



Press Release

Khalifa University leads the Arab World in Another Times Higher Education Rankings

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Abu Dhabi, 12 December 2016: Khalifa University (KU) has been named one of the top universities in the emerging world and BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) by Times Higher Education (THE). KU placed 49th out of 300 institutions rated in the THE BRICS & Emerging Economies Rankings 2017, and was also ranked ahead of competing institutions in the Arab World. The University was the first ranked of three UAE institutions to appear on the list.

This ranking follows announcements earlier in the year that the University was ranked number one in the UAE according to Times Higher Education and QS World Rankings. In addition, the University continues to be the youngest institution to be named one of the top 100 universities under the age of 50 by QS, moving up into the top 60 position on the list.

The Times Higher Education BRICS & Emerging Economies University Rankings 2017 only includes institutions in countries classified as “advanced emerging”, “secondary emerging” or “frontier” by the Financial Times Stock Exchange (FTSE), including the BRICS. The 2017 Rankings are the first time that the list has extended to 300 universities, up from 200 institutions last year, and 100 institutions in the previous two years.

“Our rising position in international rankings is demonstrative of the hard work and ingenuity of our faculty and students,” said Dr. Tod Laursen, President of Khalifa

University. “Our faculty and students are some of the most prolific publishers in the Arab World, consistently publishing research papers and findings in prestigious international journals and receiving a high number of citations as well. In addition, we lead the UAE in patent production. This high level of intellectual property creation and knowledge transfer is a driving factor in our success, as is our level of commitment to our students and to innovation.”

“Once again our young University is being recognized for its achievements and commitment to quality and innovation,” said Dr. Arif Sultan Al Hammadi, Khalifa University’s Executive Vice President. “Khalifa University was created with the goal of becoming a hub for research and innovation in the region, and our increasing prestige on the international stage is a testament to that goal, and to the vision of our wise leadership, who sought to establish the country as a technological center driven by a sustainable knowledge economy. This achievement will undoubtedly spur our students, faculty and staff to reach ever-farther heights of creativity and innovation.”

Phil Baty, Editor, THE World University Rankings, said, "It is no easy task to appear in the 2017 BRICS & Emerging Economies Rankings, which use the same 13 rigorous and demanding performance indicators as the overall World University Rankings. Institutions must demonstrate high standards of performance across teaching, research, international outlook and knowledge transfer and compete with other leading research universities across 50 emerging economy countries. We only rank the very best universities from this cohort so to make the top 300 list is a great achievement in itself and Khalifa University should be heartily congratulated."

With over 70 issued/filed US patents, eleven specialized research centers and institutions and a female student population of 60% (twice the global average for



women in science and technology), and two Rhodes Scholars awarded in the last year, Khalifa University has consistently put itself on the map locally and globally.

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