

The rankings of tertiary education institutions, in particular the Times Higher Education-QS World University Rankings, have in one way or the other influenced Malaysian higher education policy decisions. For instance, in October 2006, four public universities have been designated as [research universities](#) by the government, namely Universiti Malaya (UM), Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) and Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM). In September 2008, USM has been granted [apex \(accelerated programme for excellence\) status](#)

, in which additional public funding will be given to transform the university into a world-class institution, defined as being ranked among the top 100 leading universities in international rankings.

In these Malaysian research-intensive universities, greater emphasis is now being placed on publications in good quality journals. Unlike Australia where discipline-specific journal ranking lists are being compiled at the national level (such as the [ERA initiative](#) or [ABDC list](#)), the benchmark indicators used in Malaysia are journals included in Thomson ISI or Scopus. Hence, on this webpage, I only list down my articles published in journals indexed by the above two databases (the full list is available from my [HTML-based website](#)).

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