



## A summary and the criteria of academic rankings of the OIC Universities

- The ranking of universities in the OIC member countries was announced in a seminar held in Tehran on 29-30 April 2007 under the title: "Global Repositioning of OIC Universities".
- The research was conducted by '*Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Center for Islamic Countries*' (SESRTCIC), a research center established by the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM) in 1977 and started its activities in Ankara in 1978.
- The paper titled "Academic Rankings of the Universities in the OIC Member Countries" was presented by Dr. Savaş Alpay, Director General of the SESRTCIC.
- The objectives of the seminar include identifying the methodology for the ranking of the OIC universities.
- The ranking was developed to realize the OIC Ten-Year Program of Action targeted at facilitating the placement of OIC universities among the top 500 universities in the world (No university out of almost 1,800 universities of the Islamic World is included in the recent list of 500 elite universities of the world).
- The paper was among the first attempts for ranking the universities in the OIC member countries

- The ranking is based on objective measurements and includes a number of rankings based on different criteria widely used in this area such as:
  1. Internationally comparable data accessible to verification and objective quantitative criteria.
  2. The Number of articles published by all universities in the period of 2001, 2004-2006 and number of citations received by these publications and a combination of both.
  3. The data from the database of the Institute for Scientific Information (ISI).
  4. Articles published in journals indexed in:
    - Science Citation Index (SCI)
    - Science Citations Index Expanded (SCI-EXPANDED)
    - Social Science Citation Index (SSCI)
    - ISI Web of Knowledge
- The ranking was done first for 323 of 1700 universities in the OIC based on single factor ranking. Then, 85 of 323 universities were analyzed for ranking by the composite index.
- Based on this process, the UAE University is being ranked as:
  - The first in the Gulf Region among GCC countries;
  - The second in the Arab world; and
  - The ninth in the Islamic countries.