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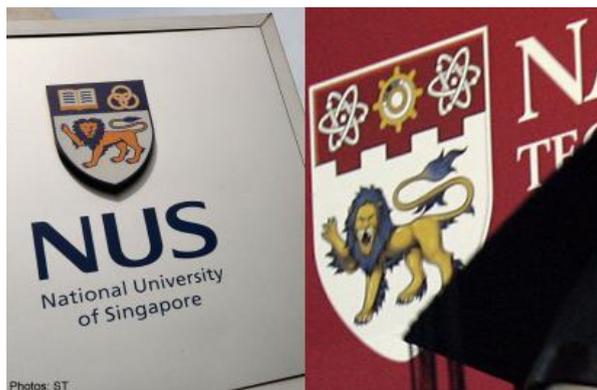
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NUS, NTU shine in QS subject rankings



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Two of Singapore's universities hit the top 10 globally in the latest Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings by Subject to be released today, in a total of 11 different disciplines.

The National University of Singapore (NUS) ranked fifth in chemical engineering, which was its highest ranking across 30 subjects tracked by QS, and also made it to the top 10 in 10 other subjects.

This included nabbing sixth position in materials science, mechanical engineering and electrical engineering, and seventh place in civil engineering and statistics.

On a regional level, it topped 18 out of 30 subjects, including accounting and finance, politics and international studies, and pharmacy and pharmacology.

Nanyang Technological University (NTU) was not far behind, placing among the top 10 universities in three subjects, with its best ranking of sixth in communications and media studies.

It also placed eighth in materials science and 10th in electrical engineering globally, and was first in Asia in education as well as communication and media studies.

QS head of research Ben Sowter said: "The rankings underline NUS' current position as Asia's top institution, and also show that NTU has continued its remarkable ascent towards the summit of global academia."

He added that the success of Singapore's universities fits into a wider shift in the global balance of power, with Asian institutions emerging as genuine competitors to the United States and Britain.

This is especially so in the study of science, technology, engineering and mathematics, where Asian universities made up a third of the top 30 institutions in chemical, civil and electrical engineering, and eight of them in mechanical engineering.

In terms of the most number of top 10 positions, the University of Cambridge took top spot with 27, followed closely by the University of California, Berkeley and Stanford University with 26.

NUS made the list at seventh position with 11 top 10 positions.

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