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## NUS, NTU among Asia's top universities in QS ranking



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SINGAPORE — Two of Singapore's universities have cemented their place among Asia's best, according to an annual survey.

The National University of Singapore (NUS) was named Asia's top university, while Nanyang Technological University (NTU) jumped three places to seventh, its highest-ever position.

The 2014 Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) University Rankings for Asia polled more than 50,000 academics and employers internationally.

NUS overtook University of Hong Kong (HKU) and Hong Kong University of Science and

Technology (HKUST) to be named Asia's number one institution for the first time.

Last year, NUS tied with HKU in second place.

QS said the survey results show that Singapore is now a major player in the region, and this was helped by major government investment, as well as English being the main operating language.

NUS was placed 10th when the QS rankings were first compiled in 2009.

NUS also ranked in the top three universities for the disciplines measured by the survey.

The disciplines were Social Sciences and Management, Arts and Humanities, Engineering and Technology, Life Sciences and Medicine, and Natural Sciences.

NUS President Professor Tan Chorh Chuan said: "We are pleased and honoured to be recognised as Asia's top university. This is a strong affirmation of our distinctive education and excellent research, and a testament to the high quality work by our talented team of faculty, staff and students."

NTU meanwhile, scored maximum points in four areas, including employer reputation.

Its seventh placing represents a jump of 10 places in the last two years.

NTU President Professor Bertil Andersson said: "Singapore should be proud to have two universities among Asia's top seven.

"Despite being a young university, NTU has, in recent years, made a name for itself by ramping up research and partnering top academic and research institutions and industry leaders worldwide to provide our students with a high quality and industry-relevant education."

Earlier this month, NTU was ranked fifth in the Times Higher Education's ranking of the world's top 100 young universities, while in January, NTU retained its second position in a similar ranking of top 50 young universities by QS. CHANNEL NEWSASIA

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