NUS, NTU continue their climb up the global ranks

SINGAPORE - Two of Singapore's public universities have shown improvement in their places in the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings published today.

The National University of Singapore (NUS) held on to its position as the second-best in Asia after Tokyo University, according to The Straits Times, while Nanyang Technological University (NTU) climbed up 15 places to take the 61st spot this year.

THE World University Rankings employs 13 separate performance indicators to reflect a university's strengths in five areas - Teaching, Research, Citation, Industry Income and International Outlook.

NTU has maintained its top global position for the second consecutive year for industry income and innovation. According to The Straits Times, this is measured by how much research income from industry a university was able to attract in the previous year.

This year has also proven to be NUS best performance since the rankings were introduced back in 2010.

The Straits Times reported that Mr Phil Baty, editor of the World University Rankings, said: "Singapore continues to be a stand-out example of excellence in global rankings. NUS has continued its steady progress up the tables year after year to now reach the global top 25, while NTU continues one of the most spectacular rises of any university in the history of the rankings."

NUS has also improved its performance in teaching and is placed among the global top 50 in all six subjects measured with Engineering & Technology placing best at the 13th spot.

NUS President Professor Tan Chorh Chuan said: "Our consistently strong performance in international rankings is an affirmation of NUS' top quality education and research, as well as wider impact of our work. This is also the result of the strong commitment to excellence by our faculty, staff and students."

NTU has climbed the global ranks strongly in the last three years, jumping up 108 places overall.

Its international reputation continues to grow alongside its consistent performance in terms of citations, teaching environment and research.

Mr Baty commended NTU's achievement by referring to the university as an "outstanding success story of the THE World University Rankings".

NTU President, Professor Bertil Andersson, said their new ranking is "another milestone" for them.

He said: "By continuing to attract the best and brightest professors and students from Singapore and around the world, I expect that NTU will break into Times Higher's top 50 universities in a few years' time."

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