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Nanyang Business School up in EIU world rankings; retains top spot in Singapore

Nanyang Business School (NBS), the business school at Nanyang Technological University (NTU), has moved up in the ranking of the world’s top 100 MBA programmes, according to the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU).

EIU’s annual ranking of full-time MBA programmes, which has just been released, listed NBS in 72nd position, up from 77th last year. The latest ranking also reinforced NBS’ position as offering the best MBA programme in Singapore and among the top three in Asia.

“The improvement in the latest ranking by EIU reflects the improvements we have made in the quality of our programme offerings,” said Prof Jitendra V Singh (邢吉天教授), Dean, NBS (南洋理工大学商学院院长). “In the coming years, we will strive to improve our global standing.”

The 2007 ranking of full-time MBA programmes by EIU takes into account four main dimensions, each assigned different weights – Open new career opportunities (35%), personal development/educational experience (35%), salary increase (20%) and potential to network (10%). The data were gathered from an online questionnaire administered to business schools and another to some 20,000 students and recent graduates.

NBS scored well for its diversity of recruiters (a sub category under open new career opportunities) where it was ranked number 4 globally, as well as personal development and educational experience (ranked number 13) consisting of faculty and student quality, student diversity and education experience.

NBS launched its MBA programme in 1991. Currently, 80% of the student body is international and more than 20% of the cohort is from outside of Asia and Australasia, offering tremendous cultural and international diversity during the MBA experience.

NBS is also deeply connected with both local and international industry and business, according to EIS in its comments on NBS. “There are lots of opportunities to meet business leaders, professionals and entrepreneurs via a good guest-speaker list.”

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About Nanyang Technological University

Nanyang Technological University (NTU) is a research-intensive university ranked among the top 20 technological universities. The university has two campuses in Singapore. The Yunnan Garden campus, NTU’s main campus, is located in the southwestern part of Singapore. The NTU@one-north campus, home to educational and alumni clubhouse facilities, is located near Singapore’s biomedical research hub, Biopolis; and the new infocomm and media hub, Fusionopolis.

NTU has four colleges comprising 12 schools. The College of Engineering comprises six schools focused on technology and innovation. Its research output ranks among the top four in the world. The College of Science pushes the boundaries of Singapore’s life sciences initiatives. The Nanyang Business School (the College of Business) offers one of the world's top 100 MBA programmes. The College of Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences boasts Singapore’s first professional art school offering degree courses in art, design and interactive digital media, the Humanities and Social Science School, and the Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information, a top journalism and media school in Asia.

The 13th school, S Rajaratnam School of International Studies, was inaugurated on 1 January 2007. An important component of this autonomous school is the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, long recognised as a world authority on strategic studies and terrorism. NTU is also home to the internationally-acclaimed National Institute of Education, Singapore’s only teacher-training institute.

NTU has in place multi-country programmes and initiatives with established institutions worldwide. Key partners include MIT, Stanford University, Cornell University, Caltech, University of Washington, Georgia Institute of Technology, Carnegie Mellon University in USA, Peking University, Shanghai Jiaotong University, Waseda University, Indian Institute of Technology in Asia, Cambridge University, Imperial College and Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Europe.

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About Nanyang Business School

The Nanyang Business School (NBS) is a leading business school committed to educating tomorrow’s strategic leaders with cutting-edge academically rigorous curricula which are relevant to business practice.

One of Asia’s largest business schools, NBS offers a comprehensive array of undergraduate and graduate programmes in accountancy and business. Drawing on a 50 year heritage of educating the region’s business leaders, NBS provides an outstanding learning environment with state-of-the-art facilities and world-class research centres.
NBS is the only business school in Singapore, and the third in Asia, to have both the European Quality Improvement System and Association of Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) accreditations. It is also one of only five business schools outside of the United States to be accredited with the AACSB in Accounting. These are the most widely recognized European and American quality assurance standards relating to the provision of world class accounting and business education. For three consecutive years from 2004 to 2006, the Economist Intelligence Unit has ranked the degrees conferred by NBS amongst the top 100 of the World's Best MBAs. In January 2007, the Financial Times ranked our MBA programme to be first in Singapore, second in Asia and third in Asia-Pacific (including Asia and Australasia)

To leverage the strengths of world-class institutions, NBS has established many strategic partnerships and collaborations with leading business schools such as the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Carnegie Mellon University, Cornell University, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, Waseda University and the Shanghai Jiaotong University.

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