

Universiti Teknologi Malaysia

# Head in the Clouds – Feet on the Ground

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<b><i>MALAYSIAN- BAHASA</i></b>	<b><i>ENGLISH</i></b>
	The building of modern civilisations – if not the future of the planet – depends heavily on cultural, scientific and technical development.
	At the heart of every civilisation is a true university – a gathering of minds which produces, examines, appraises and hands down culture through research and teaching.
	It began at the world's first university, as it happens, the Muslim University of Karueein in 859 at Fez in Morocco.
	Science became the most momentous contribution by the Arab civilisation to the modern world. Far from being scientifically sterile, the Middle Ages produced Muslim thinkers who still have no contemporary equivalents.

	<p>This grand tradition is carried on today at Universiti Teknologi Malaysia – an international campus of almost 20,000 students and a significant supplier of technical talent to Asia and Africa.</p>
	<p>Universities like UTM, are the trustees of humanist tradition..... the knowledge within its Malaysian campuses transcends geographical and political frontiers and affirms the vital need for different cultures to know and influence each other.</p>
	<p>Universities are sometimes accused of having their head in the clouds....at UTM their feet are firmly on the ground.</p>
	<p>As Asia's leading science and technology university, UTM is conscious of its responsibility to produce academic quality – as well as realistic solutions.</p>
	<p>It's an environment which encourages creativity. Teaching and research are inseparable in the advance of scientific knowledge.</p>

	The proof of UTM's strategies lies in their international medal tally – among them, three gold awards for invention from Geneva; the international landscape architecture award; the OTIS International Housing Competition International award.
	There are the accredited laboratories - the ISO status of its own library – the industry specific pilot plants and test facilities which are unique to Malaysia.
	UTM doesn't keep its knowledge to itself. Smart partnerships with business are actively encouraged. The Technovation Park is the incubator of new scientific discovery.
	Universiti Teknologi Malaysia thrives on the competition of human minds.
	From its ten faculties, five institutes and seven centre of excellence, it can only mean the best possible future for Malaysia and of life itself.