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**ISM among seven colleges in Sabah given 5-Star rating**



ISM Tawau has achieved excellent 5-Star College-Based Rating in the MyQUEST.

**Tawau:** Institute of Science and Management (ISM) has achieved excellent 5-Star College-Based Rating in the Malaysian Quality Evaluation System (MyQUEST) for the year 2016/2017.

ISM is among seven private colleges from Sabah being given a 5-Star in the MyQUEST rating system.

The Malaysian Quality Evaluation System (MyQUEST), which is conducted biennially by the Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE) in Malaysia, identified 206 colleges in the 2016-2017 assessment process, including large private colleges such as Sunway, SEGI, HELP among others.

MyQUEST measures the quality of higher education services by colleges (under college-based category), the quality of programmes delivered at colleges (under cluster-based category), and the readiness of the colleges to recruit international students (under international student based category).

The MyQUEST evaluation system covers dimensions of input, process and output that emphasise five key criteria including student quality, resources quality, management system quality, programme recognition and graduate recognition.

ISM has achieved a 5-Star MyQUEST Rating since year 2012/2013. The ability to attain the same rating for consecutive years under tight scrutiny of MOHE is a sound proof that confirms ISM's teaching quality and strong academic history.

In the 2016/2017 assessment, only 15 colleges nationwide have attained a 6-Star Rating and 63 colleges have attained a 5-Star Rating, including seven colleges from Sabah.

According to the chief executive officer of ISM, Lawrence Kow, since moving into a new campus in 2016, ISM has been able to provide a more conducive learning environment for its students.

ISM was founded to offer only Cambridge International AS and A Levels course but has grown to offer Diploma in Business Studies, Diploma in Accounting and Diploma in Agribusiness Management in addition to the former.