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"UUM : UNIVERSITI PENGURUSAN TERKEMUKA"
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THE TN50 HIGHER EDUCATION TALK, AN AVENUE FOR ACADEMICS TO VOICE THEIR ASPIRATIONS



UUM ONLINE: More than 500 academicians from 25 institutions of higher learning around the north zone attended the National Transformation 2050 (TN50) Talk programme, presented by the Higher Education Minister, the Honourable Dato' Seri Idris Jusoh, at the Pauh Putra Excellence Hall, Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP) yesterday.

The programme provided fellow academics with the opportunity to share their ideas and aspirations about the nation's higher education atmosphere by the year 2050 involving various issues including teaching and learning as well as the graduates produced.

The Honourable Dato' Seri Idris began the programme by reiterating the aspiration of the Ministry of Higher Education that called for the provision of the best educational system which was entitled to be enjoyed by all Malaysians as well as the international students.

"In order to achieve this, we have set up a guideline, namely the Malaysia Education Blueprint 2015-2025 (Higher Education), which is a transformation of the nation's higher education in enhancing excellence in higher education and strengthen Malaysia's presence on the world stage," he said.

He added that Malaysia's Higher Education system had recorded impressive achievements and the achievement could be summarized in the U.M.A.R concept.

"The concept U.M.A.R refers to the advancement of the nation's education ranking and the achievement of local universities, especially the search universities which have opened the world's eyes and the recognition of Malaysia as an educational hub in the region.

"U stands for Universitas 21, the one and only ranking that assesses the national higher education system where Malaysia's higher education system is ranked at the 25th position overall in 2017 advancing 11 positions compared to the 36th position back in 2012; M stands for University of Malaya; A stands for five out of 8 universities best in ASEAN are universities from Malaysia; and R refers to the research universities in Malaysia that are listed in the top 1% group of universities in the world," he explained.

Throughout the session, fellow academics who were present, articulated numerous aspirations which among them were problems, proposals, expectations and dreams of the country's higher education direction by the 2050.

Nearly 30 academic staff of Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM) attended the programme. Also present were the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic and International), Prof. Dr. Hassan Ali and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Student Affairs and Alumni), Prof. Dr. Abdul Malek Abdul Karim.

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