

University Rankings for Higher Education Institutes in Thailand

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ABSTRACT

This paper provides a brief assessment of world university ranking systems and their indicators, focusing on the two most reliable and well-recognized ranking systems – QS University Rankings (QS) and Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings; and recommends these as the most appropriate for higher education institutes in Thailand to follow as a reference. QS and THE have kept their indicators and weightings relatively static over the past three years and reflect the many factors that are important to developing a world-class university. Thai universities should adopt these university ranking indicators into their world-class initiative strategies. Finally, this paper draws conclusions about the fifteen indicators that Thai universities should focus on to improve their quality and rankings.

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