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# Higher Ed Summit: Asia Pacific 2025

Post-Event Report

4-6 November | Korea University, Seoul





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build a more inclusive,  
resilient, and  
sustainable world for  
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education and global  
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**Ban Ki-moon**

8<sup>th</sup> Secretary-General, United Nations

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# Testimonials

“QS Higher Ed Summit: Asia Pacific 2025 provides me with the opportunity to learn from experts from different countries and build networks.”

**Somalux EK**

Dean of Faculty of Foreign Languages, National University of Management

“It was the first time that I participated a QS Summit. It was an amazing venue for collaboration and sharing of best practices. My favorite part was the meeting sessions where we can invite and be invited to set a meeting. In my case, I was invited to a meeting and we had a fruitful discussion. We have set plans for collaboration and will surely pursue it. Thank you for this opportunity QS.”

**Siverlyn Camposano**

Vice President, Academic Affairs  
Davao del Sur State College

“The QS Higher Ed Summit: Asia Pacific 2025 was such a refreshing mix of ideas, people, and purpose! I walked away with new partnerships, great conversations, and a head full of possibilities. It’s the perfect place where collaboration meets curiosity and every handshake could spark the next big idea.”

**Gitanjali Rana**

Director- Global Education, Ashoka University

# Testimonials

Quality is a commitment not only by top management but an effort by every stakeholders from student, faculty, staff, alumni and industry partners. Indeed, no man is an island. We collaborate, connect and commit as one.

**Maxie Doreen Cabarron**  
Institutional Planning and Quality  
Assurance, University of San Carlos

# Key highlights

## QS Higher Ed Summit: Asia Pacific 2025

The QS Higher Ed Summit: Asia Pacific 2025 celebrated a moment for the rise of higher education institutions in the region.

Asia Pacific is home to some of the world's fastest-growing student populations and now ten of the world's top twenty student cities. Seoul – our host for QS Higher Ed Summit: Asia Pacific 2025 – leads that list as #1.

In his keynote, our guest-of-honour His Excellency Ban Ki-moon, 8th Secretary General of the United Nations, said: "This is an invaluable opportunity to exchange ideas for partnerships and inspire concrete actions. Above all, it reminds us that higher education is not the privilege of a few, but a shared responsibility of all humanity around the world."

QS Executive Director Patrick Brothers described the region as "the centre of the global transformation of higher education and the workforce". He explained that the region has powered the majority of the world's climb in international student mobility, and added "Asia Pacific is where it's happening."

On day two of the Summit, we launched [a new QS report](#), exploring how universities are shaping ASEAN's future. Key findings reveal that universities in many ASEAN countries are climbing in global rankings, with Malaysia and Indonesia making notable strides into the QS World University Rankings top 250 between 2016 and 2026. This increased visibility influences partnerships, investment, and talent flows.

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### Key topics explored

Why competitiveness now means connection for Asia Pacific

How are global shifts reshaping student mobility across the region?

Universities must seize the skills opportunity to generate US\$900 billion

# Key speakers

We would like to thank our esteemed speakers.



**Ban Ki-moon**  
8<sup>th</sup> Secretary-General  
United Nations



**Oh Se-hoon**  
Mayor  
Seoul Metropolitan  
Government



**Dr In Kyu Park**  
Vice Minister for  
Science, Technology  
and Innovation  
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Founder and Chairman  
Daffodil International  
University

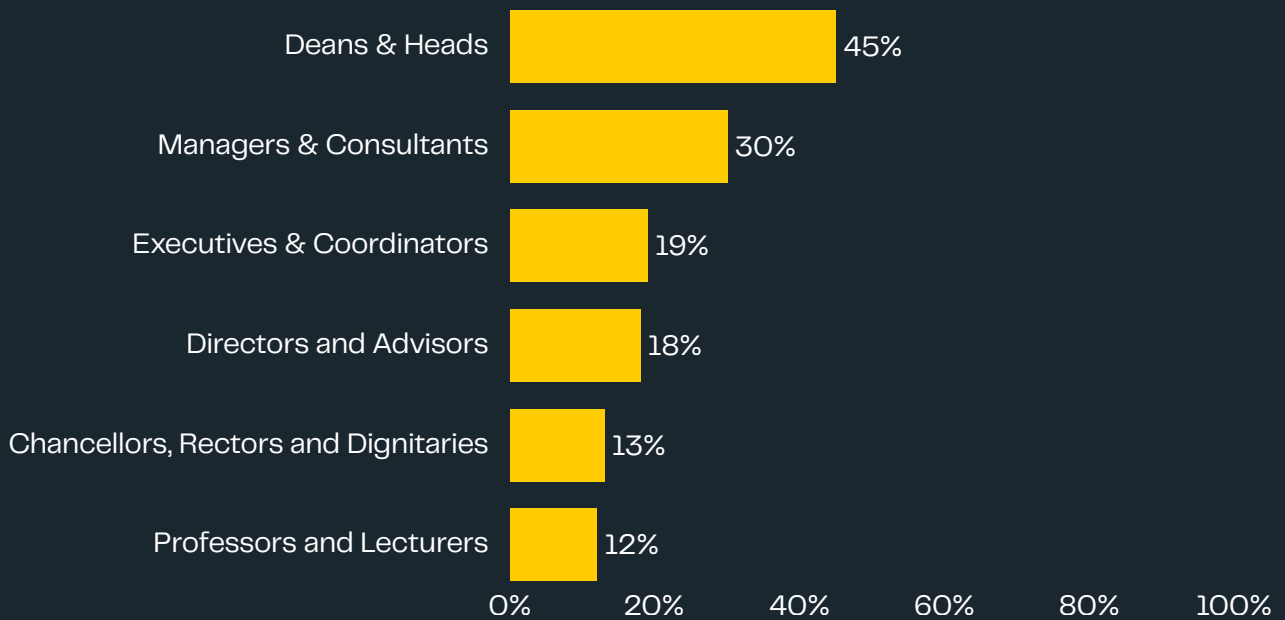


**Fatima Alkaabi**  
Inventor and Co-  
founder  
AIEmirati



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## Audience profile



## What our attendees say

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Overall experience at the Summit

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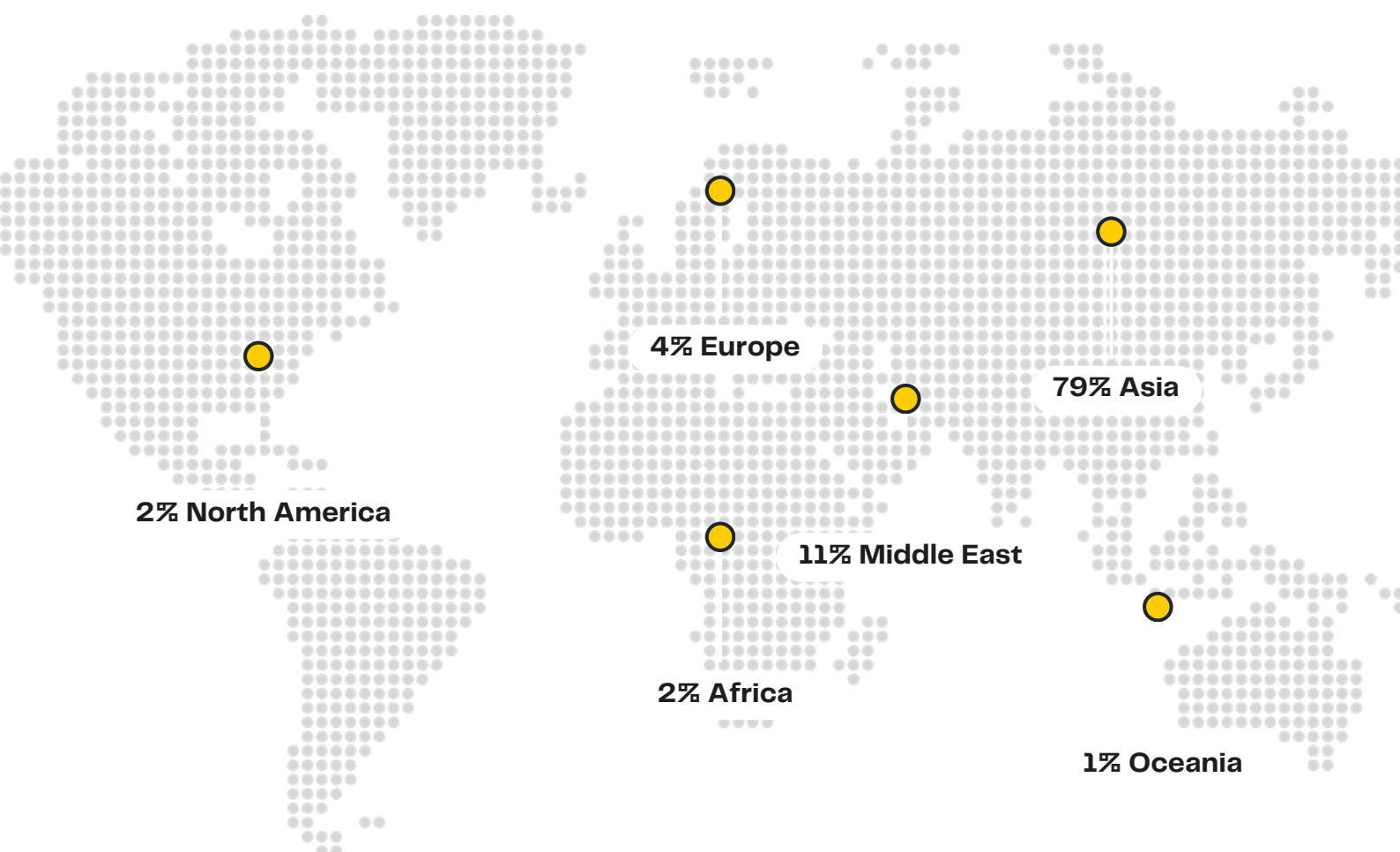
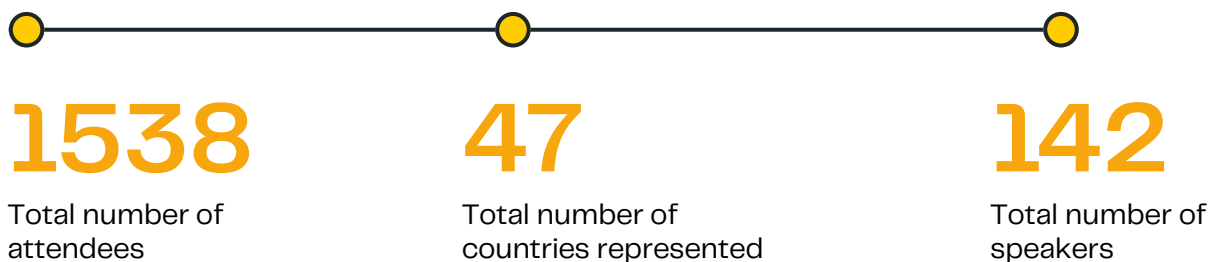
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Washington D.C., USA



**QS China Summit**  
8-9 April  
Shenzhen, China



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3-4 June  
Singapore



**QS Higher Ed Summit:  
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Conference**  
24-25 & 25-26 June  
Budapest, Hungary



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Summit**  
15-17 September  
New York, USA



**QS Africa Forum**  
24-25 September  
Addis Ababa,  
Ethiopia



**QS Higher Ed Summit:  
Americas**  
30 September-2 October  
Guadalajara, Mexico



**QS Arab Forum**  
14-15 October  
Riyadh,  
Saudi Arabia



**QS Higher Ed Summit:  
Asia Pacific**  
3-5 November  
Bali, Indonesia



**QS Eurasia Forum**  
26 November  
Astana,  
Kazakhstan



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Conference & Awards**  
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