NTU tops young universities list

According to Quacquarelli Symonds, which released this year's Top 50 Under 50 league for universities last Wednesday, NTU leads a new generation of young Asia-Pacific universities that occupy seven of the top 10 spots this year.

It takes No. 1 spot in QS ranking for fifth straight year, scoring well on research, academic reputation

Sandra Davie
Senior Education Correspondent

Nanyang Technological University (NTU) has been ranked the world's best young university for the fifth straight year after doing well in research and academic reputation.

NTU gained pole position in this year’s Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) Top 50 Under 50 league for universities that are 50 years old or younger.
QS research director Ben Sowter said NTU's No. 1 ranking exemplifies "Singapore's emergence as a globally competitive research nation". He added: "As NTU continues to reiterate its highly successful transformation from a primarily engineering-focused university to a more diverse, international institution, it will be difficult for the ambitious young universities below it to displace it at the top of the rankings."

According to QS, which released the list last Wednesday, NTU leads a new generation of young Asia-Pacific universities that occupy seven of the top 10 spots this year. NTU's institutional research impact remains the highest among Singapore universities - jumping 11 places to rank 46th in the world this year. NTU also performed strongly in the academic reputation indicator this year, rising 12 positions to 38th place globally.

QS said universities from the Asia-Pacific region dominated this year's list, with 27 of the 50 places occupied by institutions from Asia or Australia.

NTU president Subra Suresh said the university owes its rise to the talent and commitment of faculty and staff. The American scientist, who took over the helm at the start of this year, said: "It's such an exciting time to be at NTU Singapore... We continue to strengthen the foundations of the university - investing in excellent people who will push new research frontiers, provide them with world-class and sustainable facilities, and educate and inspire the next generations with our innovative teaching methods."

Commenting on the rise of Asian universities, he said: "In the globally competitive higher education landscape, NTU leads a new generation of young, nimble and progressive universities that are taking their places among the world's best.

"In particular, Asian universities have developed strong reputations in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics..."
PUSHING NEW FRONTIERS

It's such an exciting time to be at NTU Singapore... We continue to strengthen the foundations of the university - investing in excellent people who will push new research frontiers, provide them with world-class and sustainable facilities, and educate and inspire the next generations with our innovative teaching methods.

PROFESSOR SUBRA SURESH, president of Nanyang Technological University.

(Stem) fields, and it is a result of significant investments to grow the quality of research and education.

"Asia's higher education landscape will only continue to grow in prominence. The impact of this growth will have an increasing impact on the global stage as Asia plays an important role in shaping the course of the 21st century.

"NTU Singapore is exceptionally well positioned to contribute to the region's development and growth."