

Appendix A: Bonus – QS Asia 2021

Ruth's Rankings 44 Part 1 covered the QS 2020 rankings in depth, looking at the metrics from a student's perspective. I read coverage of the rankings in the media from selected regional countries, Malaysia, India, Philippines, Bangladesh, and Vietnam. Table 6. A. is a ranking of the top 20 institutions in Asia in 2021, 2020 and the first ranking available online, 2018. It also includes the World rankings for 2021, with the Asia rank and the World Rank. TABLE 6 B: has the top institution in other countries that are in the top 100. Table 6.C. presents ranks for countries featured in the media.

Table 6. A: QS Asia Top 20

	2021	2020	2018	Asia	WR
	650	550	400	293	1003
National U of Singapore-NUS	1	1	2	1	11
Tsinghua U	2	4	6	3	15
Nanyang Technological U -NTU	3	2	1	2	13
U Hong Kong	4	3	5	4	22
Zhejiang U	5	6	21	15	53
Fudan U	6	7	7	8	34
Peking U	7	5	9	5	23
HK U Science & Technology-HKUST	8	8	3	6	24
U Malaya -UM	9	13	24	17	59
Shanghai Jiao Tong U	10	17	22	13	47
Korea U	11	12	16	19	69
Korea Advanced Inst of Sci Tech-KAIST	12	9	4	11	39
Chinese U HK	13	10	10	12	43
Seoul National U	14	11	11	9	37
U Tokyo	15	13	13	7	24
Sungkyukwan U -SKKU	16	16	18	25	88
Koyoto U	17	15	17	10	38
City U HK	18	19	8	14	48
Nationa Taiwan U - NTU	19	20	25	18	66
Tokyo Institute of Technology -Tokyo Tech	20	17	14	16	56
Osaka	22	22	15	20	72
Pohong U of Science & Technology-POSTECH	26	26	12	22	77
Yonsie U	21	21	19	24	85
Tohoku U	23	23	20	23	79

ANALYSIS: Top 20

QS Asia added 100 universities from 2020 to 2021 and 250 from 2018. Seven of the top ten are the same in all three and eight of ten in 2020 and 2021. Universities in **RED** were newcomers in 2021, universities in **GREEN** dropped out and universities in **GOLD** were Asian top 10 in 2021 QS

World ranking. China has 5 of top 10. In the top 20, China has 5, Hong Kong and South Korea 4, Japan 3, Singapore 2, and Malaysia and Taiwan 1. In 2018, Japan and South Korea had five each, Hong Kong, and China four, and Singapore two.

TABLE 6.B:

OTHER COUNTRIES IN TOP 100 - Top University	QS ASIA Ranks			WORLD Rank	
	2021	2020	2018	2021	Country
Indian Institute of Technology Bombay	37	34	34	172	India
Chulalongkorn	43	45	50	204	Thailand
Gadjah Mada U	57	70	85	246	Indonesia
U Philippines	69	72	75	383	Philippines
U Brunei Darussalam	75	86	195	246	Brunei
U Macau	93	93	125	354	Macau
U of Indonesia	59	59	54	294	Indonesia

Six other countries had at least one university in the Asia top 100.

TABLE 6.C. Featured countries

MEDIA RESPONSES TO QS 2021 Asia's Ranking **2021** **2020** **2018** **2021 WORLD**

	2021	2020	2018	WORLD 2021
MALAYSIA	35	29	27	20
U Malaya	9	13	24	59
U Putra Malaysia	28	33	36	132
U Sains Malaysia	34	37	46	142
U Kebangsaan MY	35	39	43	141
U Teknologi Malaysia	39	46	49	187
U Teknologi Petronas	70	82	101	439
Taylor's	89	109	150	379
UCSI	105	122	212	391
U Utara Malaysia	107	116	131	531-540
U Teknologi MARA	108	119	158	651-700

STORY: 10 Malaysian universities among 110 best in Asia.

<https://www.nst.com.my/news/nation/2020/11/644410/10-malaysian-universities->

INDIA	107	96	21
IIT Bombay	37	34	172
IIT Delhi	47	43	193
IIT Madras	50	50	275
IIS	56	51	185
IIT Kharagpur	58	56	314
U Delhi	71	67	501-
IIT Kanpur	72	65	350
Jawaharlal Nehru U	81	nr	

Indian STORIES: *Here are two different perspectives on Indian institutions' performance. For the record, no Indian institution has been in the top 20! (RAP*

Three IITs in Top 50

<https://news.careers360.com/qs-asia-university-rankings-2021-three-iits-in-top-50>

107 Indian varsities ranked: none in the top 10

<https://www.indiatoday.in/education-today/news/story/qs-asia-university-rankings-2021-topp-10-universities-in-asia-india-1744740-2020-11-27>

PHILIPPINES	14	7	4
U Philippines	69	72	396
Ateneo de Manila U	135	124	601-650
De La Salle U	166	156	801-1000
U Santo Tomas	186	179	801-1000
U San Carlos	451-500	351-400	
Mapúa U	501-550	451-500	
Sillman U	501-550	451-500	
Central. Philippines U	601+	nr	
NOTE: 6 more PhilippineUnis ranked below 500;			

STORY: UP Leads Philippine schools in latest QS rankings of best Asian universities

<https://news.abs-cbn.com/news/11/26/20/up-leads-philippine-schools-in-latest-qs-rankings-of-best-asian-universities>

BANGLADESH	11	7	2
U of Dhaka	134	135	801-1000
Bangladesh U Engineering & Technology	199	207	801-1000
North South University	228	291-300	
BRAC	271-280	301-350	
Independent U Bangladesh	351-400	401-450	

STORY: 11 Bangladeshi universities in the list

<https://unb.com.bd/category/Bangladesh/qs-asia-ranking-2021-11-bangladeshi-universities-in-the-list/61216>

VIETNAM	11	8	2
Vietnam Ntl U HCM	158	143	801-1000
Vietnam Ntl U Hanoi	160	147	801-1000
Ton Duc Thang U	163	207	nr

STORY: Do not let the world see Vietnamese universities as “level and a half”! (Google translate)

<https://laodong.vn/su-kien-binh-luan/dung-de-the-gioi-xem-dai-hoc-viet-nam-la-cap-3-ruoi-857927.lido>

Most of the stories are positive, even if the university they are highlighting is in the bottom tier. The two Indian stories raise an ongoing question I ask myself: Is it better to be ranked at the bottom or not to be ranked at all?

OTHER LINKS:

RR 44 Part 1 includes QS Asia from students' perspectives

<https://librarylearningspace.com/ruths-rankings-44-part-1-whats-best-university-international-student-metrics-students-perspective/>

QS World: <https://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings/world-university-rankings/2021>

QS Asia: <https://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings/asian-university-rankings/2021>