NTU Singapore tops QS world young universities rankings for sixth consecutive year

Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (NTU Singapore) has topped the rankings of the world’s young universities by London-based education consultancy Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) for the sixth year running.

The only Singapore university listed in the Top 10 of the QS Top 50 Under 50 ranking, NTU saw its overall score increase over the past year, with its biggest improvements seen in academic reputation, research citations per faculty and employer reputation.

The QS Top 50 Under 50 ranking applies the same methodology used in the QS World University Rankings, based on six indicators: academic reputation, employer reputation, research citations per faculty member, faculty/student ratio, proportion of international students, and proportion of international faculty members.

A Nanyang Technological University spokesperson said, “To be named the world’s No.1 young university for the sixth consecutive year is a remarkable achievement for NTU and for Singapore. This is a testament to the hard work and achievements of our faculty and students in their pursuit of excellence in education, research, innovation, industry engagement and societal impact.”

The accolade comes on the back of NTU being ranked in joint-11th place together with the National University of Singapore in the QS World University Rankings last month, along with being placed at the top of Asia Pacific’s universities.

NTU has shown strong upward momentum this past year in a number of different assessments of world universities by different independent entities that employ a wide variety of criteria and metrics for their selection.

In another global league table announced last week, NTU is the only Singapore university to be ranked No.1 in the world for two subjects: Nanoscience & Nanotechnology, and Energy Science & Engineering. This is the third consecutive year that NTU was ranked No.1 in both subjects in the ShanghaiRanking’s Global Ranking of Academic Subjects.

NTU is the only Singapore university with five subjects ranked among the world’s top 10 in the ShanghaiRanking’s league table of 54 subjects. In addition to the two No.1 subjects, the other NTU disciplines in the global top 10 were Telecommunication Engineering, Instruments Science & Technology, both at No.6, and Materials Science, which climbs 9 places to No.10.

The ShanghaiRanking, which also publishes the Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) annually, assesses more than 4,000 universities across 54 subjects in natural sciences, engineering, life sciences, medical sciences, and social sciences.

Last week, NTU maintained its Top 3 position for the third consecutive year in Times
Higher Education’s ranking of the world’s best young universities. The Times Higher Education’s Young University Ranking compares universities below 50 years of age, based on research, teaching, citations, international outlook and industry income.

In addition, NTU climbed 11 places to No.15 this year, from No.26 in 2018, in Reuters’ ranking of the Asia Pacific’s Most Innovative Universities, compiled in partnership with Clarivate Analytics. The annual ranking, also released last week, identifies and lists the educational institutions doing the most to advance science, invent new technologies and power new markets and industries.

A few months ago, in the annual ranking of world universities by the US News and World Report, NTU moved into the top 50 among global universities for the first time. In addition, NTU was placed in the top five among global universities in four major subject areas: engineering, materials science, computer science, and chemistry.