

TAR UMT Named 'Esports Academy of the Year'



Tunku Abdul Rahman University of Management and Technology (TAR UMT) is the country's first higher education institution to be conferred the Esports Academy of the Year Award.

The varsity was nominated alongside Pahang Esports Academy, Todak Academy, and RSG Academy – making TAR UMT the only full-fledged university to be in the running for the award presented during the inaugural Malaysia Esports Awards 2023, which was held on Jan 27 in Putrajaya.

Thanking the organiser, TAR UMT president Prof Dr Lee Sze Wei said he was very proud to accept the award on behalf of the varsity.

“Esports is a booming industry and garnering constant attention and interest, especially among youths. “As such, TAR UMT will continue its role in raising highly-skilled future talents for the nation’s esports industry.

“We will remain focused in strengthening our curricular and cocurricular programmes related to esports, as well as providing a conducive learning environment for our students to learn and evolve,” said Prof Lee in a press release.

In 2022, TAR UMT introduced esports into its list of extra cocurricular courses – a compulsory subject for all diploma and bachelor’s degree students.

The varsity also has the TAR UMT Interactive Gaming Society that regularly participates in university-level esports competitions while sharing a collective passion for esports among its members.

The Malaysia Esports Awards is an awards ceremony held to honour the brightest and most remarkable contributors in the rapidly growing esports industry in Malaysia.

The event is supported by the Youth and Sports Ministry, Malaysia Esports Federation, and Esports Integrated.