

HKUST and CityU place second and seventh in world young university rankings

Hong Kong institutions make significant progress amid strong showing by Asian schools

PUBLISHED : Wednesday, 05 April, 2017, 10:00pm



Hong Kong's young universities have made significant improvements in a newly released ranking for such institutions, with the University of Science and Technology taking the second spot and the City University breaking into the top 10.

After being ranked third or fourth in the Times Higher Education Young University Rankings – which look at universities under 50 years old – since its inception in 2012, HKUST edged up to second place this year.

Ranking of young universities

Institution	Country	Rank 2017	Rank 2016
Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne	Switzerland	1	1
University of Science and Technology	Hong Kong	2	3
Nanyang Technological University	Singapore	3	2
Pohang University of Science and Technology	South Korea	4	5
Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST)	South Korea	5	6
Maastricht University	Netherlands	6	4
City University	Hong Kong	7	20
Ulm University	Germany	8	13
Karlsruhe Institute of Technology	Germany	9	8
Scuola Superiore Sant' Anna	Italy	9	10

Source: Times Higher Education

SCMP

Meanwhile, CityU soared 13 places from last year to the seventh spot, entering the top 10 for the first time. Polytechnic University also made significant progress, rising from 27th last year to 20th this year.

First place went to Switzerland's Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne, ranked the world's top young university for the third year running. Completing the top five were the Nanyang Technological University from Singapore, and the Pohang University of Science and Technology, and the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, both from South Korea.

"This year's list of the world's best young universities ... provides fantastic news for Asia," Times Higher Education rankings editor Phil Baty said. "Half of the top 10 places are filled by Asian universities – the best result for the continent since the ranking began in 2012." He added: "Overall, more than a quarter – or 55 – of the top 200 places are filled by universities from 18 Asian countries."



The ranking applies the same 13 performance indicators as the Times Higher Education World University Rankings, but they have been specially recalibrated to reflect the missions of the young universities. The performance indicators are grouped into five areas: teaching, research, citations, international outlook and industry income.

Universities are excluded from the rankings if they do not teach undergraduates or if their research output amounted to fewer than 1,000 articles between 2011 and 2015 (and a minimum of 150 a year).

Source: <http://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/education-community/article/2084977/hkust-and-cityu-place-second-and-seventh-world>