ITS Listed as The Top 200 Universities in Asia Pasific

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ITS is included in the best 200 universities in the Asia Pacific by Times Higher Education. This ranking also puts ITS in the third-best position in Indonesia.

**ITS Campus, ITS News** - Never stop innovating and continuing to give the best for the nation, Sepuluh Nopember Institute of Technology (ITS) successfully entered the ranks of best universities in Asia Pacific version of Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings. On the results of the world university ranking institute version of Times magazine in Sydney, Australia, on Wednesday (20/2), ITS managed to occupy the position of 201-250 THE Asia Pacific Rankings 2019.

For this achievement, ITS as one of the universities in Indonesia can be aligned with various world universities that have a global reputation. Among that ranked 201-250 are Kumamoto University from Japan, Kyushu Institute of Technology from Japan, and also Incheon National University from South Korea.

It should be noted, THE is one of the credible institutions in the world in presenting university performance data, especially in ranking top global universities. In addition to the Asia Pacific region, ITS also managed to get a ranking in various categories at THE World University Rankings. Among other things, ITS managed to occupy positions 251-300 in the category of the best universities in the field of Emerging Economies (developing countries).
Furthermore, in the Computer and Science category, ITS was ranked 501-600. In the Engineering and Technology category, ITS still secures the best position at 601-800. Until the last category in the Physical Science category, ITS was in the position of 801+ which was the closing of a total of five ranks achieved.

ITS Rector Prof. Ir Joni Hermana MScES PhD said the results obtained by ITS were an extraordinary achievement. The results of their hard work for the entire academic community of ITS which ultimately produce a good result in international recognition.

Joni said, for the ranking, THE World University Rankings involved more than 1,250 universities in 86 countries. Whereas for the 2019 THE Asia Pacific University Rankings involved more than 300 universities from 13 different countries in the Asia Pacific region.

For the methodology, Joni said THE Rankings evaluated five aspects in each university, with a percentage of 30 percent for Citations, 2.5 percent for Industry Income, 7.5 percent for International Outlook, 30 percent for Research, and 30 percent for Teaching.

He also said every university with legal status (PTN-BH) in Indonesia has been targeted by the Ministry of Research, Technology and Higher Education (Kemenristekdikti) to reach the world’s largest 500 universities, the QS World University Rankings.

“Of course this is very heavy especially by ITS for the assessment of the QS World University Rankings, because its assessment of 50 percent comes from the perception of world academic colleagues and industry,” he explained. This is clearly heavy, continued Joni, because people today do not understand that ITS is the “Sepuluh Nopember Institute of Technology” which may be difficult for them to recognizing or even to memorize.

“As a result, in this 50 percent part we get a bad result, while in the other 50 percent the academic reputation or the achievement of our academic performance has actually been quite high in the state,” said this man from Bandung.

Joni continued, because of that, the existence of THE University Rankings is a breath of fresh air for ITS, because the percentage of assessment is more to academic reputation than perception. Because they’re more likely to rank achievements, ITS is more visible in this ranking system, so it occupies the top three in Indonesia. “This is very impressive for PTN which is not well-known, but is good in terms of academic achievement,” said the ITS Professor of Environmental Engineering.

Joni also said, because of the selectiveness of the Rankings, there were only five Indonesian PTNs that had just entered this ranking system. University of Indonesia (UI), Bandung Institute of Technology (ITB), Sepuluh Nopember Institute of Technology (ITS), Bogor Agricultural University (IPB) and Gadjah Mada University (UGM).
“Hopefully in the future, ITS will be more shining in the international arena, which in turn will increase our rating (ITS, editor) in the QS World Rankings, especially academic perceptions,” Joni hopes.

Joni also expressed his joy at the achievement of ITS. At least during the final term of his position as rector at ITS, he can show evidence to the wider community that the potential of all ITS academics is very large.

“ITS can achieve international achievements if we want, and hopefully this spirit will remain imprinted on every soul of ITS academicians in the future under the leadership of Prof. Ashari as the new rector, to achieve better in international achievements,” he said.

In closing, he expressed his gratitude to God and the entire academic community of ITS for their help during this time to reaching good and proud achievements. (Anjani/ITS Public Relation Officer)