PH universities slip in world rankings

PHILIPPINE universities continued to slip in the London-based Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) ranking, according to a new top 1,000 list for 2019 released on Wednesday evening (Thursday morning in Manila).

The University of the Philippines remains to be the highest-ranked university in the country, landing on the 384th spot along with the University of California-Riverside in the United States and Universidad de Belgrano in Argentina.

The state university occupied the 377th spot in the previous year’s rankings, tied with Virginia Tech in the US and James Cook University in Australia.

From being ranked 551st to 600th for 2018, Ateneo de Manila University slipped to 651st to 700th for 2019.

The University of Santo Tomas (UST) and De La Salle University (DLSU) were ranked 801st to 1,000th.

DLSU slipped to the lower levels from 701st to 750th in the ranking for 2018.

UST has a four-star rating from QS. The star ratings are based on employability, research, internationalization, teaching, facilities, inclusiveness, social responsibilities and the institution’s standing in specialist subjects.

Mapua University, which was not ranked, got a three-star ranking by the QS.

The four ranked Philippine universities have a low to medium research output.

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in the United States remains on top of the QS ranking. It has been on top since the 2012 ranking.

MIT was followed by three other American universities—Stanford, Harvard and California Institute of Technology or Caltech.

British universities Oxford and Cambridge were in the top 10.

The top six universities all have five-star QS ratings.

The National University of Singapore snatched Singapore’s Nanyang Technological University (NTU’s) spot as the top university in Asia, ranking 11th in the world rankings. NTU slid to the 12th spot.

The QS world ranking is based on six factors: academic reputation (40 percent), employer reputation (10 percent), faculty/student ratio (20 percent), citations per faculty (20 percent), international faculty ratio (five percent) and international student ratio (five percent).

Since 2004, Quacquarelli Symonds and Times Higher Education have worked together in publishing annual university rankings. QS later worked separately in 2010 and has been publishing yearly university rankings since.

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