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SINGAPORE: The National University of Singapore (NUS) and Nanyang Technological University (NTU) rank among the global top 10 for 15 subjects, according to the 2016 Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings by Subject.

NUS, which was ranked 12th overall in last year's QS World University Rankings, was placed among the world's 10 best universities for 13 subjects:

- Engineering - Civil & Structural (3rd in the world)
- Engineering - Chemical (5)
- Engineering - Electrical & Electronic (6)
- Chemistry (7)
- Social Policy & Administration (7)
- Materials Science (8)
- Statistics & Operational Research (8)
- Engineering - Mechanical, Aeronautical and Manufacturing (8)
- Architecture / Built Environment (9)
- Geography (9)
- Computer Science & Information Systems (9)
- Pharmacy & Pharmacology (9)
- Environmental Sciences (10)

NUS also made the top 30 worldwide for a total of 33 subjects, and is the top performing Asian university in 25 of the subjects ranked.

Professor Tan Eng Chye, NUS Provost and deputy president (Academic Affairs), said the university was particularly honoured to be among the world's top five for Civil and Structural Engineering and Chemical Engineering.

"As Singapore builds up world-class research capabilities in areas that are critical to the nation and the economy, NUS is well-poised to contribute its leading expertise to address national challenges and improve lives of Singaporeans," he added.

Meanwhile, NTU ranked in the global top 10 for Materials Science (6th in the world) and Electrical and Electronic Engineering (8th). It was also in the top 50 for 19 subjects in total, and is the regional leader in materials science, it said.

NTU president Professor Bertil Andersson said the rankings reaffirm the university's rising strengths across a range of disciplines.

"NTU started out as a primarily engineering university but we now also excel in science, business, education, and the arts and social sciences, all within a short period of time," he said.
For the upcoming academic year in August, the university is introducing 16 new undergraduate offerings - including nine degree programmes in business, engineering and science, and seven double majors that combine the arts, social sciences and business.

Only universities from the United Kingdom and the United States take more top-10 spots than NUS and NTU combined.

"Singapore has established itself as one of the world’s leading education and research hub and continues to shine in our global analysis," head of the QS Intelligence Unit Ben Sowter said.

The annual subject rankings are based on surveyed opinions of 76,798 academics and 44,426 employers, alongside analysis of 28.5 million research papers and more than 113 million citations.

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