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FOUR academicians from two local universities have been listed among the Most Cited Researchers in the latest Shanghai Academic Ranking of World Universities 2016 by Subjects. Representing various fields of engineering, three of these top researchers hail from Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), while the fourth is from Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM).

USM's most cited researchers are Professor Dr Basim H. Hameed and Professor Dr Lee Kiat Teong from the USM School of Chemical Engineering, and Professor Dr Hanafi Ismail from the USM School of Materials and Mineral Resources Engineering.

UTM's deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation) Professor Dr Ahmad Fauzi Ismail was also listed as one of the Most Cited Researchers for Chemical Engineering.

Basim was cited as being top in the field of Chemical Engineering and Environmental Science and Engineering. Hanafi is in the field of Chemical Engineering and Lee is in the field of Energy Science and Engineering.

Basim said he was both proud and honored to have been recognized for his research work in Chemical Engineering and Environmental Science and Engineering by the Shanghai Jiao Tong Academic World University Rankings.

Before this, he was listed by Thomson Reuters as among the World's Most Influential Scientific Minds and also the Highly Cited Researcher for 2011 and 2014 in the field of Engineering.

"I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the Ministry of Higher Education (MAMPU), Ministry of Science, Technology & Innovation (MOSTI) and USM for granting me funds to make my research possible," said Basim, who hails from Iraq.

"I do want to acknowledge the excellent work and contributions of my Postdoctoral Fellow, postgraduate students, researchers, international collaborators and the members of my Reaction Engineering & Adsorption (READ) research group who showed tremendous commitment throughout my 17 years with USM."

Giving his advice to USM's young researchers, Basim said, "There need to be citations to merit as an acknowledgment of the efforts in research and innovation, leading to academic writings published in various journals and cited by other academicians all over the world," said USM Vice-Chancellor Professor Datuk Dr Omar Osman.

He said that explained the success of the three USM academicians being listed as Most Cited Researchers by AERU and also in the world rankings as an acknowledgement on the achievements of the scientists and scholars in the country.

Furthermore, it could serve as a guideline as it is conducted by those utilizing widely-accepted methodologies and thus would be transparent and comprehensive.

"The achievements of USM in relation to the citations in research journals has so far been maintained within the past five years, to be the best in the country and among the best at the international stage," said Omar.

Ahmad Fauzi said it was a great honor to be included among the Most Cited Researchers.

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"I encourage scientists and researchers to publish their high-quality research findings in high impact journals.

MALAYSIA'S MOST-CITED RESEARCH SCHOLARS (LOCKERIE FROM TOP LEFT) PROFESSOR DR BASIM H. HAMEED, PROFESSOR DR HANAFI ISMAIL, PROFESSOR DR LEE KIAT TEONG AND PROFESSOR DR AHMAD FAUZI ISMAIL.

to cooperate with others in their research," he said.

Lee, who is Director of the USM Research Creativity and Management Office (RCMO) and director of the USM International Collaborations Office, said that it has always been his objective to share his findings with other researchers in his field around the world, with the hope that it will contribute to the advancement of science within his field of expertise.

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