NTU emerges on top in QS Asia University Rankings

Adding another feather to its cap, Nanyang Technological University (NTU) has emerged as Asia’s top university in the latest Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) Asia University Rankings. The University inched up two spots from last year to climb to the top ahead of about 400 universities in Asia.

National University of Singapore (NUS), which occupied the top spot last year, has slipped to second position followed by Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology.

Feeling elated at topping the list, NTU president Professor Bertil Anderson said, “NTU has made fantastic progress, having risen from No 14 when the QS Asian rankings began in 2009. The latest rankings are an outstanding achievement and strong endorsement of NTU’s excellent reputation built up over the years, and I wish to thank the entire NTU community for their contributions.”
“Besides celebrating NTU’s success as Asia’s highest-ranked university, Singaporeans should also be very proud that Singapore leads the rest of Asia with two world-class universities,” said Prof Andersson.

NTU has been listed in the top spot as the university has significantly improved its scores for papers per faculty and student-faculty ratio. For the second consecutive year, NTU is also the region’s best performer for citations per paper, which measures the impact and quality of the scientific work done by universities.

Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) Asia University Rankings, 2018
1. Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore
2. National University of Singapore (NUS), Singapore
3. Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST), Hong Kong
4. Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST), South Korea
5. University of Hong Kong (HKU), Hong Kong
6. Tsinghua University, China
7. Fudan University, China
8. City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong
9. Peking University, China
10. Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK), Hong Kong

Earlier this year, NTU rose to 11th place in the QS’ World University Rankings – the highest position by an Asian university in world rankings.

Ben Sowter, research director, QS, said, “While the methodology of the Asia Rankings differs from the one of the World University Rankings, Nanyang Technological University is the top-performing Asian University in both lists, according to our metrics. NTU has improved its standing in the academic and employer reputation indicators, as well as in the international faculty metric.”