NTU tops accounting research in Asia, ranks 7th worldwide

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ACCOUNTING research at Nanyang Technological University (NTU) has emerged top in Asia and seventh worldwide in the recent 2011 Accounting Research Rankings by Brigham Young University (BYU).

The university also took top spot in auditing, after sharing the top position with Bentley University last year.

Professor Tan Hun Tong and Professor Clive Lennox of NTU were also ranked Asia’s top two accounting researchers, with Prof Tan retaining his position as the top accounting researcher globally.

The rankings were derived from an index of peer-reviewed articles, categorised by topic and methodology from 11 top accounting journals since 1990.

NTU’s performance was due to the relatively recent research by its faculty. The university was placed 9th and 25th worldwide in terms of research output over the last 12 and 20 years respectively.

United Overseas Bank chair professor of accounting at NTU’s Nanyang Business School (NBS), Prof Tan, credited his research to his co-authors, many of them at NTU including current and former students.

“They have played instrumental roles. In particular, I have found mentoring students and younger colleagues a very enriching process,” he said.

Professor Gillian Yeo, added that “the latest endorsement by BYU’s latest rankings reaffirms the position of NBS as Singapore’s premier business school”.

Ahead of NTU, the top six institutions were: University of Texas at Austin, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Stanford University, Michigan State University, Ohio State University and University of Chicago.