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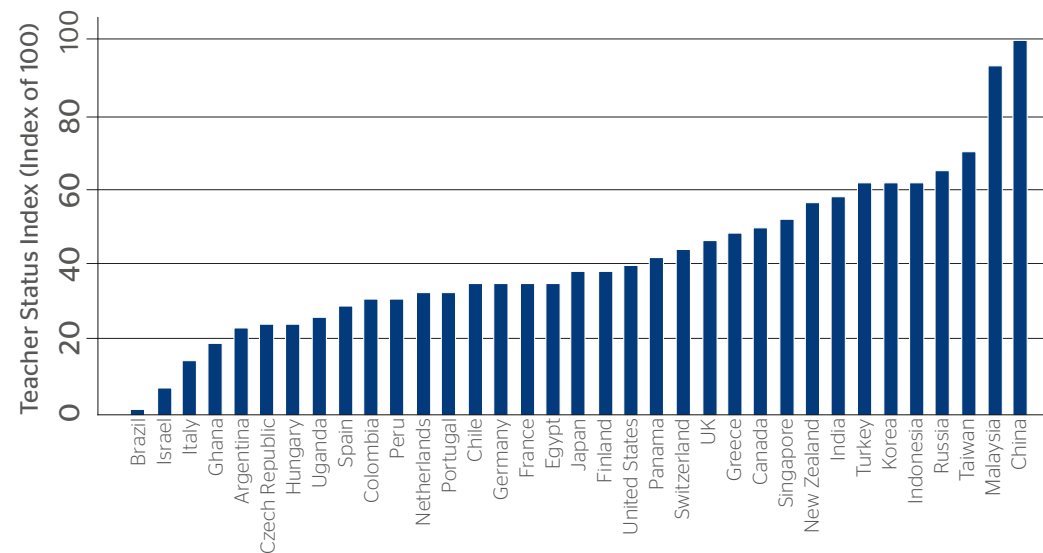
TEACHER STATUS IN SOUTH KOREA IS THE SIXTH HIGHEST OUT OF 35 COUNTRIES POLLED IN THE NEW GLOBAL TEACHER STATUS INDEX 2018.

SOUTH KOREA HAS RISEN TO 6TH PLACE IN 35 COUNTRY TEACHER STATUS RANKING, NEW GLOBAL SURVEY REVEALS

KEY FINDINGS – SOUTH KOREA:

- > South Korea ranks 6th out of 35 countries in the Global Teacher Status Index 2018. This corresponds to its high level of pupil attainment, with the country ranked sixth of the surveyed countries for average PISA scores. Teacher status has risen in Korea over the last five years. Of the 21 countries surveyed in 2013 and again in 2018, Korea ranked fourth five years ago and has now risen to second place behind China.
- > South Koreans rate the quality of their education system at 5.25 out of 10 – the 10th lowest out of the 35 countries surveyed in 2018. However, this is a large increase from 2013, when the public rated the system at 4.4 out of 10 (third from bottom, out of 21 countries). Compared with South Korea's high ranking in the PISA scores, this suggests that South Koreans may have an overly critical view of their education system.

The Varkey Foundation Global Teacher Status Index 2018 (GTSI 2018)



35 survey countries indexed on a relative scale 1-100

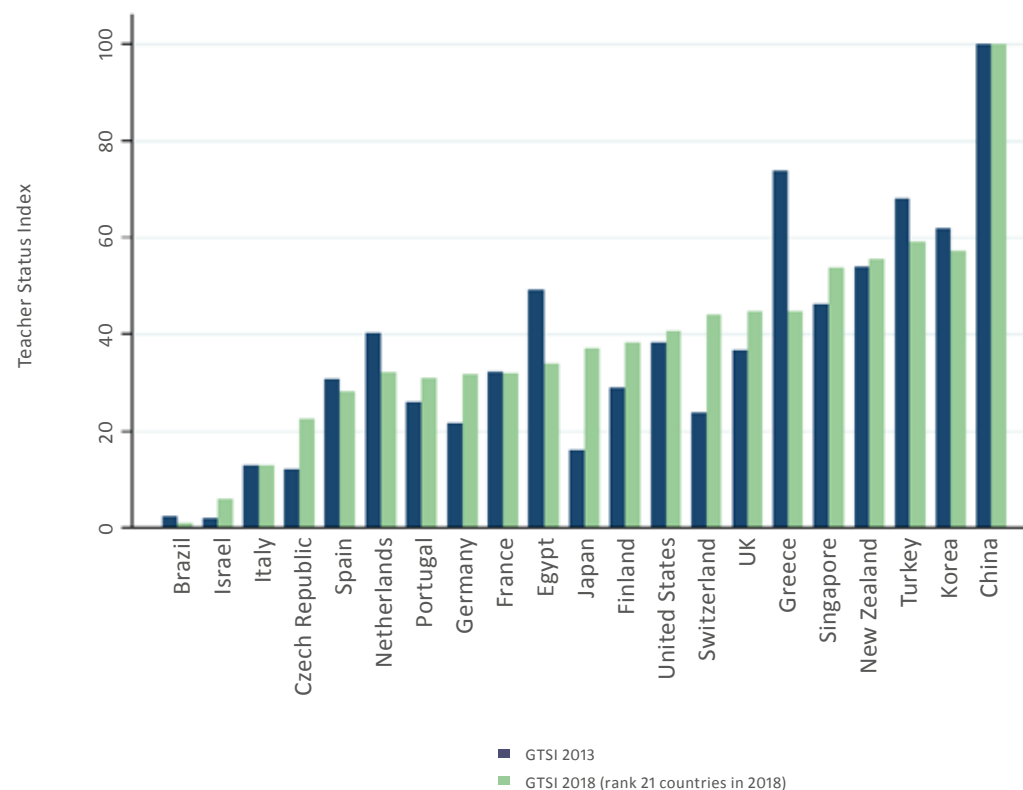
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DESPITE THE COUNTRY'S HIGH TEACHER STATUS RANKING, SOUTH KOREANS RATE THE QUALITY OF THEIR EDUCATION SYSTEM AT 5.25 OUT OF 10 – THE 10TH LOWEST OUT OF THE 35 COUNTRIES SURVEYED IN 2018.

- > South Koreans believe teachers are being underpaid by \$8,500 per year. While starting secondary school teachers are being paid \$33,000 per year (adjusted for purchasing power parity), respondents said a fair wage would be around \$41,500 per annum. Teachers however said that they would need just \$30,228 (USD equivalent, PPP adjusted) to leave teaching.
- > When asked to rank 14 professions in order of status (including headteachers, primary and secondary teachers, doctors, nurses, social workers, and librarians), South Koreans ranked primary school teachers the fourth highest of all the countries surveyed and secondary school teachers the fifth highest. China ranked secondary and primary school teachers higher than any other country surveyed, by comparison.
- > South Korean support for performance-related pay for teachers is low at 27%, with 46% opposed. This is the sixth lowest rate of support for performance-related pay of all countries surveyed and a considerable drop from 2013 when over two-thirds (68%) supported the notion that teachers should be paid according to their pupils' results.

The GTSI 2018 Compared with the GTSI 2013 Rankings

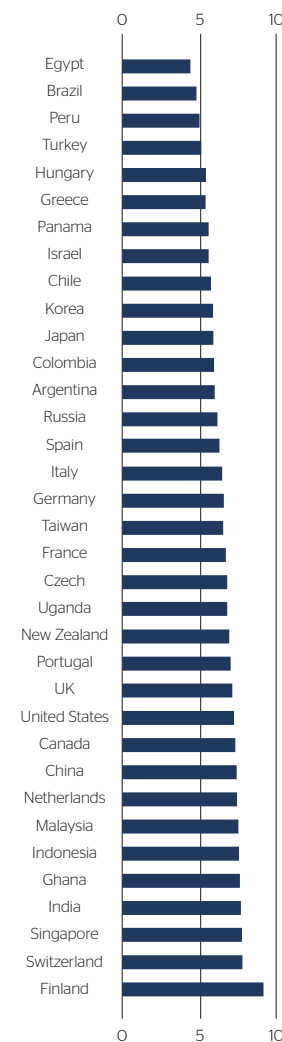


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- > Just over a third (36%) of South Korean parents would definitely or probably encourage their children to become teachers. This is a significant decrease on 2013, when 46% expressed this opinion. This makes South Korea one of only eight countries (including the UK, Japan, New Zealand, Egypt, Singapore, Turkey, and Greece) in which fewer people said they would encourage their children to become teachers in 2018 than in 2013.
- > Only 21% of South Koreans think that pupils respect teachers – the ninth lowest proportion of all 35 countries surveyed – while 35% were neutral and 44% disagreed. Nonetheless, this is an increase on 2013, when only 11% thought that pupils respected teachers.
- > In South Korea, people thought teachers were most similar to librarians as a profession (20%). Overall, 10 countries saw teachers as being most similar to librarians, while 18 said social workers. Only three – China, Russia and Malaysia – say teachers as being most similar to doctors. The Korean view on which profession is most similar to teachers has changed since 2013 when most people said social workers.



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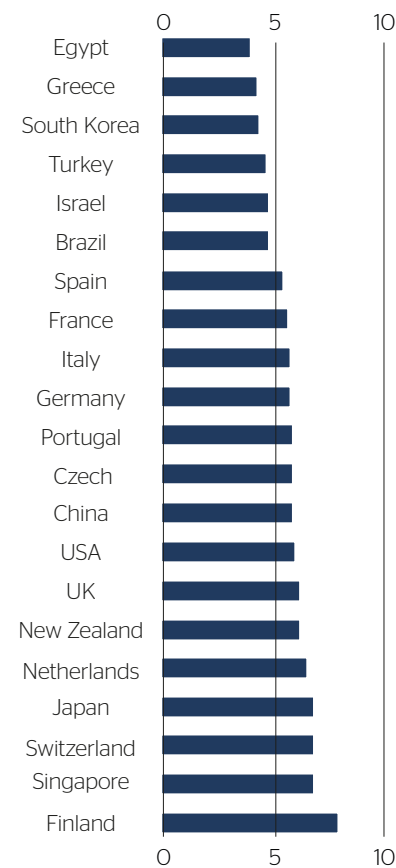
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- > South Koreans have a very accurate sense of the number of hours worked by teachers – estimated at 40.6 hours per week, against 41.6 hours actually reported by teachers in the survey. This was the second most accurate estimation of all countries, after Japan.

Country



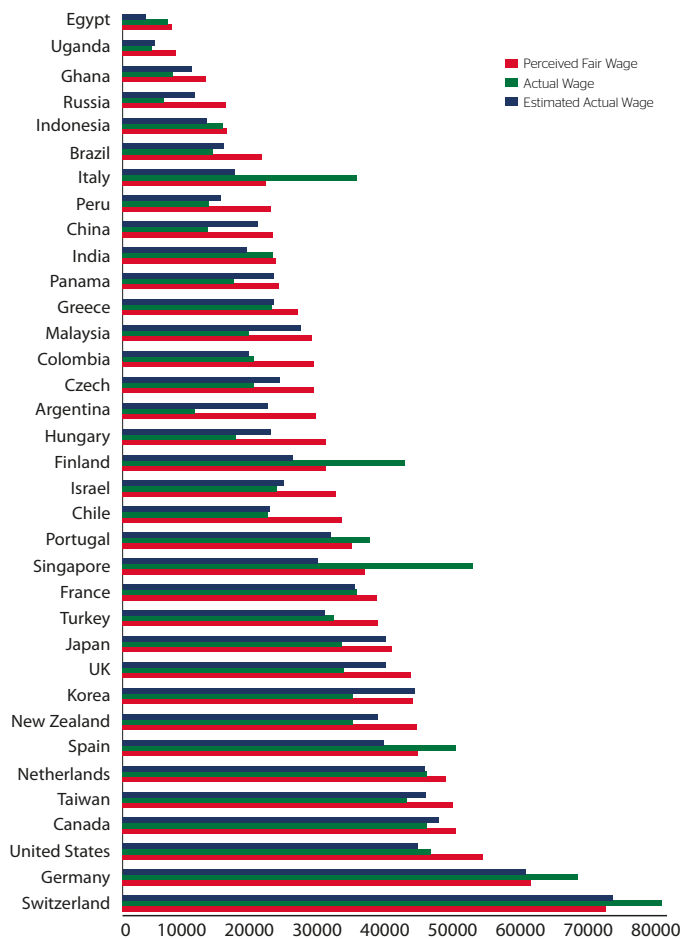
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Estimated Teacher Wages, Perceived Fair Teacher Wages and Actual Teacher Wages by Country. (\$USD, PPP adjusted)



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ONLY 21% OF SOUTH KOREANS THINK THAT PUPILS RESPECT TEACHERS – THE NINTH LOWEST PROPORTION OF ALL 35 COUNTRIES SURVEYED

Headteacher, Secondary Teacher and Primary Teacher Occupational Respect Rankings by the General Public across Countries.

