SMU business school earns EQUIS accreditation
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SINGAPORE: The Singapore Management University (SMU) Lee Kong Chian School of Business (LKCSB) has become one of the youngest institutions in the world to be conferred the prestigious EQUIS accreditation.

It now sits alongside leading business schools around the world, such as the London Business School in the United Kingdom, IE Business School in Spain, IMD in Switzerland and INSEAD in France.

The accreditation is awarded by the European Foundation for Management Development (EFMD), covering all programmes offered by the LKCSB from the undergraduate degree up to the Ph.D. Level.

It's synonymous with high international standards of quality, a significant level of internationalisation and professional relevance to the corporate world.

An institution is awarded an EQUIS accreditation for a period of five years (versus a three-year accreditation period) if it is assessed to be good in all the EQUIS Standards and excellent in some.

There are 21 business schools in Asia which had attained the EQUIS accreditation, but only five had achieved five-year accreditation.

Dean of SMU LKCSB, Professor Howard Thomas, said the school has built up its global standing in a short span of 11 years since its establishment in 2000.

"It takes a great deal of determination and self-assessment to achieve accreditation, which, in itself, is a rigorous process of evaluation and review. To be able to attain a five-year accreditation demonstrates EFMD's strong confidence in the holistic nature and high quality of our undergraduate and post-graduate programmes," he said.