

Table 30.7 Analyzing QS Rankings of selected Singapore and Hong Kong Universities

QS World and Asia 2018 - compared on rank order														
RANK		University Overall			Academic Reputation		Employer Reputation		Fac/Student Ratio		Cites Fac	Cites Paper	Pap Fac	
W	A		Wo	As	Wo	As	Wo	As	Wo	As	Wo	As	As	
Weight in percent					40	30	10	20	20	15	20	10	10	
11	1	NTU	92.2	100	50	8	38	5	60	8	57	1	84	
15	2	NUS	90.5	99.9	11	2	11	1	81	18	128	2	96	
26	5	HKU	85.5	97.4	27	6	52	11	95	21	271	20	15	
30	3	HKUST	84.3	98.2	52	11	71	12	256	76	47	3	45	
49	8	City U	78.4	96.6	113	23	226	43	105	25	37	7	29	

QS Asia 2016-2017 Rankings Compared to 2018 Rankings														
RANK		University Overall			Academic Reputation		Employer Reputation		Fac/Student Ratio		Papers per Faculty		Citations Paper	
2018	2017		2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017
1	3	NTU	100	98.4	99.9	99.9	100	100	99.5	98.9	65	60.5	100	100
2	1	NUS	99.9	100	100	100	100	100	98.5	97	61.1	60.1	86.2	100
3	4	HKUST	98.2	98	98.2	99.7	99.2	99.5	77.5	69	82.8	84.4	84.4	99.5
5	2	HKU	97.4	98.5	100	100	99.8	99.9	99.8	95.4	58.1	55.3	67.4	94.9
8	7	City U	96.6	96.4	93.4	93.7	83.7	79.6	96.8	95	90.9	89.4	77.8	99.2

RED FLAGS: Without seeing underlying data the rise of NTU to number one spot in 2018 is not clear. What is clear however are the areas that have negative impacts on rankings for HKU, HKUST and CityU. HKUST's top 50 rank for citations per faculty is offset by a much lower rank for faculty student ratio.