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NUS, NTU impress in Business School's Executive MBA programmes ranking

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Graduates from the APEX MBA programme at the NUS Business School posing for photos at the commencement ceremony on July 6, 2011. The NUS Business School's double-degree programme with the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) has retained its position at fifth in the world, while the School's Asia Pacific Executive (Apex) Master of Business Administration (MBA) programme climbed nine places to 17th in the Financial Times' (FT) Global EMBA Rankings 2013. -- FILE PHOTO: SPH

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The National University of Singapore (NUS) Business School's double-degree programme with the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) has retained its position at fifth in the world, while the School's Asia Pacific Executive (Apex) Master of Business Administration (MBA) programme climbed nine places to 17th in the Financial Times' (FT) Global EMBA Rankings 2013. Nanyang Technological University (NTU) too performed well, debuting at 13th place.

The two EMBA programmes fared well in several categories on which their overall rankings are based, NUS said in a statement.

Alumni of the UCLA-NUS EMBA programme reported enjoying a high average annual salary of US\$243,677 (S\$301,877) and better career progression. The UCLA-NUS EMBA jumped from 57th to 14th place for Career Progress.

Meanwhile, the programme moved up two places to third for International Course Experience, demonstrating the global learning and networking opportunities it offers. It also continues to be ranked eighth for its participants' Work Experience, a measure of the seniority of previous jobs and an indication of student quality.

Targeted at senior executives, more than 50 per cent of participants of the UCLA-NUS EMBA fly in from other continents for their six two-week segments, which are held in Singapore, Los Angeles, Shanghai and Bangalore.

The EMBA programme offered by NTU's Nanyang Business School was ranked second among programmes conducted solely by Asian universities, and tops among those offered solely by Singapore universities.

This is the first year NTU's EMBA programme is taking part in this ranking.

Strong salary increases, rich international experience, and a culturally diverse class were key factors for Nanyang Business School achieving good results in its first year of participating in the FT EMBA league table, NTU said in its statement.

The average annual salary of Nanyang EMBA alumni three years after graduation is US\$206,660, after adjusting for purchasing power parity. Their salaries were the third highest rising among holders of the top 20 EMBA degrees.