[Report includes 57 Chinese univ. among world's top 500](#)

The latest and fifteenth version of Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) was released by ShanghaiRanking Consultancy on Tuesday, according to media reports.

According to the report, 45 universities on the Chinese mainland are among the top 500 universities in the world, while 12 universities in China's Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan are also on the list. That puts a total of 57 Chinese universities on the list, accounting for 11.4%.

Meanwhile, Tsinghua University in Beijing, ranked 48th, has entered the top 50 for the first time and become the third top ranked Asian university.

Peking University ranks 71st, followed by Fudan University, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, University of Science and Technology of China, and Zhejiang University, which all rank between 101st and 150th.

Four more top 500 universities on the Chinese mainland are on the ARWU list in 2017 than 2016, which is a demonstration of greater comprehensive strength and influence of Chinese universities in the world.

Universities from English-speaking countries still dominate the list, with 19 of the top 20 universities located in the US and the UK.

Harvard University remains number one in the world for the 15th consecutive year. Stanford University continues to be the second top university. The University of Cambridge overtakes MIT and Berkeley, rising to the third best university in the world.

According to Shanghai Ranking's Academic Ranking of World Universities, the institutions ranked between 501st and 800th have been included on an ARWU World Top 500 Candidates list for the first time. They demonstrate their potential of breaking into the Top 500 list in the near future. The US and China are the two biggest hosts of Top 500 Candidates. Both of them have 55 institutions recognized as candidates.

ARWU, also known as Shanghai Ranking, is an annual publication of university rankings by Shanghai Ranking Consultancy.

ARWU has been presenting the world Top 500 universities annually based on a transparent methodology and third-party data since 2003.