

NUS, NTU named best unis in Asia in global ranking

Globally, NUS is at 11th spot while NTU moves up a notch to 12th among 1,300 universities

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The National University of Singapore (NUS) and Nanyang Technological University (NTU) have been named Asia's best universities in the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) annual higher education ranking.

Globally, NUS has come in 11th, keeping its spot from last year, while NTU has moved up a notch to 12th place in a league table comparing 1,300 universities.

This is the fourth consecutive year NUS has held the No. 1 position

among Asian universities in the Britain-based firm's rankings.

QS is a higher education analysis company, and this is the 18th edition of its annual ranking exercise.

QS evaluated the institutions on six indicators: academic reputation, reputation among employers, citations per faculty member, faculty to student ratio, ratio of international faculty members and ratio of international students.

The global top 10 continued to be dominated by American and British institutions.

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in the United

States topped the list, while the University of Oxford in Britain came in second.

Stanford University in the US and Britain's University of Cambridge tied for third place.

The only university in the top 10 from outside the US and Britain was the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich, which tied for 8th place with Britain's University College London.

After NUS and NTU, the highest-ranked Asian universities on the chart are China's Tsinghua and Peking universities, placed 17th and 18th, respectively.

NTU has continued to rise through the global university rankings, moving up 29 places on the QS list since 2013.

NTU president Subra Suresh

World's top 20 universities

2022 rank	2021 rank	Institution	Location
1	1	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	United States
2	5	University of Oxford	United Kingdom
3	2	Stanford University	United States
3	7	University of Cambridge	United Kingdom
5	3	Harvard University	United States
6	4	California Institute of Technology	United States
7	8	Imperial College London	United Kingdom
8	6	Swiss Federal Institute of Technology	Switzerland
8	10	University College London	United Kingdom
10	9	University of Chicago	United States
11	11	National University of Singapore	Singapore
12	13	Nanyang Technological University	Singapore
13	16	University of Pennsylvania	United States
14	14	Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne	Switzerland
14	17	Yale University	United States
16	20	University of Edinburgh	United Kingdom
17	15	Tsinghua University	Mainland China
18	23	Peking University	Mainland China
19	19	Columbia University	United States
20	12	Princeton University	United States

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said: "NTU's focus on academic and research excellence has contributed to our rise in local and global stature.

"NTU provides an exceptional environment for learning as well as high-impact research and innovation, as seen from several independent international rankings."

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Times Higher Education last week, NTU ranked fifth in Asia, up from sixth last year, while NUS maintained its third place.

QS director of research Ben Sowter said: "Singapore's top two universities remain the finest higher education hubs outside Europe and the United States.

"Very few universities have done more to attract top international faculty from across the world than NUS and NTU, and their high levels of research impact are a direct result of this global outlook."

NUS president Tan Eng Chye said: "We are pleased with NUS' strong performance in the latest QS World University Rankings and the recognition given as one of the leading universities in the world and in Asia.

"NUS has distinguished itself in the area of research, and we will continue to grow our capabilities, particularly in interdisciplinary research, to develop innovative and translational solutions to address increasingly complex challenges and global uncertainties like the Covid-19 pandemic."

Earlier this year in March, NUS and NTU topped QS' global rankings in specific subject areas.

NTU overtook MIT to become the world's leading institution for the study of materials science.

QS has also placed the NUS petroleum engineering programme at No. 1.

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