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NTU Singapore is ranked among world's Top 12 universities

Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (NTU Singapore) is ranked **12th** in the latest QS World University Rankings, up one place from last year. The rankings were announced today by global higher education analysts Quacquarelli Symonds (QS).

With a total score of 90.8, NTU significantly improved its performance in citations per faculty and academic reputation. The University also achieved full marks for its international faculty index. Overall, NTU has moved up 29 places since 2013.

Professor Subra Suresh, NTU President said, "NTU's focus on academic and research excellence has contributed to our rise in local and global stature. NTU provides an exceptional environment for learning as well as high-impact research and innovation, as seen from several independent international rankings. Even as we face unprecedented challenges brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, our faculty and staff have continued to produce globally impactful research and worked hard to improve our students' learning experience whilst keeping everyone safe.

"As part of the **NTU 2025 strategic plan**, the University will further strengthen interdisciplinary interactions in education, research and innovation, and address some of humanity's grand challenges such as in sustainability, healthcare and the impact of technologies on humanity and society. On the NTU Smart Campus, we are developing and testing advanced technologies and sustainable solutions, working in partnership with industry, government and academic partners. To ensure that our graduates remain adaptable and resilient in an unpredictable and fast-changing world, job readiness and lifelong learning will remain at the core of our education efforts."

Last year, NTU piloted a **new common core undergraduate curriculum** that will enable students to make connections across disciplines and develop interdisciplinary knowledge, and hone important life skills, such as communication proficiency, digital literacy and enterprise and innovation. The

core curriculum courses are designed around the world's greatest challenges and issues, such as climate change and global health.

The interdisciplinary core curriculum will be rolled out to all freshmen from the new Academic Year starting in August 2021. In addition, NTU will ensure that all students get an opportunity to benefit from internships, to enhance their career readiness and employability. Students can also gain greater exposure to research internships through corporate laboratories and other joint laboratories established on NTU's Smart Campus in partnership with industry.

NTU's accomplishment in the QS World University Rankings follows recent successes in other international league tables.

NTU rose to 5th place in the **Times Higher Education Asia University Rankings** unveiled last week, up one spot from last year.

In the **Shanghai Ranking's Global Ranking of Academic Subjects** last month, NTU maintained its leading position in the global academic landscape with 10 subjects among the world's Top 10 for the second year running. NTU's Nanoscience & Nanotechnology led the list, maintaining its No. 1 position for the fifth consecutive year.

Earlier in March, in the **QS World University Rankings by Subject**, NTU ranked first worldwide for the study of Materials Science, overtaking the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Eight of NTU's subject areas were ranked in the global top 10, and 25 entered the top 50, marking the University's best performance in the QS subject rankings.

The QS rankings compare the performance of the world's top 1,300 universities across 97 countries and locations worldwide. The results also take into account the distribution and performance of 14.7 million academic papers published between 2015 and 2019, and the 96 million citations received by those papers.

For more information on the QS World University Rankings, visit <https://www.topuniversities.com>.

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About Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

A research-intensive public university, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (NTU Singapore) has 33,000 undergraduate and postgraduate students in the Engineering, Business, Science, Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences, and Graduate colleges. It also has a medical school, the Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine, established 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 for Environmental Life Sciences Engineering – and various leading research centres such as the Nanyang Environment & Water Research Institute (NEWRI) and Energy Research Institute @ NTU (ERI@N).

Ranked amongst the world's top universities by QS, NTU has also been named the world's top young university for the past seven years. The University's main campus is frequently listed among the Top 15 most beautiful university campuses in the world and has 57 Green Mark-certified (equivalent to LEED-certified) buildings, of which 95% are certified Green Mark Platinum. Apart from its main campus, NTU also has a campus in Novena, Singapore's healthcare district.

Under the NTU Smart Campus vision, the University harnesses the power of digital technology and tech-enabled solutions to support better learning and living experiences, the discovery of new knowledge, and the sustainability of resources.

For more information, visit www.ntu.edu.sg