Mahidol University once again placed in the best position in Thailand by the latest Times Higher Education Asia University Rankings 2018

Prof. Banchong Mahalsavariya, M.D., Acting President of Mahidol University, said that according to the recent announcement of the full result of the Times Higher Education Asia University Rankings 2018 on The Times newspaper's website on Wednesday 7th February 2018, this year, the ranking table has expanded from 300 universities last year to 359 universities from 25 countries in the Asian region.

As previously, and as with the Times Higher Education World University Rankings, The Times Higher Asia University Rankings 2018 used 13 performance indicators in five areas. However, the following were given different percentage weightings: Teaching (the learning environment) 25%; Research (volume, income and reputation) 30%; Citations (research influence) 30%; International outlook (staff, students and research) 7.5%; and Industry income (knowledge transfer) 7.5%.

This year, 10 higher education institutions from Thailand have been listed in the ranking, namely: Mahidol University (97th); King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi (114th); Chulalongkorn University (164th); Suranaree University of Technology (168th); Chiang Mai University (201st-250th); King Mongkut's Institute of Technology Ladrabang (201st-250th); Kasetsart University (251st-300th); Khon Kaen University (251st-300th); Prince of Songkla University (251st-300th); and King Mongkut's University of Technology North Bangkok (301st-350th).

Several Thai institutes saw their rankings slip because of rapid rises and development of other Asian nations and the effect of the ageing population and oversupply of higher education in Thailand.

However, Mahidol University maintained the same rank in Thailand in the Top 100 Asia Universities and was once again ranked the top Thai university.

Mahidol University was also ranked the best Thai university in 12 specific subjects: Biological Sciences; Physics & Astronomy; Chemistry; Other Health; Geology; Environment, Earth & Marine Sciences; Mathematics & Statistics; Computer Science; Sociology; Economics & Econometrics; Business & Management; Accounting & Finance; Communication & Media Studies.

This is due to Mahidol University having a strong research culture. Mahidol University has focused on translational research and innovation within its faculties, via partnerships with private and industrial sectors. It also aims to increase flexibility in its curricula and degrees by emphasising outcome-based education and encouraging and incentivising life-long learning, cross-functional skills, and an entrepreneurial culture.

These strengths medical science and healthcare research and the impact of this, resulted in a high citation index in numerous quality publications.

Elsewhere, Mahidol University's partnerships with internationally renowned universities and industries have increased its international research and industrial income.

Today, Mahidol University's main challenge is to maintain its competitiveness in academic and healthcare/academic services in the international arena.