Globalization has quickly created a network of collaborations between countries across the globe. Within academia, research and ranking excellence has gone global and prolific universities now exist across both hemispheres. The World of Research® report highlighted much of this growth, particularly within the Asia Pacific Region, that has propelled them into the spotlight. In the recent 2016-2017 THE World University Rankings®, powered by Scopus®, it was Asia that stood out with two Asian universities taking the top 100 by storm, followed by four others joining the top 200. This emergence has been inspiring and in the face of global challenges like climate change and food security, innovation and collaboration has become fundamental.

In an age of globalization, will the Asian academic emergence continue in countries like Thailand and beyond?

**THAILAND’S GROWING SCHOLARLY OUTPUT**

Thailand, a nation with a rich history of innovation, is now on the rise with validation and research awards. The nation has seen a significant increase in scholarly output, with growth in the top 10% of journals and citations. This growth is indicative of the national focus on jumping into the future with innovation and research as a driving force.

**THAILAND’S RESEARCH AREAS**

Thailand’s research areas include Agricultural Science, Engineering & Technology, Medical & Health Sciences, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, and Humanities. The nation’s research focus is broad, with a strong emphasis on areas such as Agricultural Science and Engineering & Technology.

**THAILAND INSTITUTIONS**

Thailand has a number of prolific research institutions, and a majority of citations are seeing a growing number of publications and authors. This growth is indicative of the national push toward research innovation.

**Most Prolific Research Institutions**

- Mahidol University
- King Mongkut’s University of Technology Ladkrabang
- Chulalongkorn University
- Mahidol University
- Prince of Songkla University
- Development Agency Thailand
- Technology Thonburi
- King Mongkut’s University of Technology Thonburi
- King Mongkut’s University of Technology North Bangkok
- Kasetsart University

**THAILAND RESEARCHERS**

While many Thai institutions are seeing a rise in scholarly output, the nation’s research community is also growing. The number of publications and authors in Thailand is rising, indicating a sustainable growth in research output.

**THAILAND COLLABORATION**

Thailand has been growing collaboratively across Asia and the APAC region. The World of Research® report notes that high proportions of their international collaborations are highly impactful and drive down the world average.