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NUS Medicine is Asia’s Best and Top 18 Globally in Latest QS World University Rankings®

Singapore’s flagship university in the top 30 for subject rankings in Biological Sciences, Medicine and Psychology

The National University of Singapore (NUS) has taken the top spot for medicine among Asian universities in the new QS World University Rankings® by Subject for Life Sciences and Medicine, which comprises the three disciplines of Biological Sciences, Medicine and Psychology. This latest set of subject rankings from QS ranked universities around the world based on academic reputation, employer reputation and research citations, with weightings tailored to each subject. In this latest subject ranking, NUS was also placed 22nd for Psychology and 28th for Biological Sciences.

Said Professor Tan Eng Chye, NUS Deputy President (Academic Affairs) and Provost: “Top quality education and high impact research are central to NUS’ mission. We are proud of the international recognition given to our achievements in Medicine, Biological Sciences and Psychology, and delighted that we have once again been placed among the best universities in Asia, and the world. With the continued support of our outstanding faculty, staff and students, NUS is well-poised to ensure that our education and research continues to be at the cutting edge, as well as locally and globally relevant.”

Professor John Wong, the Dean of NUS Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine who is also Isabel Chan Professor in Medical Sciences and Deputy Chief Executive of the National University Health System, said: “Asia has many fine medical schools and NUS’ Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine is honoured to be ranked among them. We are privileged to be recognised for the impact that our great faculty and students have made, and continue to make, in our common vision of doing our very best, be it in patient care, education, or research.”

The latest set of rankings are part of a new series of QS World University Rankings® by Subject launched in March 2011 to provide new insights on the strengths of the world’s leading institutions in specific subject areas. NUS had earlier emerged as Asia’s leading university in engineering and IT disciplines in the first set of rankings. The University was placed 7th globally for Civil and Structural Engineering, 10th for Chemical Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering, and 12th for Computer Science and Information Systems. QS has indicated that rankings for Natural Sciences, Arts and Humanities as well as Social Sciences and Management will be released as separate groups throughout 2011.
About National University of Singapore (NUS)

A leading global university centred in Asia, the National University of Singapore (NUS) is Singapore’s flagship university which offers a global approach to education and research, with a focus on Asian perspectives and expertise.

NUS has 15 faculties and schools across three campuses. Its transformative education includes a broad-based curriculum underscored by multi-disciplinary courses and cross-faculty enrichment. Over 36,000 students from 100 countries enrich the community with their diverse social and cultural perspectives.

NUS has three Research Centres of Excellence (RCE) and 22 university-level research institutes and centres. It is also a partner for Singapore’s 5th RCE. NUS shares a close affiliation with 16 national-level research institutes and centres. Research activities are strategic and robust, and NUS is well-known for its research strengths in engineering, life sciences and biomedicine, social sciences and natural sciences. It also strives to create a supportive and innovative environment to promote creative enterprise within its community.

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