NUS THIRD IN QS ASIAN UNIVERSITY RANKINGS

The National University of Singapore (NUS) has come in third in the 2010 Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) Asian University Rankings, up from 10th place when the rankings were published for the first time last year.

The University of Hong Kong came in first and the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology second.

Nine categories were measured by QS: Academic peer review, papers per faculty, citations per paper, student-faculty ratio, Asian employer review, international faculty, international students, inbound exchange students and outbound exchange students.

QS said NUS performed strongly in all criteria and scored near or top scores for international faculty, international students and inbound student exchange, as well as citations per paper.

NUS President Professor Tan Chorh Chuan said: “To be consistently placed amongst the leading universities in the region and the world is testament to the significant contributions made by NUS faculty and researchers towards a high quality global education and cutting-edge research.”

However, Nanyang Technological University (NTU) was ranked 18th — down from 14th the year before. QS said NTU performed strongly in citations per paper as well as international faculty, international students, inbound and outbound student exchange. However, it still lags behind NUS on citations per paper and faculty student ratio. The Singapore Management University was not involved in the rankings.

The QS Asian Rankings are part of an expansion of the QS World University Rankings, which have been running since 2004 and provide the most widely-referenced general ranking of global comprehensive universities. ONG DAI LIN