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25 Chinese higher learning institutes have made it onto Reuters' annual rankings of the 75 most innovative universities in the Asia-Pacific region.

The list, which is now in its second year, identifies and ranks educational institutions doing the most to advance science and invent new technologies.

With 25 educational institutions on the list, China has the most universities on the list out of all countries in the Asia-Pacific region.

Ranking highest on the list is Tsinghua University at number six. /Xinhua Photo

Placing highest, and the only Chinese university in the top 10, is Beijing's Tsinghua University at number six.

The university making the biggest jump on the list is the University of Hong Kong, which climbed 26 spots from number 56 to number 30.

Other big movers include Huazhong University of Science and Technology which climbed 24 spots to number 33 and the Beijing University of Chemical Technology, which at number 32 jumped 13 spots from last year.

Chinese Universities on Asia Pacific's Most Innovative Universities 2017 list

—Tsinghua University - 6

Peking University - 13 —

—Zhejiang University - 19

Shanghai Jiao Tong University - 20 —

—Fudan University - 26

Chinese University of Hong Kong - 27 —

—University of Hong Kong - 30

Huazhong University of Science and Technology - 33 —

—Beijing University of Chemical Technology - 34

Hong Kong University of Science and Technology - 35 —

—Tianjin University - 39

South China University of Technology - 40 —

—East China University of Science and Technology - 43

China University of Petroleum - 45 —

—Southeast University - China - 49

Nanjing University - 53 —

—Dalian University of Technology - 57

Sichuan University - 59 —

—Nankai University - 61

Xi'an Jiaotong University - 62 —

—Sun Yat-Sen University - 63

Harbin Institute of Technology - 65 —

—Hong Kong Polytechnic - 67

University of Electronic Science and echnology of China - 70 —

— Tongji University - 75

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The 25 Chinese universities on the Reuters' list. /CGTN Graphic

Tongji University in Shanghai, one of China's oldest and most prestigious, closes the list in 75th place.

South Korea has five universities in the top ten, including KAIST, which tops the table for the second consecutive year. The remaining four universities topping the table are from Japan.

Some countries have underperformed in the rankings because of the way their university systems are organized.

For example, despite having the world's second-largest population and one of the largest economies, only one university from India made it onto the list, The Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT) at number 71.

South Korea's KAIST tops the table for the second year. /AFP Photo

The IIT is a network of 23 universities with a centralized patent administration, making it tricky to identify which university was responsible for what research.

Furthermore, some countries are missing from the list altogether.

Indonesia, Pakistan and Bangladesh failed to make the grade, as did the Philippines and Vietnam.

The rankings, compiled by Clarivate Analytics and its research associates, analyzed criteria such as the volume and success of patents, the impact research papers had on the industry and the percentage of collaborative research published.

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