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NUS Law Graduates Preferred by Employers

Asia's global law school retains 10th position in employer reputation, according to the latest QS World University Ranking by Subject for 2013

Singapore, 10 May 2013 — The National University of Singapore's Faculty of Law (NUS Law) is among the top ten law schools preferred by employers. In the latest release of "QS World University Rankings by Subject 2013 - Law" by London-based Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), NUS Law is placed at 22nd position.

"Looking more closely, the rankings give some good news, some reasons for optimism, and some areas in which more work needs to be done," says Professor Simon Chesterman, Dean of NUS Law. "In employer reputation, we remained 10th in the world. This suggests the strength of our academic programme, which is one of the key factors considered by undergraduate and graduate students."

Unlike the general approach to evaluation of employability, which only evaluates graduates of the world's top universities, and is subjected to the local economic conditions of the country, the QS team takes a different approach by surveying employers. This gives way to a better understanding of employers' opinion on the quality of graduates, and makes the rankings more relevant internationally.

This year's QS rankings take into account new measures, the H-index citations and a revised Citation per paper. These measures rely on Scopus, a journal database that includes a selection of law journals. With the addition of more journal selections to the database, it would mean that more published work from NUS Law can be found in this database. This will be reflected in future rankings, and the law school is optimistic that its rankings will be improved based on this. Previously, the criteria for the rankings only consisted of academic and employer reputation.

Another area that the law school is looking to improve is in the quantity and quality of its research. With the further development of the law school's research centres, as well as the resources that will support them, NUS Law is inspired to produce high quality work and ensure that its impact is maximised.