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TOP RESEARCH SCIENTISTS MALAYSIA (TRSM) 2019:
CALL FOR INPUT OF DATA INTO TRSM DATABASE

The Academy of Sciences Malaysia (ASM) through the Top Research Scientists Malaysia (TRSM) initiative aims to identify and recognize the leading research scientists who are active in research and development (R&D) in Malaysia, acknowledge their contribution and showcase them as experts in their respective research areas through the TRSM database. The Top Research Scientists Malaysia can be role models of excellence, mentors to the next generation and leaders to forge the STI agenda of the nation.

The TRSM initiative has two major phases as follows:

1) Identify a pool of leading Malaysian researchers across all areas such as fundamental research, applied research, social science research and industry research experts based on an objective and standardized selection criteria

2) Disseminate the profile of the Top Research Scientists Malaysia through the TRSM database to:
   - serve as a centralized point of reference for stakeholders to identify national R&D priority areas as well as human capital that can lead the priority areas
   - serve as a resource for the international scientific community, in particular academia, industries and international STI organisations that wish to seek top notch STI expertise in Malaysia for knowledge exchange, networking and linkages

ASM also encourages young scientists to input their data into the TRSM database. Although young scientists may not meet the standards to be recognized as Top Scientists yet, but based on the data captured in the database, the young scientists or rather the up and coming researchers can be profiled and selected for human capital development programmes facilitated by the Ministry of Energy, Science, Technology, Environment and Climate Change (MESTECC), Ministry of Education Malaysia (MOE), ASM and other relevant bodies. It is hoped that the data captured in the TRSM database would be beneficial for stakeholders to measure the overall R&D capacity of the country especially in terms of human capital in STI.
To date, a total of 157 research scientists from institutions of higher learning (IHLs) and research institutes (RIs) have been recognized as Top Research Scientists Malaysia based on their outstanding research achievement and performance. Out of the total Top Research Scientists Malaysia, thirty-six (36) are from the Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM).

In relation to this, ASM wishes to invite outstanding researchers and young scientists from your institution to participate in this TRSM initiative and populate the database through their input of data at www.mytopscientists.org by 15 April 2019. ASM would highly appreciate it if you could support the initiative by strongly encouraging all researchers at your institution to participate in this initiative. Enclosed herewith are the TRSM brochure and summary guidelines of TRSM application for reference (Attachment 1 & 2).

For any further information and enquiry, your office may contact the following ASM officers:

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Your kind co-operation and support towards the success of this initiative would be highly appreciated.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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