

Asia's Leading Universities: Announced

QS Quacquarelli Symonds, global higher education analysts, have today named Asia's leading 426 universities. The 2018 edition of the [QS World University Rankings: Asia](#) sees Nanyang Technological University take the number-one spot from compatriot National University of Singapore (2nd).

Highlights

- The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) rises from 4th to 3rd;
- South Korea's KAIST - Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology rises from 6th to 4th;
- China's top university remains Tsinghua University, which falls from 5th to 6th;
- China's Fudan University is the only new entrant into the top 10 this year; it has risen from 11th to 7th;
- The top 50 features universities from Japan (11), China and South Korea (9); Hong Kong, Malaysia, and Taiwan (5); India (3); Singapore (2); and Thailand (1);
- Malaysian universities make particularly noteworthy improvements this year, with three of its universities breaking into the top 50;

Table 1: QS University Rankings 2018: Asia (Top 10)

Country/Territory	2018 Rank	2017 Rank	Institution
SG	1	3	NANYANG TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY (NTU)
SG	2	1	NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE (NUS)
HK	3	4	THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (HKUST)
KR	4	6	KAIST - KOREA ADVANCED INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
HK	5	2	UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG (HKU)
CN	6	5	TSINGHUA UNIVERSITY
CN	7	11	FUDAN UNIVERSITY
HK	8	7	CITY UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

	9	9	PEKING UNIVERSITY
CN	10	8	THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG (CUHK)

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Methodology

QS use a unique methodology to calculate this ranking. The methodology is designed to account for the unique challenges facing the region's universities, and features 10 indicators. They are:

- Academic Reputation (measuring research quality)
- Employer Reputation (measuring employability)
- Faculty/Student Ratio (measuring teaching quality)
- Papers per Faculty (research)
- Citations per paper (research)
- International Faculty Ratio (measuring internationalization)
- Staff with PhD (teaching quality)
- International Student Ratio (internationalization)
- Inbound Exchange Students (internationalization)
- Outbound Exchange Students (internationalization).

Ben Sowter, Research Director, QS, said: "This year's rankings suggest that, in a number of nations, established hierarchies are being disrupted. This is a result of the region's universities continually striving to become competitive, forward-thinking, and internationally attractive."