

UP joins top universities in Asia Pacific region rankings

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University of the Philippines logo

ONLY one Filipino university made it to the first Asia Pacific University Ranking 2017 by the Times Higher Education.

In a report released Tuesday, July 4, the University of the Philippines ranked 222 out of the 241 universities that were listed by the Times Higher Education (THE).

The THE said "UP is largely seen as one of the best Filipino universities in national rankings and among the top institutions in Asia."

It further cited UP's "recent improvements" on "academic reputation and international faculty ratio."

Universities from Japan, China, Australia, Taiwan, South Korea and Thailand were cited as the most number represented in the rankings.

Universities from China and Singapore dominate the top 10 while 3 universities outside of Asia, University of Melbourne, Australian National University and University of Queensland, all in Australia, joined the ranks.

The top 10 universities in the Asia-Pacific region are:

National University of Singapore (Singapore); Peking University (China); University of Melbourne (Australia); Tsinghua University (China); Nanyang Technological University (China); University of Hong Kong (Hong Kong); Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Hong Kong); Australian National University (Australia); University of Tokyo (Japan); and University of Queensland (Australia).

To see the full list, please click on the link: Best Universities in the Asia-Pacific Region (<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/student/best-universities/best-universities-asia-pacific-region-2017>)

The THE, according to its website, uses 13 "calibrated" performance indicators to compute the university rankings which are grouped into five areas, namely: teaching, research, citations, international outlook and industry income.

The same indicators were also used in its World University Rankings for 2016-2017 where UP also ranked ">800th" out of 980 top universities.

The calculation of the rankings for 2016-2017 was subjected to independent audit by professional services firm PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC). **(Vanessa L. Almeda/SunStar Philippines)**

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