



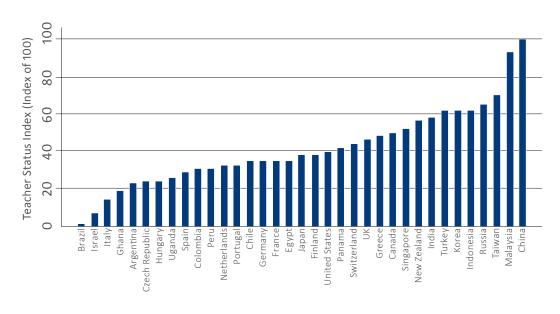
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#### **KEY FINDINGS – MALAYSIA:**

- Malaysians respect headteachers more than people in any other country polled. Respondents were asked to rank 14 professions in order of respect (including headteachers, primary and secondary teachers, doctors, nurses, social workers, and librarians), and Malaysians ranked headteachers higher than in any other country surveyed.
- Malaysia ranks 2nd out of 35 countries in the Global Teacher Status Index 2018. Only China ranked higher overall.
- Malaysia is one of only three countries alongside China and Russia in which people think doctors are the most similar profession to teachers. By comparison, 18 countries said social workers and 10 countries said librarians.

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



35 survey countries indexed on a relative scale 1-100



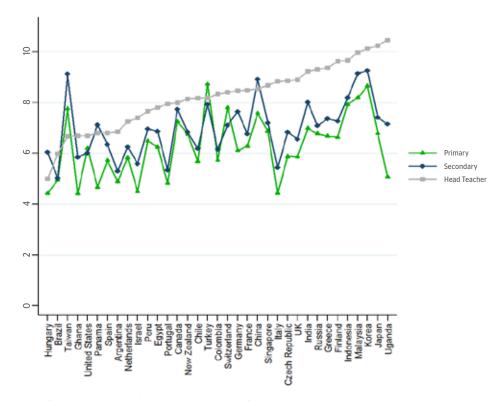


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- Nalaysian teachers report they work the least hours of all countries surveyed (26.1 per week). This is around half the number of hours teachers report they are working in countries such as New Zealand, the UK and Singapore. The public in Malaysia underestimates the number of hours teachers work, however, putting the figure at 17.8 hours a week.
- Malaysians rate their education system 6.9 out of 10 the seventh highest self-reported rating of all countries surveyed with only Finland, Switzerland, Singapore, India, Ghana and Indonesia higher.
- Almost half (49%) of Malaysian people would definitely or probably encourage their children to become teachers the fourth highest among all 35 countries surveyed, and closely behind Ghana (50%), China (50%) and India (54%).
- ➤ In Malaysia, 58% of people believe that pupils respect teachers. This is seventh highest estimated level of pupil respect of any country behind Singapore, Indonesia, Ghana, India, Uganda and China and compares to an average of 36% for other countries surveyed.

Headteacher, Secondary Teacher and Primary Teacher Occupational Respect Rankings by Teachers across Countries.

Rating (out of 14 professions, 1= lowest status ranking, 14=highest status ranking



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- In Malaysia, a starting secondary school teacher is paid \$18,120 (adjusted for purchasing power parity) - considerably less than what the public consider a fair wage for the job (\$27,152).
- Over half (51%) of Malaysians support performance related pay for teachers, with 28% opposed.

 ${\sf Table 3.2. \, Most \, Similar \, Occupation \, to \, Teachers \, by \, Country \, for \, the \, Public \, Sample \, and \, the \, Teacher \, Sample.}$ 

COUNTRY	SAMPLE: PUBLIC	SAMPLE: TEACHERS ONLY
Malaysia	Doctor	Doctor
China	Doctor	Doctor
Russia	Doctor	Social Worker
Spain	Librarian	Librarian
United States	Librarian	Local Government Manager
Turkey	Librarian	Doctor
Uganda	Librarian	Nurse
Brazil	Librarian	Nurse
France	Librarian	Social Worker
Korea	Librarian	Social Worker
Canada	Librarian	Nurse
India	Librarian	Librarian
Hungary	Librarian	Nurse
Ghana	Nurse	Nurse
New Zealand	Nurse	Nurse
Portugal	Nurse	Nurse
Japan	Nurse	Social Worker
Netherlands	Social Worker	Social Worker
Singapore	Social Worker	Nurse
Finland	Social Worker	Social Worker
Argentina	Social Worker	Social Worker
Greece	Social Worker	Nurse
Taiwan	Social Worker	Social Worker
Panama	Social Worker	Nurse
Czech	Social Worker	Social Worker
Indonesia	Social Worker	Nurse
Egypt	Social Worker	Social Worker
Germany	Social Worker	Social Worker
Peru	Social Worker	Librarian
Israel	Social Worker	Nurse
Chile	Social Worker	Nurse
Italy	Social Worker	Social Worker
Switzerland	Social Worker	Local Government Manager
Colombia	Social Worker	Nurse
UK	Social Worker	Nurse





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Perceptions of Teacher working hours (Teacher vs Public perceptions) by Country.

