Singapore varsities ‘producing sought-after grads’

THREE Singapore universities have been ranked within the world’s top 200 in economics and accounting, two of the subjects most prized by employers.

National University of Singapore (NUS), Nanyang Technological University (NTU) and Singapore Management University (SMU) were given the impressive placings by Quacquarelli Symonds (QS).

The education networking company ranks universities based on various methods such as peer reviews. It placed NUS 16th in economics, and 15th in accounting and finance. NTU ranked between 51st and 100th for economics and 44th for accounting and finance, and SMU came between 151st and 200th for both subjects.

In a separate survey, QS asked global graduate employers which subject areas are most sought after.

Economics, accounting and business were the top three.

QS Intelligence Unit head Ben Sowter said Singapore universities are “truly showing their strength in producing graduates which will be highly sought after by employers”.

QS has been ranking universities since 2004, but this is the first time it has done so according to individual subjects.

The move is meant to provide students with more detailed and focused information on where to study, helping them to make better decisions about their education.

QS’ overall university rankings, not just by subject, will be released within the fourth quarter of this year, and can be found at www.top-universities.com

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