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KAIST, POSTECH Fare Well in Young University Rankings

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Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology and Pohang University of Science and Technology have been rated in the top 5 in global rankings of universities under 50 years.

The 46-year-old KAIST came third in this year's tally by U.K. ranking firm Quacquarelli Symonds published Thursday. The 31-year-old POSTECH finished fifth.

QS has published rankings of universities under 50 separately since 2013.

Three other Korean universities were also in the top 100 -- Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology (opened in 1993), the University of Ulsan (opened in 1970), and Ajou University (opened in 1973).



Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology

Six of the top 10 are in Asia, including Korea, Hong Kong and Singapore.

The 26-year-old Nanyang Technological University in Singapore topped the list, followed by Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, which opened in 1991. City University of Hong Kong, which opened in 1984, finished fourth.

All six have improved their ranking since last year.

Australia came first on the top 50 with nine universities. Aalto University in Finland, which opened in 2010, ranked seventh, the highest ranking among European universities.

Oxford Brookes University, which was Oxford Polytechnic until 1992, came 41st as the only young British university, and there were none in America.

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