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## Eleven Portuguese universities ranked among world's best

Portugal has secured a strong presence in the latest edition of the QS World University Rankings, with 11 universities featuring among the world's top 1,504 institutions.

The annual ranking, one of the most influential global assessments of higher education, places the University of Lisbon as Portugal's highest-ranked institution in 237<sup>th</sup> place worldwide.

The University of Porto follows in 255<sup>th</sup> position, while NOVA

University Lisbon ranks 337<sup>th</sup> and the University of Coimbra 342<sup>nd</sup>.

The University of Aveiro placed 425<sup>th</sup>, with the University of Minho ranked 572<sup>nd</sup>. The Portuguese Catholic University was listed in the 791-800 band, while ISCTE - University Institute of Lisbon ranked between 851<sup>st</sup> and 900<sup>th</sup>.

The University of Beira Interior entered the ranking in the 901-950 category, while the University of the Algarve was placed in the 1,001-1,200 range and the

University of Évora featured between 1,201<sup>st</sup> and 1,400<sup>th</sup>.

Among Portuguese institutions, the University of Coimbra recorded the strongest performance, climbing five places to achieve its highest-ever position.

The rankings also highlight a shifting balance in global higher education, with China continuing to narrow the gap with traditional academic powers.

Mainland China now has 85 universities in the rankings, 13 more

than last year, reflecting sustained public investment in research, technology and innovation.

The United States remains the most represented country, with 184 institutions, followed by the United Kingdom with 93. However, many universities in both countries slipped down the table, with 65% of US institutions and around 40% of UK universities losing ground.

By contrast, 61% of Chinese universities improved their positions.

The global top five remains dominated by English-speaking institutions: the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Imperial College London, Stanford University, the University of Oxford and Harvard University.

Jessica Turner, chief executive of QS, said the findings showed that international leadership in higher education could not be taken for granted.

"Dominance should not be confused with permanence," she said.