NTU rises to 11th in global university ranking, surpassing NUS

Nanyang Technological University (NTU) has risen to 11th in a global university ranking, the highest position ever achieved by an Asian higher education institution.

In climbing two ranks from a year earlier to its position in the 2018 rankings by UK education and career consultancy Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), NTU has surpassed the National University of Singapore (NUS) for the first time in the QS table.

In comparison, NUS fell three positions to 15th in the QS rankings of 959 higher education institutions.

NTU improved across four of QS’s six metrics used to assess the rankings including academic reputation, employer reputation, faculty-student ratio and citations per faculty.

While NUS has a higher overall research output and citations impact, NTU has fewer faculties, resulting in a higher citations-per-faculty score, QS noted.

Professor Bertil Andersson, President of NTU, said in a statement issued by QS on Thursday (8 June), “NTU has introduced several innovative research and education programmes that has enabled us to attract top faculty and the brightest students. The future looks very positive for NTU.”

Ben Sowter, Research Director at QS, said in the same statement, “While NUS remains consistently excellent, it dropped a couple of places due to the ever-escalating standards set by the world’s leading universities to retain a place amongst the top 20.”
Another local university, Singapore Management University, was placed in the 441-450 category.

US and UK universities took nine out of the top 10 positions, with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Stanford University and Harvard University ranked in the top three.

The rankings were based on the opinions of more than 75,000 academics and more than 40,000 employers, and analysis of 12.3 million papers and 75.1 million citations.

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