

## RR 54 APPENDIX C: Freedom Rankings for 22 East Asia Countries - 2022

In December 2021 Ruth's Rankings featured freedom rankings along with a variety of rankings that are expanding the scope of universities. In January 2023 I began examining the relationship between freedom rankings and university rankings in response to the question: **Should university rankings include academic freedom rankings?**

**RR 54 Appendix A** includes tables on the world's and East Asia's top ten countries for the five rankings below.

**RR 54 Appendix B** includes tables on the world's and East Asia's top 10 universities in the four updated rankings.

In the year since the previous Academic freedom index (AFi), a different organization has taken control of the ranking and modified its metrics and categorisations..

**RR 54 -TABLE 6 : Freedom Rankings for 22 countries in East and Southeast Asia for indexes released in 2022**

	AFi Academic Freedom			HFI Human Freedom			DI Democracy			FHI Freedom House			RSF Reporters	
	Asia Rank	World Rank	Change	All	Asia Rank	Overall	Asia	Change	Overall	Asia Rank	Internet Freedom	Overall Score	Asia Rank	
	177			165		165			210			180		
<b>Top 20% : Status A - None</b>														
<b>TOP 20-30% - Status A (1)</b>														
Nepal	1	42	3	84	8	101	15	0	112	8		76	5	
Mongolia	2	47	-1	51	6	66	10	-4	57	3		90	6	
South Korea	3	50	-1	30	3	24	3	-8	59	4	67	43	3	
Taiwan	4	51	1	14	1	10	1	-2	19	2	79	38	2	
<b>TOP 30-40% - None</b>														
<b>TOP 40-50% Status B</b>														
Philippines	5	88	0	103	11	52	6	2	115	9	65	147	13	
<b>BOTTOM 40-50% -Status B</b>														
Japan	6	94	0	16	2	16	2	1	12	1	77	71	4	
Sri Lanka	7	101	1	110	13	60	9	7	116	10	48	146	12	
Indonesia	8	102	-1	85	9	54	7	-2	108	7	49	117	9	
<b>BOTTOM 30-40% (3) - Status C</b>														

Pakistan	9	108	0	146	19	107	16	-3	140	15	26	157	16
Singapore	10	114	1	44	5	70	11	-4	127	12	55	139	10
Bhutan	11	117	-1	86	10	84	13		103	6		33	1
<b>Bottom 20-30% -Status C-D</b>													
Malaysia	12	126	1	82	7	40	4	-1	122	11	59	113	7
Vietnam	13	140	-4	132	16	138	18	-7	172	18	22	174	18
<b>BOTTOM 10-20%- Status D-E</b>													
India	14	141	-1	112	14	46	5	0	93	5	51	150	15
Cambodia	15	144	-1	116	15	121	16	13	163	17	43	142	11
Bangladesh	16	145	nr	139	18	73	12	2	136	14	43	162	18
Hong Kong	17	149	-1	34	4	88	14	-3	130	13		148	14
Thailand	18	156	-1	104	12	55	8	17	154	16	39	115	8
<b>BOTTOM 10%</b>													
China	19	161	1	152	21	156	19	-8	194	20	10	175	19
Laos	20	167	1	146	20	159	20	0	183	19		161	17
Myanmar	21	172	-9	135	17	166	22	0	194	21	12	176	20
North Korea	22	177	nr			165	21	0	207	22		180	21

#### NOTES:

##### Academic Freedom Index:(AFi)

Column C: current East Asia Rank; Column D: current world rank;

Column E: changes in Asia ranks between 2021 and 2022. "0" indicates no change. Sri Lanka went up a category and India went down a category. Bangladesh and North Korea were not ranked in the 2021 release.

V-Dem <https://www.v-dem.net/our-work/research-programs/academic-freedom/>

Index <https://www.pol.phil.fau.eu/files/2022/03/afi-update-2022.pdf>

Variables: The entire data set is available to download and the composite variable is: v2xca\_academ

##### Human Freedom Index (HFI) - Cato and Fraser Institutes' policies are libertarian, supporting less government

<https://www.cato.org/human-freedom-index/2022>

The Human Freedom Index has a page for each country

Singapore is 2nd in economic freedom, and 81st in personal freedom

##### Democracy Index (DI) - Economist Intelligence Unit with a focus on economics; fill in form to download report

<https://www.eiu.com/n/campaigns/democracy-index-2022/>

##### Freedom House (FH) with a focus on civil and political liberties

Unique to Freedom House is a ranking of 70 countries on internet freedom which has three indicators: Obstacles to Access, Limits on Content, and Violation of user rights

Scores <https://freedomhouse.org/countries/freedom-world/scores>  
Methodology <https://freedomhouse.org/reports/freedom-world/freedom-world-research-methodology>  
Report [https://freedomhouse.org/sites/default/files/2022-02/FIW\\_2022\\_PDF\\_Booklet\\_Digital\\_Final\\_Web.pdf](https://freedomhouse.org/sites/default/files/2022-02/FIW_2022_PDF_Booklet_Digital_Final_Web.pdf)

### **Reporters without Borders (RSF)**

Bhutan and Nepal were the worlds biggest winners, rising 32 and 30 places. Hong Kong was the biggest loser, dropping 68 places.

List <https://rsf.org/en/index>  
Click on a country name, Bhutan for example, for information about the country <https://rsf.org/en/country/bhutan>  
Methodology [https://rsf.org/en/index-methodologie-2022?year=2022&data\\_type=general](https://rsf.org/en/index-methodologie-2022?year=2022&data_type=general)

### Ruth's Rankings 48 Part 2

<https://librarylearningspace.com/ruths-rankings-48-part-2-country-and-company-environmental-rankings-add-new-sets-of-indicators-to-our-vocabulary/>

introduced social indicators including the freedom indexes here:

<https://librarylearningspace.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/APPENDIX-48-2-B-Social-Indicators-Clive-edit.pdf>