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Russia's Higher School of Economics breaks top 100 in 2017 Young Universities Rankings

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MOSCOW, April 5. /TASS/. Russia's Higher School of Economics (HSE) has reached the world's top 100 young universities due to high demands placed on both the teaching staff and students since the day it was founded, HSE Academic Supervisor Yevgeny Yasin told TASS on Wednesday.

Earlier, the London-based weekly magazine Times Higher Education (THE) released its 2017 Young University Rankings for the universities that are 50 years old or younger across 48 countries and founded in 1992. The Higher School of Economics is ranked 96th.

"It is the first time in the six years of this ranking that a Russian institution has reached the top 100, with Higher School of Economics ranked in 96th place," the THE said.

"Since the HSE was founded, it has been placing high demands on both teaching staff and students," Yasin said. "The best teachers, who largely come from Moscow State University to the HSE, laid the foundation and introduced high teaching standards in early 1990s. In 2000s, the HSE was one of the first Russian universities that embarked on an initiative of employing world-class teaching staff in the global labor market."

Nowadays, the HSE leading scientists are heading pure research at 32 world laboratories and applied research on eight technological platforms, he added.

"The world's academic community has become aware of us. Persistent work to create the most comfortable environment for researchers has boosted the number of publications in international peer-reviewed journals and, what is more important, has ensured their high quality," he said.

In September 2016, the HSE was listed in the THE World University Rankings, placed between the 41st and 500th rankings. The 2017 THE Young University Rankings mirror the general rankings, so in the current year the HSE was picked up and immediately performed well.

"This year the university celebrates 25 years, so we hope we will have time to demonstrate in the coming years significant strengthening in our rankings of the world's top 100 young universities," the HSE academic supervisor said. "We will be viewed as 'young' in, at least, the following 25 years."

The 2017 THE Young Universities Ranking, which includes 200 institutions for the first time (up from 150 last year), is topped by Switzerland's École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, for the third year in a row.

"Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and Nanyang Technological University swap places from last year to claim second and third place respectively, while Pohang University of Science and Technology comes fourth, Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology is placed fifth, and Maastricht University sixth," the THE said.