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NTU Singapore now ranked the world's best young university

Singapore, 24 September 2014 - Nanyang Technological University (NTU Singapore) has topped the list of the world's most dynamic young universities in the latest Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) Top 50 Under 50. This is a ranking of the world's top 50 universities established within the last 50 years and released today.

A university with strengths in science and technology, NTU Singapore is ranked No. 1 in this latest global academic league table, the only Singapore institution to be listed. All the Top 5 universities in this ranking are from Asia, a reflection of the rise of young Asian universities in the international academic arena.

NTU is part of the global trend of STEM universities that have scored well in this year's QS Rankings. Highlighting the importance of STEM education and research, NTU President, Professor Bertil Andersson said: "NTU Singapore recognised early on that science and technology are vital to innovation and economic progress that will define the 21st century. Today, NTU Singapore is a growing powerhouse in these fields and is a magnet for some of the world's best professors and young talents.

"Science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) are at the heart of future jobs which will be very interdisciplinary, and countries that do not adequately invest in STEM education, research and development, will eventually lose out to others that do."

He added: "We are proud to plant the Singapore flag at the top of QS' global list of Top 50 young universities this year. This honour comes on the heels of breaking into the QS world's top 30s."

Last week, NTU Singapore was ranked 39th among the world's top universities by QS. It is also the fastest rising university among the 2014 Top 50 universities, having catapulted 35 positions since 2010 and leapfrogging the likes of New

York University, Technical University of Munich and Peking University in the last four years.

NTU Singapore is home to one of the world's biggest engineering colleges and has proven its global standing in science and technology in other recent indices. In the faculty rankings of the QS World University Rankings this year, NTU Singapore was ranked 9th in Engineering and Technology, up by 5 notches from last year. Last month, in the Shanghai Jiaotong Academic Ranking of World Universities, the Singapore university was ranked 12th globally in Engineering.

A research-intensive young university, NTU Singapore also made a dramatic rise to the top spot in Asia for normalised research citation impact, based on data from Thomson Reuters and Elsevier.

“These rankings reaffirm the high quality of our education, research and innovation programmes. I am confident that our students, professors and graduates will continue to create value for Singapore, contributing to its competitiveness and enabling the nation to prosper well in the future,” added Prof Andersson.

Bright future for Asian universities

NTU's strong showing in the QS rankings follows the increasing trend of more Asian universities moving up the charts in the various university rankings. In the QS Top 50 Under 50, NTU leads Asia's charge with six universities in the Top 10 hailing from the region.

“We can see the continued dominance of Asian universities in this year's QS Top 50 Under 50 ranking, with all the top five spots taken by Asia. This shows that Asia is set to become the future global powerhouse of higher education and research. NTU, located in the region's heart, is well-poised to build on this wave of opportunities,” Prof Andersson said.

NTU Singapore was propelled to the top spot by its superior reputation among international employers and the diversity of its faculty and student populations. It also scored high marks for its reputation among global academics and student/faculty ratio.

Other key indicators in the QS World University Rankings show that NTU's citations per faculty improved the most by 51 positions from last year, followed by student-faculty ratio that climbed up 16 notches to 69th internationally. NTU's

reputation among global employers also improved by seven positions to 35th internationally, its highest ever.

The QS Top 50 Under 50 is based on results from the QS World University Rankings 2014/15 which list the world's top 800 universities.

The QS World University Rankings looks at institutional performance irrespective of history and heritage which puts older universities at an advantage. On the other hand, the QS Top 50 Under 50 is designed to be dynamic and forward-looking, so only young universities founded in 1964 or later are listed.

Ben Sowter, head of research at QS says: "The dynamic nature of this ranking makes it an interesting comparison with our global and regional rankings. By focusing on the performance of these younger institutions alone, the list aims to spot the up-and-coming higher education powerhouses in the global arena."

Sowter concludes: "NTU's ascending trajectory, which the QS World University Rankings have been capturing year on year for the past decade, is nothing short of impressive. Even more so, considering that this world-class institution has been established less than 25 years ago".

For more information on the QS rankings, visit: www.topuniversities.com.

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About Nanyang Technological University (NTU Singapore)

A research-intensive public university, NTU Singapore has 33,000 undergraduate and postgraduate students in the colleges of Engineering, Business, Science, and Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences, and its Interdisciplinary Graduate School. It has a new medical school, the Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine, set up jointly with Imperial College London.

NTU is also home to world-class autonomous institutes – the National Institute of Education, S Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Earth Observatory of Singapore, and Singapore Centre on Environmental Life Sciences Engineering – and various leading research centres such as the Nanyang Environment & Water Research Institute (NEWRI), Energy Research Institute @ NTU (ERI@N) and the Institute on Asian Consumer Insight (ACI).

A fast-growing university with an international outlook, NTU is putting its global stamp on Five Peaks of Excellence: Sustainable Earth, Future Healthcare, New Media, New Silk Road, and Innovation Asia.

Besides the main Yunnan Garden campus, NTU also has a satellite campus in Singapore's science and tech hub, one-north, and a third campus in Novena, Singapore's medical district.

For more information, visit www.ntu.edu.sg and www.youtube.com/watch?v=sTIKo-tXZxM.