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Singapore's Nanyang Technological University Ranks 5th Globally For Accounting Research

SINGAPORE, April 2 (Bernama) -- Singapore's Nanyang Technological University (NTU) is now fifth in the world for accounting research, up from last year's seventh position.

The university has maintained its No 1 ranking among institutions outside of the United States, NTU said in a statement.

The latest Brigham Young University (BYU) Accounting Research Rankings showed NTU moving up two spots on the annual league table, based on the productivity of its accounting researchers across 11 top accounting journals in the last six years up to 2012.

In the area of auditing, the University maintained a clear lead globally.

Meanwhile, Professor Tan Hun Tong of NTU's Nanyang Business School (NBS) retained his standing as the world's top accounting researcher for the third year running.

Fellow NBS professor Clive Lennox tied with City University of Hong Kong's Jeong-Bon Kim to be ranked seventh in the world and second in Asia.

Professor Gillian Yeo, Interim Dean of Nanyang Business School said, "The latest BYU Accounting Research Rankings affirms Nanyang Business School as a global thought leader in the field of accounting and business management.

"Our faculty are at the forefront of creating new knowledge, and are among the world's best at imparting it to their students - as befits a world-class institution of higher education," he said.

Tan's research is focused on understanding the judgment and decision-making processes of auditors, financial analysts and other users of accounting information.

In particular, the United Overseas Bank Chair Professor of Accounting at NBS is most interested in how institutional and environmental features influence such judgments and decisions.

He typically uses psychological theories and experimental research techniques to gain insights into fundamental accounting issues.

His research interests extend to judgment and decision issues in general management contexts outside of accounting.

Tan said, "It is a great privilege to be given the opportunity to contribute to the progress and development of accounting and business practice, and thus society.

"I would like to acknowledge my co-authors, who have been instrumental in my research output. It has been a joy collaborating with my colleagues at the school, and it is especially enriching to work with and mentor students."

The BYU Accounting Research Ranking is based on an index of peer-reviewed articles in 11 top accounting journals since 1990, and categorised by topic and methodology.

It ranks more than 700 universities, and 3,900 academics, across the world.

The Nanyang Business School is a leading business school in the world.

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