

Media Release

**SMU Lee Kong Chian School of Business moves up 7 notches;
Ranks 6th in Financial Times' 2018 Asia-Pacific Business Schools Ranking**

Singapore, 3 December 2018 (Monday) – Singapore Management University's (SMU) Lee Kong Chian School of Business (LKCSB) has been ranked [sixth place in the *Financial Times'* \(FT\) 2018 ranking of top business schools in the Asia-Pacific](#), moving up seven notches from the 13th position in the 2017 rankings.

This is the second time the FT has published a ranking specifically of Asia-Pacific business schools. According to FT, the rankings are 'based on the quality and breadth of business schools' postgraduate programmes'. The Asia-Pacific ranking is a composite measure of the combined performance across the five main rankings published by FT in 2018: [MBA](#), [Executive MBA](#), [Masters in Management \(MiM\)](#) and both customised and open-enrolment [Executive Education](#) programmes.

Professor Gerard George, Dean of SMU LKCSB and Lee Kong Chian Chair Professor of Innovation and Entrepreneurship, said, "I am delighted that in a short span of 10 years, our business school has achieved overall sixth position in the Asia-Pacific for our postgraduate business programmes. The powerful combination of world class thought leadership from our faculty and our central location within Singapore helps us connect and engage with the business community to deliver an impactful education. Our rankings reflect our commitment to preparing students with right skills, knowledge and networks to succeed in Asia's growing and dynamic business environment."

Notably, earlier this year, LKCSB's MBA programme was ranked 30th globally and first in Singapore in the [2018 Top MBAs for Finance ranking](#) by FT; LKCSB's Executive MBA programme has also steadily risen up the ranks and has achieved 22nd position globally in [FT's Executive MBA Ranking 2018](#) within a short span of seven years.

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About SMU Lee Kong Chian School of Business (LKCSB)

SMU commenced its curriculum in 2000 with the School of Business, which welcomed its pioneer cohort of students in August 2000. In 2004, the Lee Foundation contributed S\$50 million to SMU in honour of the late Dr Lee Kong Chian, a well-known Southeast Asian businessman, philanthropist and community leader. In recognition of the Lee Foundation's generosity, SMU named in perpetuity the School of Business, the building and the university-wide scholars programme after Dr Lee Kong Chian.

Today, LKCSB is a dynamic Asian business school with more than 4,000 students and over a hundred full-time faculty members with doctorate degrees from renowned universities such as Cornell, Harvard, INSEAD, London Business School, Wharton, Oxford, Stanford and Yale. The school offers undergraduate, master's and doctoral programmes and is affiliated with a number of research

centres such as the Sim Kee Boon Institute for Financial Economics, the Centre for Marketing Excellence and the Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

LKCSB is ranked 3rd in Asia and 35th worldwide in the University of Texas, Dallas rankings (based on research contributions for the period 2013 – 2017) and is one of the youngest business schools in the world to have a triple accreditation with the AACSB (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business), EQUIS (European Quality Improvement System), and AMBA (Association of MBAs). Many of the school's postgraduate programmes are also ranked in the FT (Financial Times) Business School Rankings including the Executive MBA (22nd), the MBA (49th), the MSc in Wealth Management (3rd), the MSc in Applied Finance (45th) and the MSc in Management (82nd). www.business.smu.edu.sg

About Singapore Management University

Established in 2000, Singapore Management University (SMU) is recognised for its high-impact multi-disciplinary research that addresses Asian issues of global relevance, and for its innovations in experiential learning. With 10,000 students, SMU offers bachelors, masters and PhD degree programmes in Accountancy, Business, Economics, Information Systems, Law and Social Sciences, and executive development programmes. Through its city campus, SMU enjoys strategic linkages with business, government and the wider community in Singapore and beyond. www.smu.edu.sg

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