
B	Universiti Teknologi Petronas

Note: A = public institution, B = private institution
Source: Higher Education Ministry

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SISTEM PENARAFAN INSTITUSI PENGAJIAN TINGGI MALAYSIA 2009
SETARA '09
2009 RATING SYSTEM FOR MALAYSIAN HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

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Agensi Kelayakan Malaysia
Malaysian Qualifications Agency

THE 2009 RATING OF MALAYSIAN UNIVERSITIES AND UNIVERSITY COLLEGES

The 2009 MQA Rating System for Malaysian Higher Education Institutions (SETARA '09) measures **quality of teaching and learning at the undergraduate level** in universities and university colleges (U & UC) in Malaysia.

The SETARA '09 rating instrument covers three generic dimensions of input, process and output to assess the quality of teaching and learning. The input dimension addresses talent, resources and governance. The process dimension focuses on curriculum matters and the output dimension is on the quality of graduates. The overall structure of the instrument could be accessed at **<http://www.mqa.gov.my/SETARA09>**.

The SETARA '09 exercise classifies its rating into six Tiers, ranging from Tier 1 as Weak to Tier 6 as Outstanding. The following is the full result, sequenced in alphabetical order:

TIER 6: OUTSTANDING	
None	

TIER 5: EXCELLENT

CODE	NAME OF INSTITUTION
2	CURTIN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY SARAWAK CAMPUS
1	INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY MALAYSIA
2	INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL UNIVERSITY
2	MANAGEMENT AND SCIENCE UNIVERSITY
2	MONASH UNIVERSITY SUNWAY CAMPUS
2	SUNWAY UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
2	SWINBURNE UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY SARAWAK CAMPUS
2	TAYLOR'S UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
2	THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM MALAYSIA CAMPUS
1	UNIVERSITI KEBANGSAAN MALAYSIA
2	UNIVERSITI KUALA LUMPUR
1	UNIVERSITI MALAYA
2	UNIVERSITI MULTIMEDIA
1	UNIVERSITI PUTRA MALAYSIA
1	UNIVERSITI SAINS MALAYSIA
1	UNIVERSITI TEKNOLOGI MALAYSIA
1	UNIVERSITI TEKNOLOGI MARA (KAMPUS SHAH ALAM)
2	UNIVERSITI TEKNOLOGI PETRONAS

1: Public Institution	2: Private Institution

TIER 4: VERY GOOD

CODE	NAME OF INSTITUTION
2	AIMST UNIVERSITY
2	ASIA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION
2	CYBERJAYA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES
2	HELP UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
2	INTI UNIVERSITY COLLEGE (now known as INTI International University)
2	KOLEJ UNIVERSITI INFRASTRUKTUR KUALA LUMPUR
2	KOLEJ UNIVERSITI ISLAM ANTARABANGSA SELANGOR
2	LIMKOKWING UNIVERSITY OF CREATIVE TECHNOLOGY
2	NILAI UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
2	UCSI UNIVERSITY
1	UNIVERSITI DARUL IMAN (now known as Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin)
2	UNIVERSITI INDUSTRI SELANGOR
1	UNIVERSITI MALAYSIA PAHANG
1	UNIVERSITI MALAYSIA PERLIS
1	UNIVERSITI MALAYSIA SABAH
1	UNIVERSITI MALAYSIA SARAWAK
1	UNIVERSITI MALAYSIA TERENGGANU
1	UNIVERSITI PENDIDIKAN SULTAN IDRIS
1	UNIVERSITI SAINS ISLAM MALAYSIA
1	UNIVERSITI TEKNIKAL MALAYSIA MELAKA
2	UNIVERSITI TENAGA NASIONAL
2	UNIVERSITI TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN
2	UNIVERSITI TUN ABDUL RAZAK
1	UNIVERSITI TUN HUSSEIN ONN MALAYSIA
1	UNIVERSITI UTARA MALAYSIA

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TIER 3: GOOD

CODE	NAME OF INSTITUTION
2	BINARY UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF MANAGEMENT & ENTREPRENEURSHIP
2 ~	INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY TWINTECH
2	KOLEJ UNIVERSITI INSANIAH
2	KOLEJ UNIVERSITI METROPOLITAN KUALA LUMPUR

TIER 2: SATISFACTORY

None

TIER 1: WEAK

None

INSTITUTIONS THAT PARTICIPATED BUT NOT RATED

The following U & UC participated in SETARA '09 but are not rated because they:
i) are new institutions of higher learning;
ii) do not have final year students and have not produced graduates;
iii) do not offer undergraduate programmes; or
iv) are non-conventional U & UC, for example Open Universities.

CODE	NAME OF INSTITUTION
2	AL-MADINAH INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
2	BERJAYA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF HOSPITALITY
2	INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR EDUCATION IN ISLAMIC FINANCE
2	KOLEJ UNIVERSITI TATi
2	MALAYSIA UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
2	MASTERSKILL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES
2	OPEN UNIVERSITY MALAYSIA
2	SEGi UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
1	UNIVERSITI MALAYSIA KELANTAN
1	UNIVERSITI PERTAHANAN NASIONAL MALAYSIA
2	WAWASAN OPEN UNIVERSITY

THE SETARA '09 COMMITTEE

SETARA '09 was carried out by a committee appointed by the MQA, which comprises of:

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VERIFICATION OF SETARA '09

An independent Verification Committee was set up for SETARA '09 to verify and endorse the SETARA '09 processes and instrument as well as verify data submitted by the universities and university colleges.