SINGAPORE: The Nanyang Technological University's accounting research has come out tops in Asia, according to the latest ranking by Brigham Young University.

NTU is ranked seventh in the world based on the productivity of its accounting researchers across 11 top accounting journals in the last six years.

NTU researcher Professor Tan Hun Tong retained his standing as the world's top accounting researcher, followed closely by Professor Clive Lennox, making them Asia's top two accounting researchers.

Both researchers are based at NTU's Nanyang Business School.

Professor Gillian Yeo, interim dean of Nanyang Business School said, "The strong endorsement by the BYU's latest Accounting Research Rankings reaffirms the position of Nanyang Business School as Singapore's premier business school.

"This outstanding result, combined with the strong showing by our MBA programme in this year's Financial Times ranking, and by NTU in other world league tables, is another firm endorsement of our standing among the world's elite higher education institutions," she added.

NTU said its strong showing was achieved largely on the back of relatively recent research by its faculty.

In terms of research output over the past 20 years, NTU was placed at 25th position.

By contrast, the six universities that were ahead in the global rankings -- University of Texas at Austin, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Stanford University, Michigan State University, Ohio State University and University of Chicago -- all ranked within the top 15.

However, when research output over the last 12 years was considered, NTU was ranked ninth globally.

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