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NUS among top 50 research institutions: Nature Publishing Index

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Singapore: National University of Singapore (NUS) has secured 46th place in the Nature Publishing Index (NPI) 2013, up 28 places from 74th in 2012. The University is also placed 6th in the Asia-Pacific, up 3 spots from 9th place in 2012. NUS was the first institution in Singapore to break into the Global Top 100 in the 2012 rankings, and continues to move up the 2013 rankings.

The rankings are based on the NPI, a measurement of the output in 2013 of research articles in Nature and the 17 Nature research journals. Released by the Nature Publishing Group, one of the most highly respected and oldest publishers in the academic and professional scientific community, the NPI is used primarily as an indicator of strength in high quality basic research.

Said NUS President Professor Tan Chorh Chuan, "We are delighted that NUS has been placed among the top 50 research institutions in the Nature Publishing Index 2013, moving up to 46th position. This is a recognition of the impact and quality of our research, which has increased dramatically over a broad range of fields. Our Research Centres of Excellence for quantum technologies, mechanobiology, and cancer science are at the frontiers of their fields, as is the Singapore Centre on Environmental Life Sciences Engineering in which NUS is a partner. Several NUS research centres and programmes are international leaders in areas ranging from graphene and new materials to lipidomics and medicine.

We will continue to strengthen NUS' research excellence by building upon our broad-based research capabilities, pioneering new research areas and developing new strengths at the interfaces between some of our leading-edge programmes, and through our strategic research partnerships. We will also strive to contribute insights, ideas and solutions to major issues for the benefit of Singapore and the world."

Said Mr Nick Campbell, Executive Editor, Nature and Global Head of Macmillan Science Communication: "The National University of Singapore's reputation as one of the Asia-Pacific's strongest research institutions is likely to be enhanced by this year's output in the Nature Publishing Index: NUS almost doubled its contribution to Nature family journals from last year, with a particularly strong contribution from its materials researchers. My thanks and congratulations go to all those NUS researchers that published their research in our journals."