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Introduction to URFK in Korea

World or regional rankings for universities are getting more popular as the universities are more globalized worldwide. Korean universities start paying more attention to domestic and world university rankings.

There are three important issues: (1) Are the criteria and their weights of each ranking method appropriate? ; (2) Are Korean universities fairly evaluated?; and (3) Are Korean universities competitive enough ?

As each Korean university is struggling individually, we organize a national forum in 2014 by mobilizing all relevant deans and team leaders for nearly fifty major universities of Korea

The forum is being held twice a year at university campuses.

Each forum consists of two sessions: Theme Session and General Session

Theme session covers the specific theme given to each forum while General session deals with general issues.

The past themes include philosophical foundation of rankings, academic peer review, and globalization of universities.

URFK is expected to continuously attract the attention of Korean universities in ranking methodologies, data preparations, policies, and global reaches, which will eventually visibility and competitiveness of Korean universities.