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In overall scores, NTU have improved by 5 points, overtaking South Korea's Pohang University of Science and Technology (POSTech) to hold tenth place.

NUS made an incremental improvement of 0.9 points, edging closer to Asia's number one ranked university, the University of Tokyo, which has dropped 0.3 points in its overall score.

The editor of Times Higher Education Rankings, Mr Phil Baty, said that with this year's improvement, NUS "may soon overtake" the Japan university.

"In 2014, there was a four-point gap in the overall scores between NUS in second and Tokyo in first place. This year that gap has reduced to just 2.8 points. NUS is already ahead of Tokyo in its scores for international outlook and industry links – which are strong indicators of future success," he said.

The regional rankings, which are based on the same performance indicators and methodology as the established THE World University Rankings, uses 13 separate performance indicators to examine each university's strengths against its core missions of teaching, research, knowledge transfer and international outlook.

NUS is pleased that it has been placed once again among the top two universities in the rankings this year, said NUS President Professor Tan Chorh Chuan. "The results reflect the University's strong progress as a highly-ranked, leading global centre of education and research.

Going ahead, he said that the university will be intensifying its focus "on ensuring that our graduates are future-ready, on substantially raising the translational impact of NUS' research, and in making the NUS enterprise ecosystem one of the most vibrant in Asia".

In another ranking of Asian universities by Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) released yesterday (June 10), NUS claimed the top spot, while NTU was fourth.