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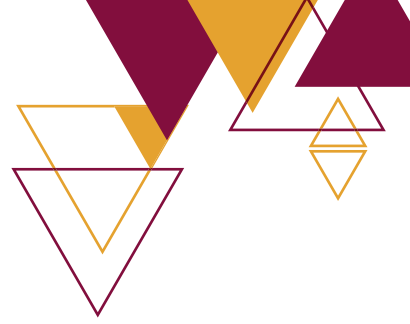
# UTM IN 2018

## ABRIDGED REPORT

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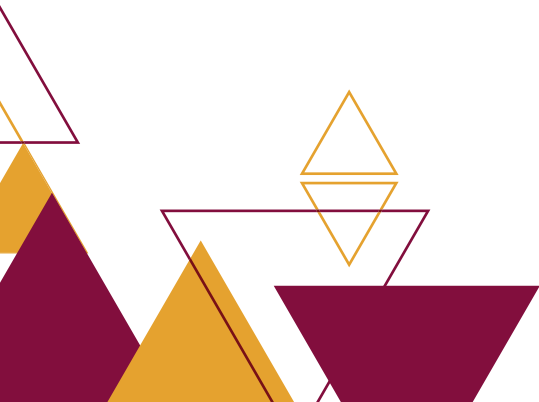
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## About UTM

Since it became a full-fledged university in 1975, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) has played a pivotal role as Malaysia's largest contributor of technical and professional workforce for the local industry, government agencies as well as multinational companies.

UTM embraced and live by the philosophy that the divine law of Allah is the foundation of knowledge. In line with His Will, UTM strives with total commitment to attain excellence in science, technology and engineering for the well-being and prosperity of mankind.

Along with its vision to be recognised as a world-class Entrepreneurial Research University, UTM is set to be a premier global academic and research institution, excelling in science, technology and engineering. Its mission is to be a leader in the development of holistic talents and innovative technologies for universal well-being and prosperity.

UTM is now regarded as Malaysia's premier institution in engineering, science and technology and ranked in the top 1% league in the World University Rankings in the field of engineering and technology.

UTM's vision is in line with the nation's aspiration of becoming a knowledge-based, innovation-led economy that is grounded in creativity and innovation with high value creation.





## Strategic Thrust

**T1:**

Holistic, Innovative and Entrepreneurial Academia

**T2:**

Academic and Research Excellence

**T3:**

Global Prominence

**T4:**

Leading Industry and Community



## Core Values

### Integrity

calls for adherence to sound moral values and strong ethical principles. This noble virtue must be internalised in our heart and soul, and manifested in our loyalty, character, conduct, deeds and action with wisdom and trustworthiness.

### Synergy

instills team spirit, togetherness, inclusivity, collegiality, respect, humility, cooperation and collaboration. It also breeds selflessness, resulting from care and concern for others above self, while embracing diversity and appreciating differences.

### Excellence

towards high performance and delivery will result in outstanding and remarkable achievement in all aspects of learning and teaching, research, innovation, commercialization and provision of services.

### Sustainability

is reflected in the holistic drive by the campus community in integrating and balancing economic, social and environmental spheres to meet the current needs without compromising the ability to exist and survive continuously.



## Our People

Our governance structure is written into the Constitution of Universiti Teknologi Malaysia under National Institute of Technology (Incorporation) Order 1972 [P.U.(A) 86/1972] and National Institute of Technology (Incorporation) (Amendment) Order 1998 [P.U.(A) 100/1998].

The University Board of Directors (BOD) is in the jurisdiction as provided in Section 20 of the Constitution of Universiti Teknologi Malaysia where the BOD comprises a group of experts, each one is a leader in their respective fields, who work together to drive UTM. Our BOD consists of Chairman, Vice-Chancellor and nine (9) representatives from the civil service, local community, professors among senator members and five (5) members comprising representatives from industry and the private sector, alumni of the university and one with knowledge and experience that can assist the Board.

The following is the UTM Board of Directors Composition :

Name	Other Directorship
Tan Sri Abdul Halim bin Ali - Chairman	Chairman Malaysia Building Society Berhad
Prof. Datuk Ir. Dr. Wahid bin Omar	UTM Vice-Chancellor
Dato' Abu Bakar bin Mohd. Nor	Director Peremba Malaysia Sdn. Bhd.
Dato' Ir. Low Keng Kok	Independent Non-Executive Chairman Fajarbaru Building Group Berhad
Dato' Haji Ismail bin Karim	Former Secretary Johor State Government
Haji Baidilleh bin Ghazali	Deputy Director, National Budget Ministry of Finance of Malaysia
Prof. Ir. Dr. Mohd. Azraai bin Kassim	Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, UTMSPACE
Dr. Mohd. Nor Azman bin Hassan	Deputy Director-General of Education Ministry of Education of Malaysia
Dato' Ar. Nur Haizi binti Abdul Hai	Independent Non-Executive Director TRC Synergy
Serina Abdul Samad	Co-Deputy Partner Azmi & Associated Advocates & Solicitors
Dr. James Tee	Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Medini Iskandar Malaysia Sdn. Bhd.
Abdul Razib bin Hj. Shahuddin	UTM Registrar

## Activities of the Board of Directors

Date	Meeting and Program
17 Januari 2018	Board of Directors' Meeting No. 95
15 Februari 2018	Special Board of Directors' Meeting No.1/2018
22 - 23 Februari 2018	Higher Education Forum (HEF) 2018, Islamic Economies @ 4IR: Waqf Revival
8 Mac 2018	4 <sup>th</sup> Malaysia Public Universities Council Chairman Board of Directors' Meeting No. 1/2018
14 Mac 2018	Board of Directors' Meeting No. 96 and Presentation Session of the Board Effectiveness Assessment (BEA) by Minister of Education of Malaysia
24 April 2018	Special Board of Directors' Meeting No. 2/2018
16 Mei 2018	Board of Directors' Meeting No. 97
20 Julai 2018	Board of Directors' Meeting No. 98
4 Oktober 2018	Board of Directors' Meeting No. 99
22 - 23 dan 25 Oktober 2018	UTM Self-Accreditation Audit by Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA)
23 - 25 November 2018	LPU Retreat
18 - 19 Disember 2018	Education Leadership & Governance Conference 2018: Humanising Higher Education

## Our Achievement

### Global Ranking

UTM had successfully solidify its international position when the university improved its position from 253 to 228 in the QS World University Rankings. It had also improved the ranking for Asia best university by climbing to number 47 in the QS Asia University Rankings.

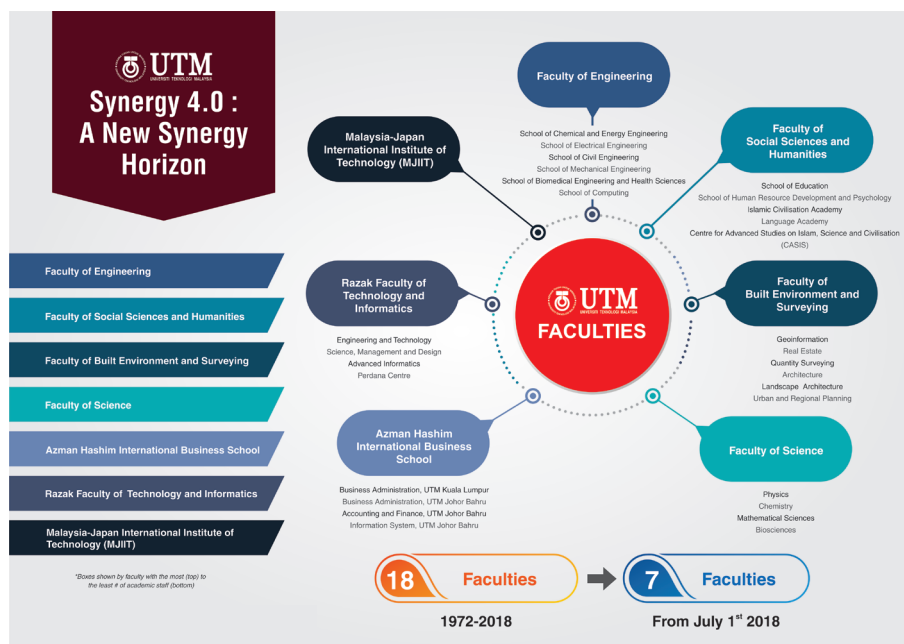
UTM continued to show excellence in the QS World University Ranked by Subject with an improvement of 37 places to settle at 53<sup>rd</sup> place for Technology and Engineering subjects. UTM had successfully clinched the 18th place in QS World University Rankings Top 50 Under 50. For the first time, UTM managed to have the Business and Economics subjects to be listed in Times Higher Education (THE) Ranking by Subjects. In addition, UTM had also improved its ranking for the following subjects: Education, and Arts and Humanities.



## Academic Programs

### Synergy 4.0

The UTM Synergy 4.0 is the merging of several faculties into seven faculties, known as the Magnificent 7, which are the Faculty of Engineering, Faculty of Social Science and Humanities, Faculty of Science, Faculty of Built Environment and Surveying, Razak Faculty of Technology and Informatics, Azman Hashim International Business School and Malaysia Japan International Institute of Technology (MJIT). This is in line with UTM academic thrust in the field of Engineering, Science and Technology, Built Environment and Social Science.



UTM Synergy 4.0

TNE refers to education offered across countries and borders through industrial partnership overseas or through UTM initiative following agreed model of operation such as dual, double or joint degree, student exchange and student mobility, branch campus, validation and hybrid program.

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## UTM-Qaiwan University Franchise

As part of UTM Transnational National Education (TNE) initiative, 12 August 2018 marked the launching of the first UTM Franchise campus abroad. The Qaiwan University-UTM Franchise is located at Slemani City of Kurdistan Region of Iraq.

QU is offering four programs within three faculties: School of Computing, Azman Hashim International Business School and Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences.

The four programs are :

- Bachelor of Computer Science (Software Engineering)
- Bachelor of Computer Science (Computer Network and Security)
- Bachelor of Management (Management Technology)
- Bachelor of Science (Human Resource Development)



- Rural Education Informatics

This research started as a capacity building project with an allocation of RM600,000 for two years, sponsored by Lembaga Kemajuan Johor Tenggara, KEJORA. It involved developing and enhancing soft skills and technical skills of students who were selected to participate in the project.

- Microbial Cell Industrial Production Platform

This project received RM382,000 for two years sponsored by All Cosmos Sdn.Bhd. It was a continuation of the previous cooperation which has been going on for 10 years. The research would look at an industrial platform to increase the production of microbial cell that could help in the production of fertilizer.

- Sustainable Decentralized Wastewater Treatment

This project received RM382,000 for two years sponsored by All Cosmos Sdn.Bhd. It was a continuation of the previous cooperation which has been going on for 10 years. The research would look at an industrial platform to increase the production of microbial cell that could help in the production of fertilizer. A total of RM200,000 was allocated for 1 year under the Newton-Ungku Omar Fund. UTM researchers collaborated with their counterparts from Newcastle University to study the alternative for wastewater which is not centralized in order to upgrade the quality and effectiveness of the system.

Number of New Research Projects Granted in 2018:	815
Number of Research Projects That Are Still Active in 2018:	2,329

UTM researchers have also been actively involved in collaborating and working together with other researchers from outside UTM. Through MOU/MOA signing, a few collaborations were reported in 2018 and these are a few examples:

- Monitoring of Airport Runway Security

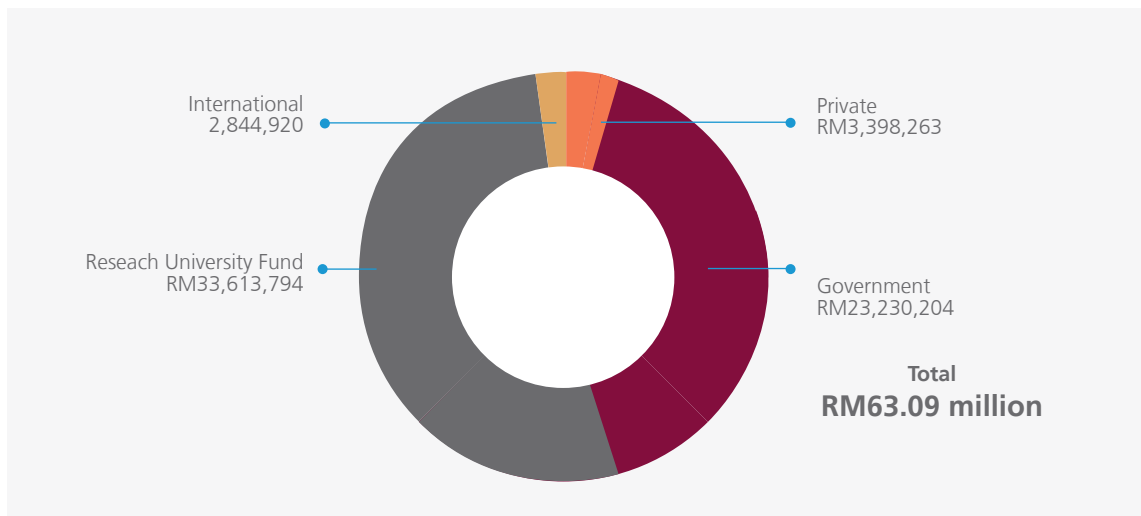
Collaboration between UTM, Malaysia Airport Holdings Berhad (MAHB) and Hitachi.

- 5G Research and Development

UTM, Keysight Technologies Malaysia Sdn.Bhd. and Tekmark Sdn.Bhd. collaborated to study the new generation mobile technology 5G.

- Blockchain Technology

OK Blockchain Centre Sdn.Bhd. (OBC), a company owned by OKWAVE, an application developer in Japan agreed to collaborate with UTM to look into blockchain technology which was useful for reliable and safe data exchange.



Research Fund

The establishment of JIVE - Johor Innovation Valley - was for the purpose of assisting the state of Johor to become the high technology economic centre with a global importance in the region. JIVE which bridges the university and the Johor state government, is also envisioned to be the hub that brings forward innovation, discovery, idea and new creation that can benefit the community, industry and the government.

Community Engagement Program Statistics  
Malaysia Research Assessment (MyRA) Pre-Audit Data

<b>RM22.1 million</b>	Value of Active Community Engagement Programmes
<b>138</b>	No. of Active Community Engagement Projects
<b>65</b>	High Impact and Active Community Engagement Projects (Ranked 3 Star and Above)

The involvement of UTM staff in the CEO@Faculty program has managed to convince well-known industry in Malaysia to continue the collaboration for a longer duration. Among the industries are:

- QSR Brands (M) Holdings  
Contributed to create Syed Naquib Al-Attas Chair at UTM through Endowment fund to conduct research to reflect the Islamisation of Knowledge concept embraced by the leader.
- UEM Group Berhad  
Collaborated to upgrade students' accommodation in UTM Johor Bahru as well as develop a senior citizen care facility in Skudai, Johor.
- CCM Duopharma  
Collaborated to do research and develop human talent (staff and students) as well as use laboratory facility.
- Petronas Dagang Berhad  
Joined forces to develop students' capability from the aspects of entrepreneurial and business skills and to nurture self to explore business start-up.

## Research Showcase

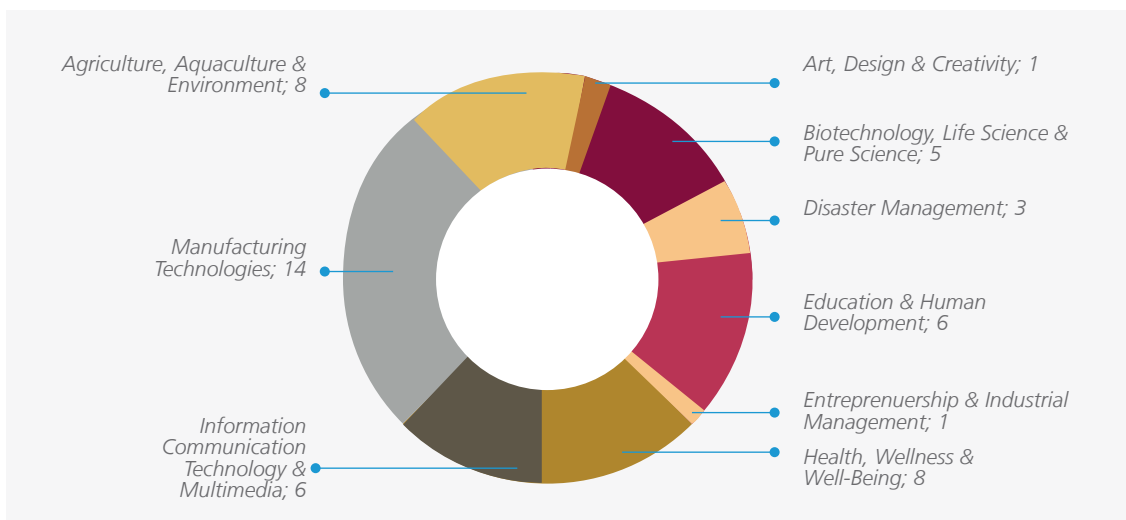
In an attempt to encourage marketability and effectiveness of UTM innovation in solving scientific problems, improving the quality of life and helping the development of industry and community, UTM often participated in research exhibition to showcase research products. Thus, UTM researchers had participated in Malaysia Technology Expo (MTE) in February 2018. AMIR CPU, a microprocessor developed to be used as electronic chip had bagged the Very Best Award. The following list summarised other award winners:

List of Products and UTM Innovation Participated in the MTE 2018

Name of the Product	Main Researcher	Category	MTE 2018 Award
AMIR CPU 32-Bit Softcore Microprocessor	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Nasir B. Ibrahim	Category C Electronic - Electricity - Computer Science - Radio-Television - Video - Telecommunications	Gold & Very Best Award
Efficient Load Coefficient Method for Structural Reliability Assessment of Ageing Offshore Platforms	Dr. Mohd Khairi B. Abu Husain	Category D Building - Architecture - Civil Engineering Construction - Materials - Woodwork	Gold
SEER-SteelRub	Dr. Mariyana Aida Bt. Ab. Kadir	Category D Building - Architecture - Civil Engineering Construction - Materials – Woodwork	Gold

Name of the Product	Main Researcher	Category	MTE 2018 Award
SPEEK NF-DMFC Portable Power Generator	Dr. Juhana Bt. Jaafar	Category D Building - Architecture - Civil Engineering Construction - Materials – Woodwork	Gold
Silica Extraction from Rice Hush Ash by Laser Technology	Prof. Dr. Noriah Bt. Bidin	Category N Optics - Photography - Cinematography	Gold
Smart Nanostructured Membranes to Remove Heavy Metals from Water	Dr. Norhaniza Bt. Yusof	Category V Protection of the environment - Energy - Water	Silver
Triple-Layer MT-SOFC: Compact Electrical Generator	Assoc. Prof. Dr Mohd Hafiz Dzarfan B. Othman	Category V Protection of the environment - Energy - Water	Silver
Optimal Site Water Exchange (OSWE) - Software for Optimal Planning Of Water Exchange Across Industrial Sites	Prof. Ir. Dr. Sharifah Rafidah Bt. Wan Alwi	Category V Protection of The Environment - Energy - Water	Bronze
Smart Activated Carbon Nanofibers (ACNFS) for Methane Adsorption	Dr. Norhaniza Bt. Yusof	Category V Protection of The Environment - Energy - Water	Bronze
Water-Dispersible Nanostructured Bromelain	Dr. Rosnani Bt. Hasham @ Hisam	Category W Biotechnology and Life Science	Bronze

Product & Innovation Statistics in INATEX 2018 Exhibit; By Category.



# Our Ecosystem

## Financial Sustainability

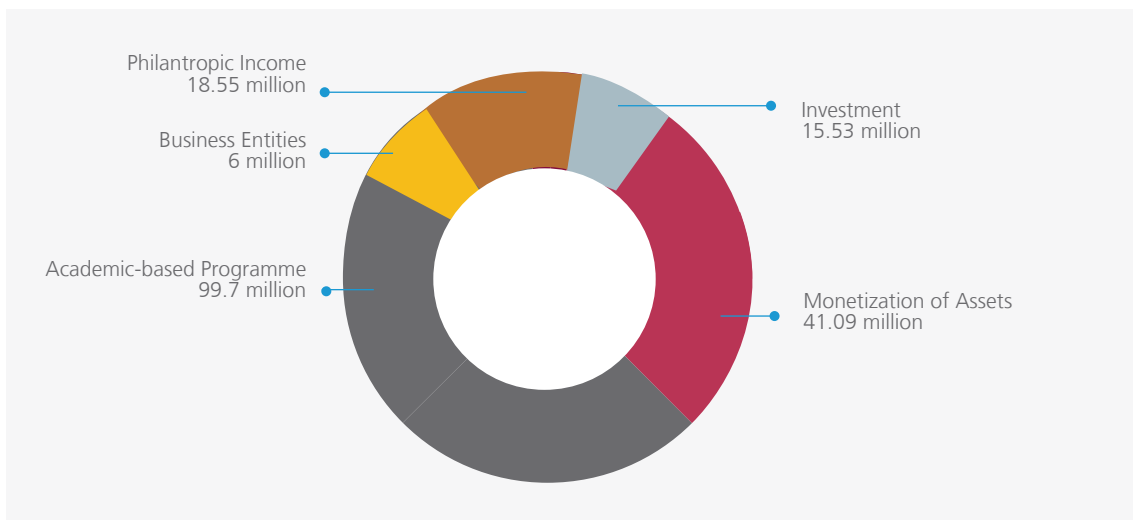
The strategic objective is to ensure that the University has a sustainable source of income through various income generation initiatives. In addition to empowering existing income generating initiatives, UTM is also seeking new sources of revenue generation to reduce dependence on the government funding.

The income generation from the academic programmes has been the main source of the university income. The enhancement of mainstream academic-based programs, the International Degree Program (IDP), executive

programs, TNE Programs, diplomas / programs, mobility programs (summer school, internship and non-graduating students); demand based products, laboratories & laboratory tests, and training & seminar programs also support the initiatives.

The university strives to optimise the income through assets monetisation towards enhancing financial sustainability and better asset value and to utilise and manage UTM's assets such as building spaces, accommodations, sports and recreation facilities and land.

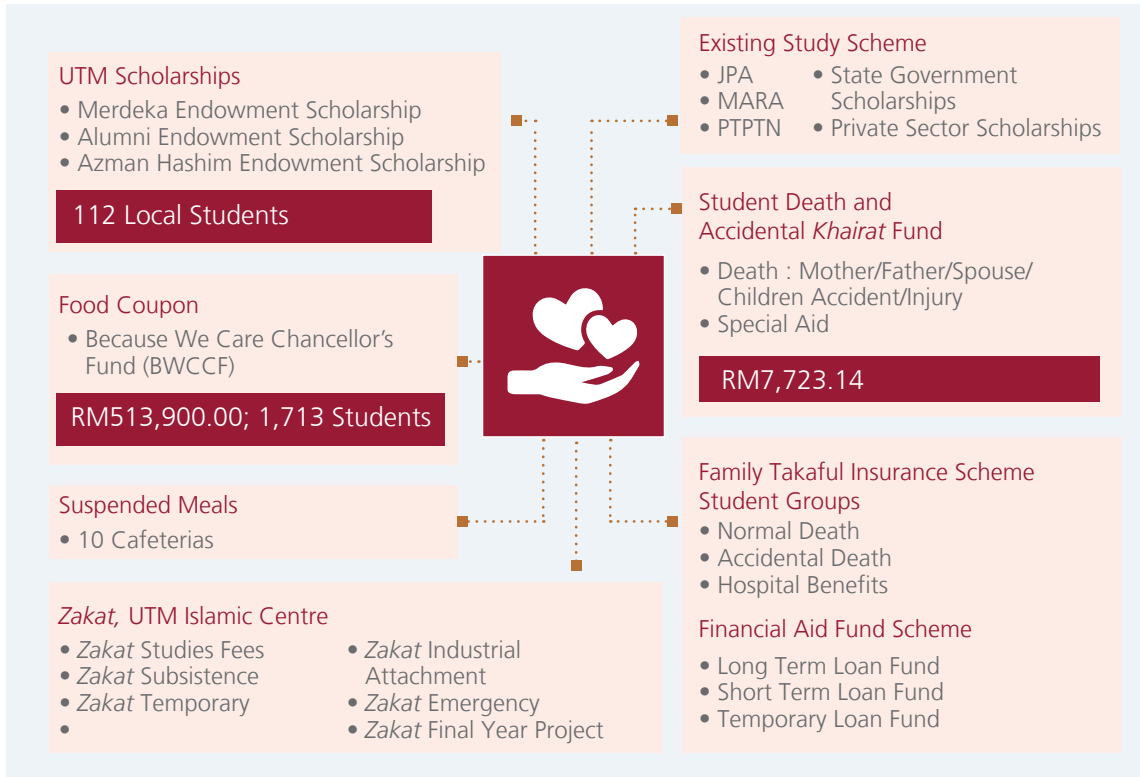
Income Gerations (Millions)



## Financial Assistance

UTM supports students by providing financing assistance to the needy such as those in the B40 category through various channels such as UTM Scholarships (Endowment), Because We Care Chancellor's Fund (BWCCF), Zakat, and other sponsorships.

Saluran Bantuan Kewangan kepada Pelajar



## Campus Experience

Conducive living experience is one of the initiatives provided to UTM students. Resensi UTMKL, the latest residential complex offering an apartment and hotel-living concept was launched in UTM Kuala Lumpur campus in August 2018. This residential complex offers complete and modern facilities such as restaurants, mall, a bowling alley and conference rooms. Resensi

UTMKL has won accolades that is, Jury Special Award for Government Agency-Public University category in the Kuala Lumpur Mayor Universal Accessibility Award 2018.

In Johor Bahru campus, a few residential blocks were also refurbished and renovated to upgrade their condition.



## Campus Sustainability

In meeting the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) of the United Nation (UN), UTM has prepared a sustainable action plan such as introducing Living Laboratory - used as an engine to develop and improve education, operation, services, research and most importantly, to enable UTM community to assimilate the

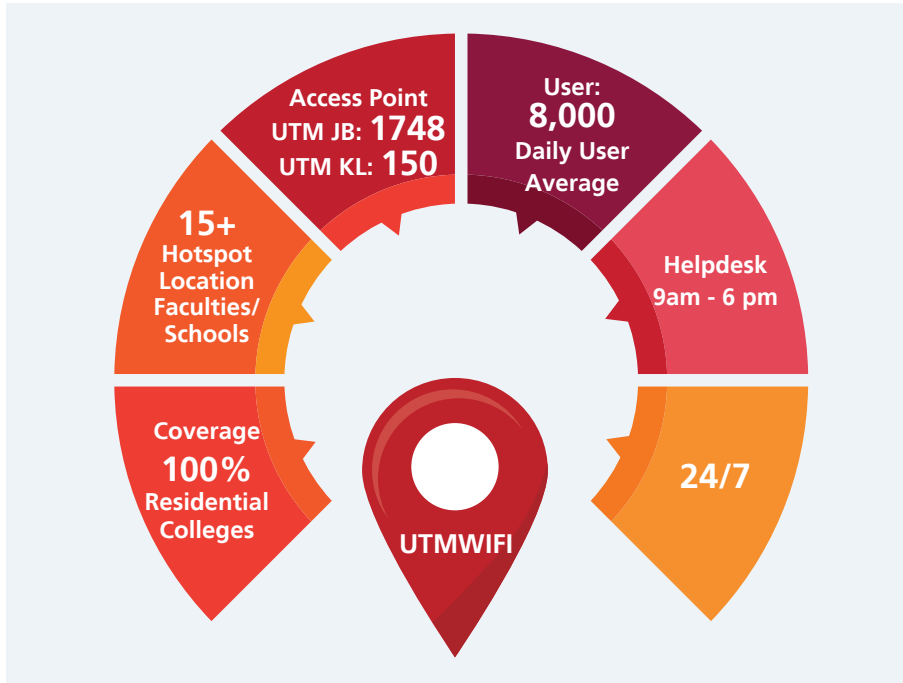
sustainable living culture. Other alternatives that were carried out in 2018 included Green Leaf, UI GreenMetric World University Rankings, and launching of myTREEvolution - an initiative to plant trees as a carbon offset to tackle the release of carbon into the atmosphere.



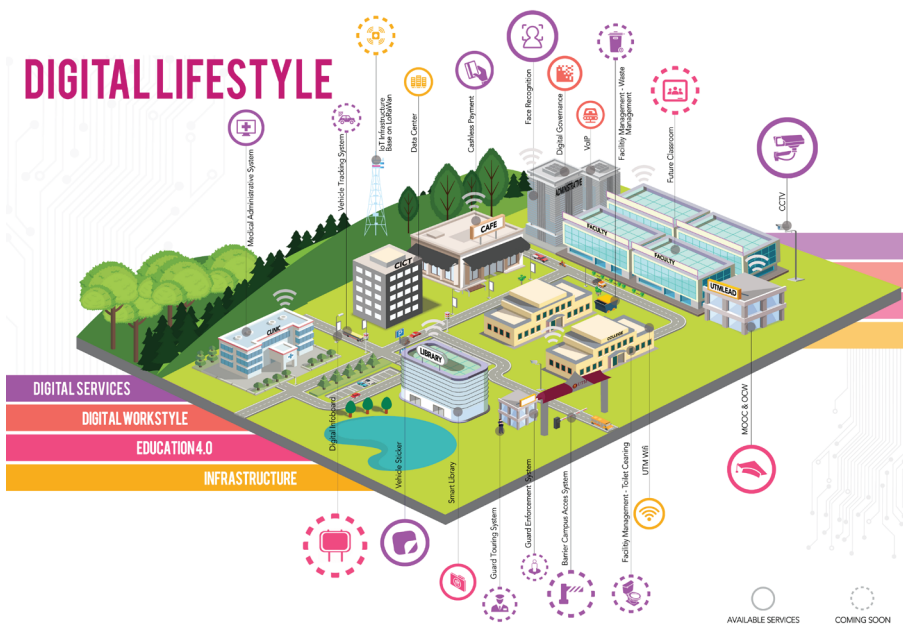
## ICT Facility and Infrastructure

The university continued to improve ICT facility and infrastructure and had spent about RM 5 million in 2018 to achieve that. Among the initiatives taken were:

- UTMWifi - upgrading and enhancing wifi coverage at the students' residential area



- Digital lifestyle - another initiative which involved the development of UTMSmart application. This application enables users (staff and students) to scan colored QR code which will be used for activities conducted on-campus



- UTM Data Centre - was commissioned for use by the university in March 2018. UTM is the only university in the country which has a data centre that meets the Rated-3 ANSI/TIA-942 from the Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA)
- UTM Digital Library Content - continuously updating the digital content in UTM Institutional Repository (UTM-IR) and Open access resources
- Accredited Laboratory - six laboratories have been accredited up until 2018, while 8 more labs are in the process of being accredited in batches until 2020. By 2020, UTM plans to have 14 labs being accredited.

## Talent Development

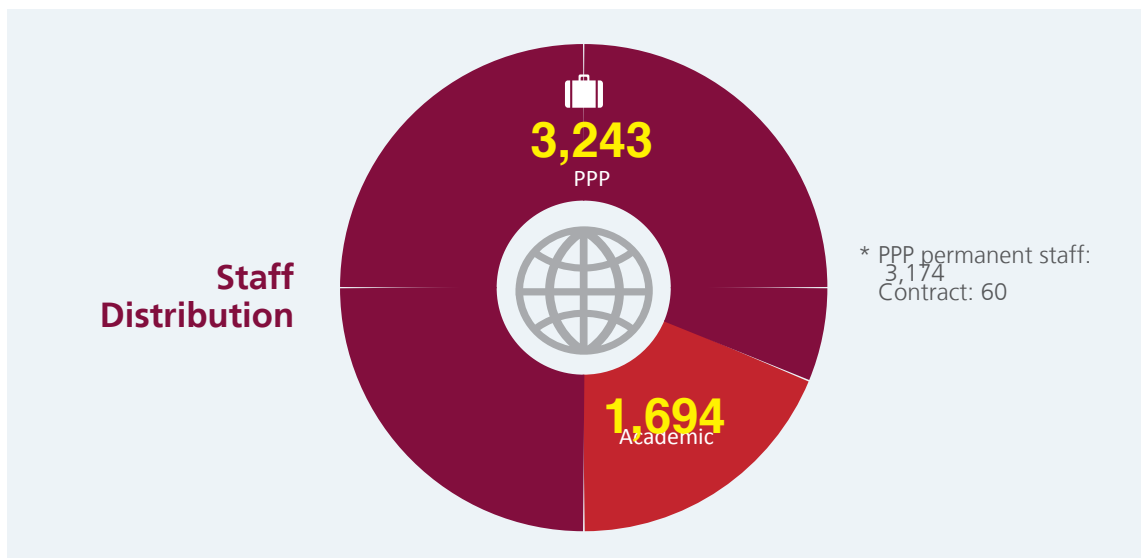
### Staff

UTM had focussed on 2 strategic objectives of i) Accelerated high performance delivery (in organization), and ii) Exemplary talent with holistic values. The first objective looked at system delivery, while the second objective prepared or identified courses or programs that could enhance staff competencies. In all the programs that UTM conducted, focus was given to highlighting personal attribute and holistic values that would impact success and high performance culture. The core values of the university which are Integrity, Synergy, Sustainability, and Excellence were the focus in the training programs. The training programs were designed to suit 3 groups of staff: i) academic staff, ii) management, professional & administrator (PPP), iii) academic, management & professional and implementer.

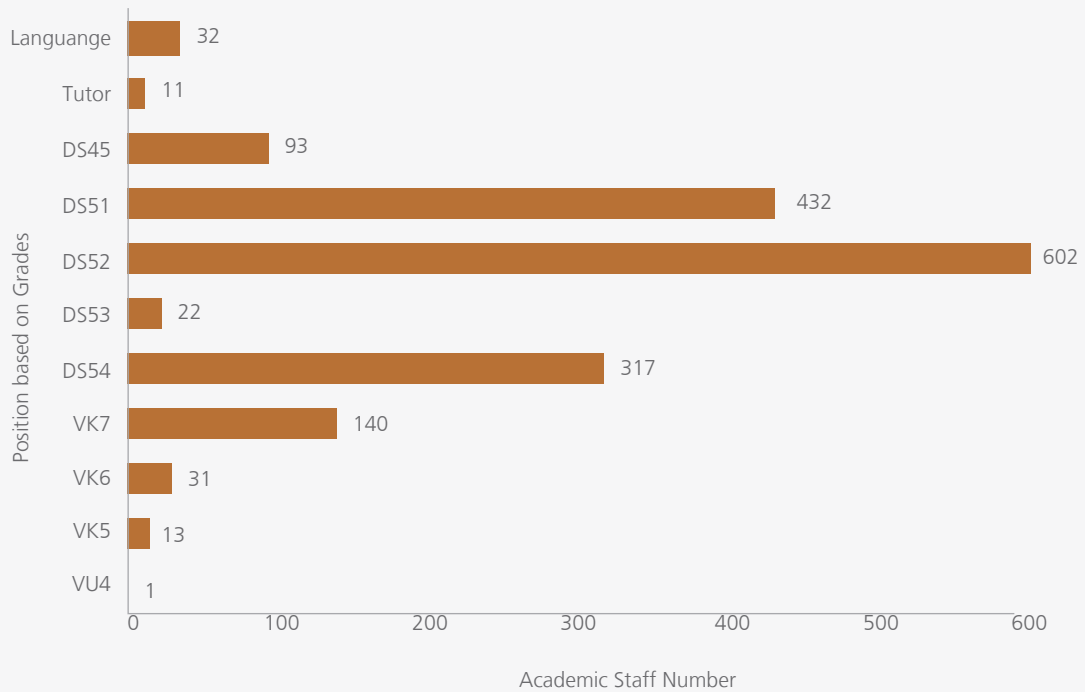
- Academic staff - Differentiated Career Path (DCP) was introduced with the aim to increase the competency and ability of

academic staff. The leadership development program for academic staff is handled by UTMLead for the Academic Leadership Talent Management (ALTM) group. The objective of ALTM is to ensure that there are competent staff who are ready to fill up strategic position in the university.

- Management, professional & implementer (PPP) - the training for this group of staff is handled by the Human Resource Division and training programs include Individual Development Program (IDP) and Aspiring Professional Development Program (ASPIRE) for Grade 48-52.
- Academic, management & professional, and implementer (PPP) - this group is known as the talent pool. Enhancement of competency is planned by taking into account the 21st century skills and UTM Staff Attributes was developed to be mapped against UTM core values.



No of Academic Staff Based on Grades

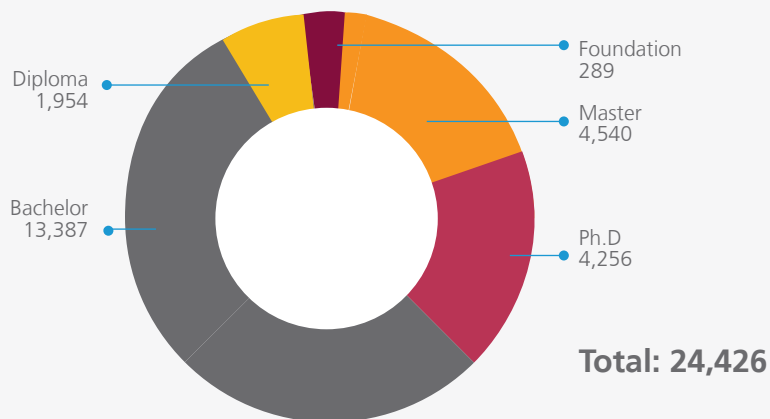


## Student

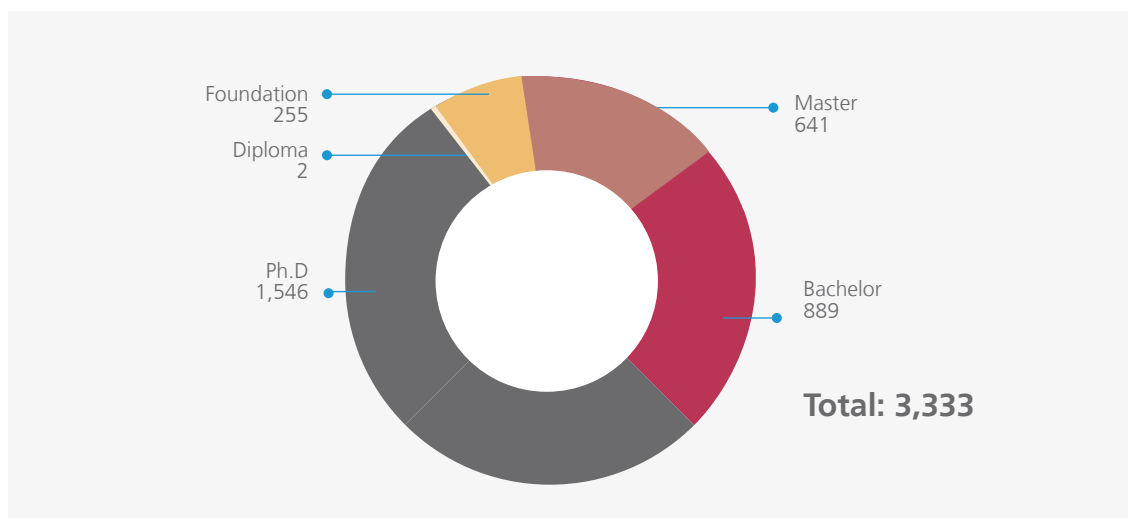
### Enrolment

The year 2018 saw student enrolment increased 9% from the previous year to 24,426 students. All levels of studies recorded an increase in the enrolment except for the Master's level. This increase was contributed by the number of students who enrolled into the foundation program which was offered starting 2018.

Students Enrolment



Number of International Students

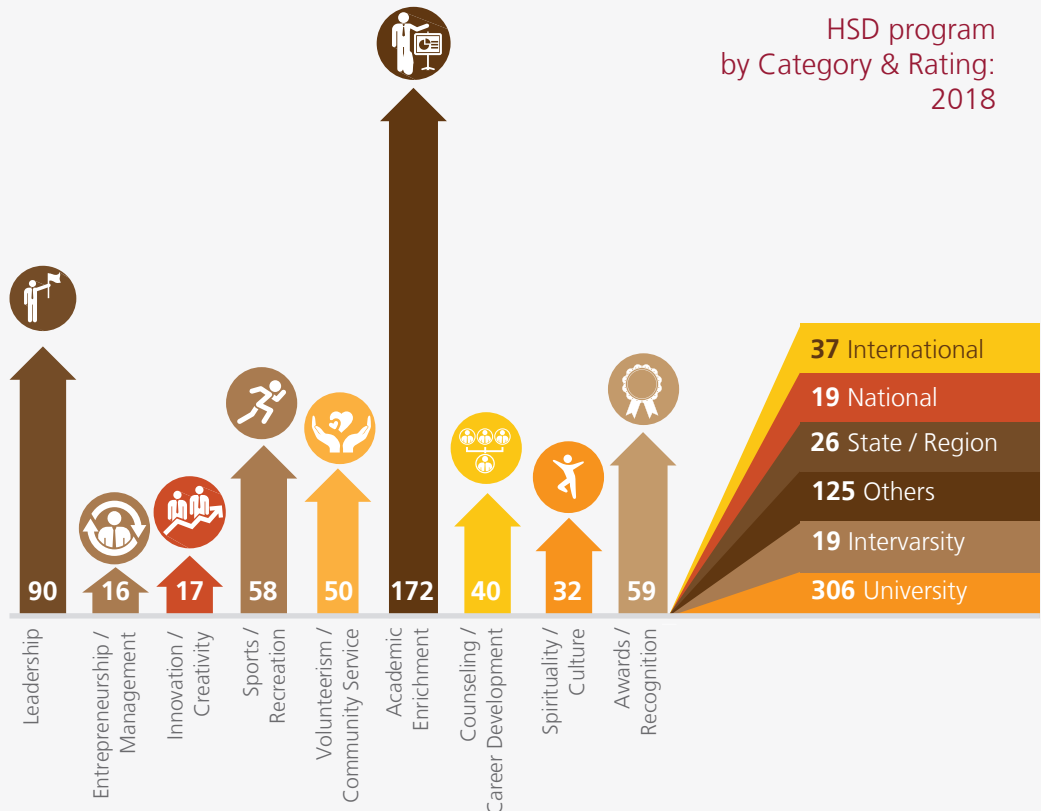
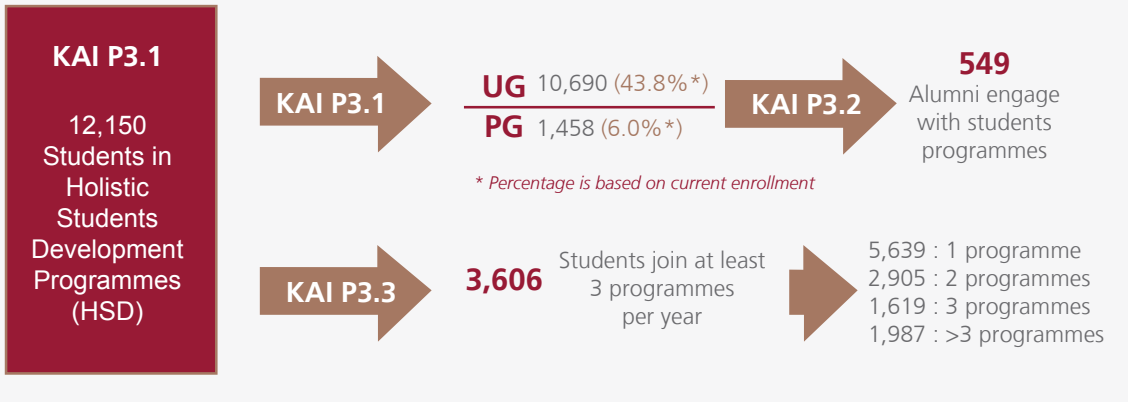


The number of international students who enrolled in 2018 also recorded a 23% increase from the previous year with 3,333 students. This increase happened at all levels of study as a result of various initiatives that were undertaken by the Student Recruitment & Admission Division (SRAD). The initiatives included the followings:

- Student-Get-Student (SGS)
- Student ambassador
- visit to embassies and High-tea program with representatives from foreign countries
- workshops and engagement with marketing agents
- finding new markets such as North Africa, Pakistan, Gulf countries, Africa, Jordan and India.

UTM has always placed importance in developing students holistically through their participation in 9 categories of activity which are:

- Leadership
- Community Service and Volunteerism
- Entrepreneurship and Management
- Innovation and Creativity
- Sports and Recreation
- Academic Enrichment
- Religious and Cultural
- Counselling and Career Development
- Appreciation And Award



Data Source: Student Activity Module @Academic Management System (UTMACAD), valid until 31 Desember 2018

## Graduate Employability

The Graduate Exit Survey were conducted twice a year during the convocation week in April and November 2018. A total of 5,621 students graduated during the 60th Convocation in April 2018, while 5,306 graduated in November 2018 during the 61st Convocation. From the two surveys, it was discovered that the UTM graduate employability for 2018 was 76.91%.

To prepare students for the working world, UTM has made it compulsory for all full time undergraduate students to complete a few modules known as UTM Professional Skills Certificate (PSC) before they graduate. One of the modules under PSC is the How to Get Yourself Employed (HTGYE) and this module is run by every faculty in collaboration with the Undergraduate Studies (UGS) office. This program is an example of a program which provides added value to students that equip them with necessary job hunting skills because it exposes them to the following:

- What Employers Look For When Recruiting Graduates
- Strategies To Get Yourself Employed
- Writing A Good Resume
- How To Make A Positive First Impression
- Facing A Job Interview
- Surviving Your First Job

Besides, students also will go through a mock interview session so that they have experience being interviewed. In 2018, a total of 2,275 students had attended the HTGYE module at the faculties.

In addition, the UTM Career Centre (UTMCC) also provides guidance for students in selecting jobs and exploring career options. Some activities conducted by UTMCC in 2018 are stated below:

- UTM Career Carnival 2018 and MyCareer@MOHE (exhibition by 61 companies and interview conducted by 21 companies)
- Career talk and open job interview (23 companies)
- Industrial network program (21 programs with industry)
- Career development program and entrepreneurship
- Job on Campus (681 students)
- Job4U - an online job portal for students and industry for job offer and internship
- NEXT Profiling System - a profiling system that identifies and understands students' profile holistically

UTM XCITE is another unit that looks into students' innovation and entrepreneurship technology which strengthened students' entrepreneurial ecosystem to produce graduates who meet the need of the industry and at the same time having entrepreneurial mindset.

Among the collaborators in 2018 were Malaysia Technology Development Corporation (MTDC), Malaysian Global Innovation & Creativity Centre (MaGIC), Perbadanan Usahawan Johor, RISDA, SME Corporation, Nescafe, Celcom and many other government agencies.

### Graduate Working Trend

Work Sector	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Federal Government	525	538	614	496	281
State/Municipal Council	-	-	-	-	97
Statutory Body	115	134	144	107	99
Private (Multinational)	551	568	449	506	136
Private (Local)	819	803	796	849	679
Own Business	142	77	62	77	-
Government Linked Company (GLC)	98	140	93	114	136
Non-Governmental Organization (NGO)	26	26	20	28	201
Others	21	20	19	25	-
Total	2,297 80%	2,306 80%	2,197 82%	2,202 83%	1,629 85%

Statistics from the table show the graduate working trend from 2014 to 2018 and most graduates preferred to work in the local private companies. Besides, increase in the percentage of students working in different sectors show that UTM graduate were favoured and demanded by the industry.



## Our Brand

Brand refers to people's perception about a product or service offered by a company or organisation. Brand management on the other hand refers to important and strategic marketing technique used to uplift reputation, loyalty and trust of existing customers, as well as getting new customers.

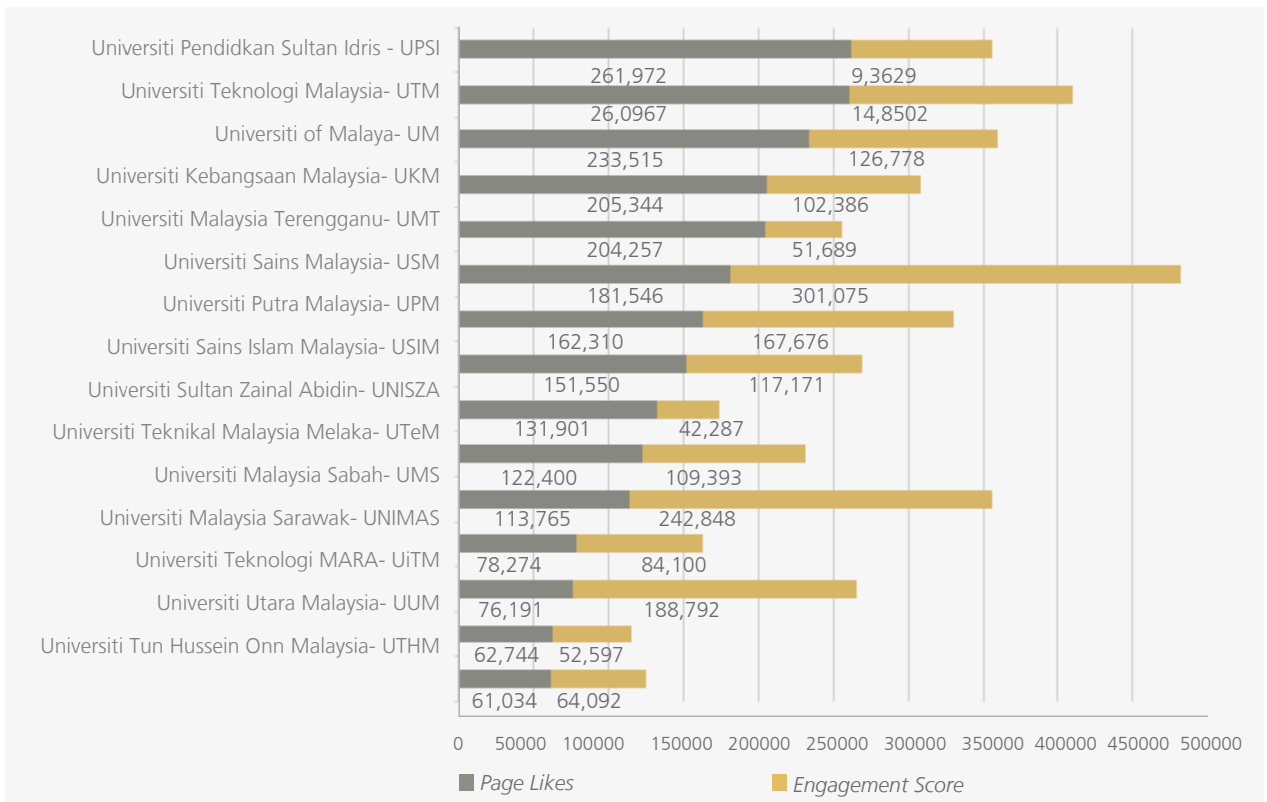
In order to maintain the reputation, status, and good, positive image of an organisation, a good relationship with the media is necessary to communicate and disseminate important information timely, accurately and effectively. UTM as a premier, award winning engineering university has developed a good relationship with the media while at the same time leveraging on the social media to reach the audience.

As of 31 December 2018, a total of 375 news about UTM have been published in various

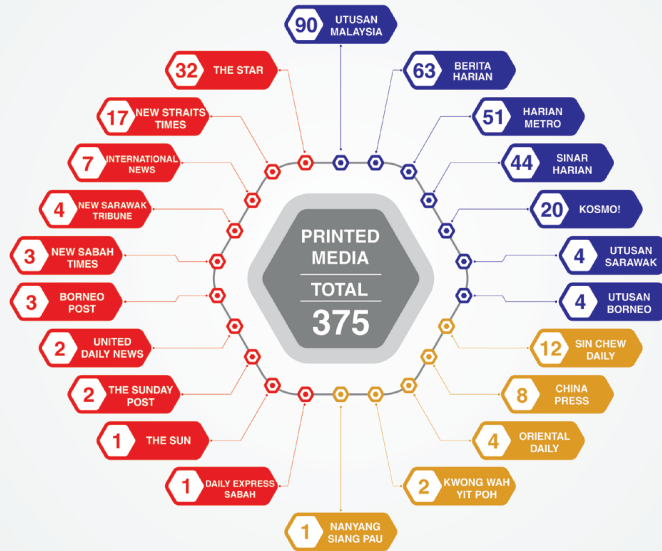
newspapers locally and internationally. Besides, 59 news were broadcasted on television. Based on the number of news published and broadcasted, UTM had managed to save an equivalent of RM1,000,000 when the news were featured by reporters covering the events. This had definitely saved the money which otherwise would have to be spent on advertising in the print media.

In addition to the dissemination of information via print and broadcast media, UTM has also been actively engaging social media as a communication channel due to the fast and speedy nature of the news being shared. It is also wise to use social media for its borderless coverage. Thus, UTM has used Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Twitter and YouTube as channels for information dissemination and sharing. The following diagrams illustrate the use of the different media by UTM to reach out to its audience and stakeholders.

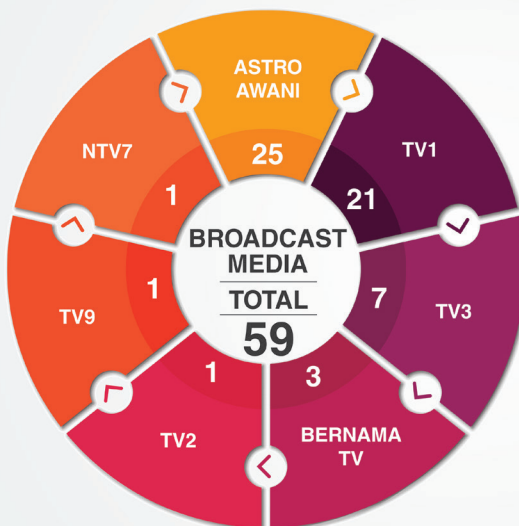
Number of Page Likes dan Engagement Score at the Facebook



## National and International Media Coverage (Until 31 December 2018)



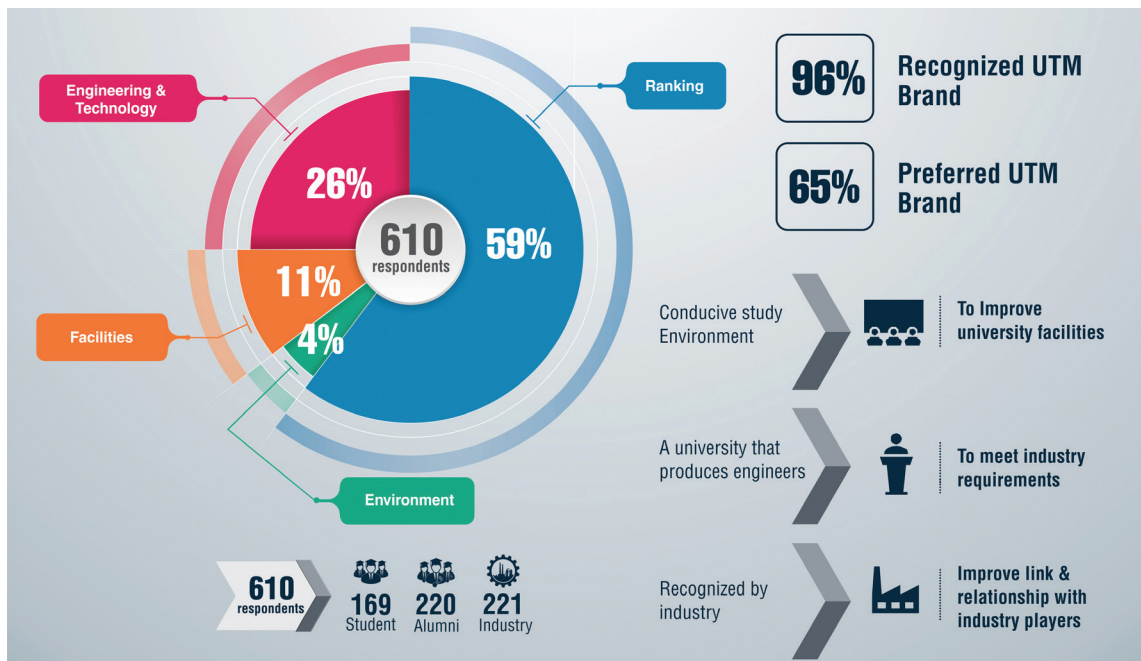
## National and International Media Coverage (Until 31 December 2018)



Cost equivalent

**RM1,120,000**

## Brand Awareness Index



## Students' Feedback

The best way to discover how well you are doing is to ask your customers - people you serve. Here are a few responses from students about UTM and they are international students who come from different countries and different cultures.

"Being a postgraduate student at UTM is one of the best choices I have ever taken in my academic life. UTM campus is a multi-cultural place, which gave me the opportunity to share my experiences with students from over 70 different countries. UTM is not only a perfect place to study but also the best place to live, with its natural landscape, beautiful lake, and fine weather. Because all these reasons, UTM is not just my university, it is my second home.

I always recommend UTM to my friends because it offers an attractive academic environment with professional academic staff, interdisciplinary initiatives, as well as an exceptional library and indoor and outdoor sports facility."

Mohamed Saleh Abdullatif  
Faculty of Built Environment and Surveying,  
Mesir

"1 year back, I landed in UTM-Johor Bahru with so much of stress and agony as this was my 1st international education experience. But the warm welcome and close one to one support which UTM provided me starting itself from the Airport was so comforting. Admission process inside UTM was well planned and smooth. From that day I never felt like I am an international student. I have a big family now. UTM acted like a lifeline in linking us with students from different communities and also helped us in getting international exposure in a much easier way.

Thanks a lot UTM for extending your generosity towards all international students. We seriously cannot explain how tough our life would have been without your love and constant support. We are always available for any benefit of UTM."

Mohannad Ali Khan  
School of Electrical Engineering  
India

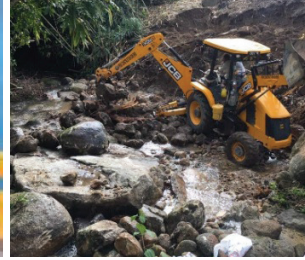
"The first thing that UTM impressed me was its vast land. I gradually adapted myself to the culture, the custom, the weather and everything here. Malaysia is a multicultural country which consists of 3 main ethnic groups - Malaysians, Chinese and Indians. Different ethnic group has different culture. However, they all get along well with each other. Local people are friendly in general. There are various events and activities held by UTM. For example, the cultural corner is one of the impressive events in UTM. People all over the world in UTM are invited to share their cultures to other participants. They share their customs, foods, languages with us from which I get to know many other unique cultures which I have never heard before."

"I really like my UTM University for its innovative, entrepreneurial and international diversity program which every student got/getting maximum benefits from UTM toward technical and management career development. The sacrifices put from top to bottom management officials really inspired me especially when I saw my role model Engineer Prof. Dr. Wahid Omar UTM VC collecting garbage on a specific day of the week."

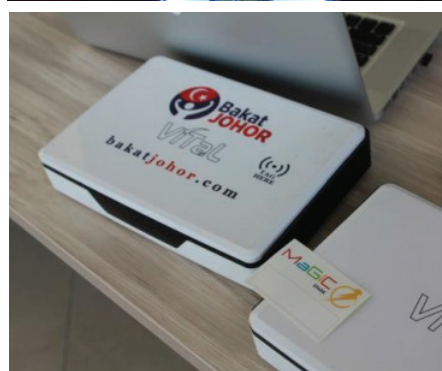
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