NTU’s accounting research tops in Asia

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NANYANG Technological University’s (NTU) accounting research has again been ranked first in Asia and among the top 10 globally, while its Professor Tan Hun Tong has been named the world’s top accounting researcher.

The rankings were released by Brigham Young University (BYU) in the American state of Utah. It also ranked Professor Clive Lennox as the second top accounting researcher in Asia.

Both academics are in the accounting faculty at the Nanyang Business School (NBS), which is part of NTU.

“A lot of the credit for my research output goes to the great group of co-authors I have been working with,” Prof Tan said in a statement.

Under the subfield of auditing in accounting research, NTU also ranked first globally. In 2010, it shared the top position with the United States’ Bentley University.

The university’s good showing was achieved largely on the back of relatively recent research, said Prof Tan.

In terms of the quantity of research conducted over the past 12 years, NTU was ranked ninth globally out of 655 universities.

“The strong endorsement by the BYU rankings reaffirms the position of NBS as Singapore’s premier business school,” said Professor Gillian Yeo, interim dean of NBS.

In January, the school’s Master of Business Administration (MBA) programme was ranked in the top 35 globally by the Financial Times and in Asia’s top 10 for the fourth straight year.

Its graduates also recorded the highest salary level compared with other Singapore MBA graduates. They are expected to have average annual pay of US$102,350 (S$128,800) after three years in the workforce.

The BYU ranking is based on research methodology by 11 top accounting journals since 1990, and grouped by audit, financial, managerial, tax and other topics.