

# Transparency International publishes new

# Corruption Perception Index



On 21st February 2018, Transparency International published their annual Corruption Perception Index. The index ranks 180 countries using a scale of 0 to 100, where 0 is highly corrupt and 100 is very clean. This year, more than two-thirds of countries score below 50. With an average of score of 43.

As you will see, it was a mixed year for Asia Pacific countries. We have also included the US, UK, UAE and Switzerland in the ranking table summary below for comparison purposes. The higher the ranking the less the corruption is perceived in that country.

In South East Asia, Singapore again leads the way this year as the highest ranked country. Despite achieving the same score as last year, it moves up to joint 6th in the rankings. The United Kingdom increased its score from 81 to 82 and moves up to joint 8th in the index. Australia's score dropped by 2 to 77 but still maintain their ranking in 13th position alongside Hong Kong who move up to joint 13th despite no increase in their score. The US moves up to 16th position following a single point increase to their score. The UAE increased it's score by 5 moving up to 21st place in the index.

Malaysia scored two less points on the scorecard this year to move down nine places, from 53rd to 62nd on the index. Indonesia also lose 6 places in the index despite scoring the same as last year.

Maldives has one of the biggest movements, losing 17 places to be listed in 112th place this year.

COUNTRY	2017 RANKING	2016 RANKING	MOVEMENT
NEW ZEALAND	1	1	-
SWITZERLAND	3	5	+2
SINGAPORE	6	7	+1
UNITED KINGDOM	8	10	+2
AUSTRALIA	13	13	-
HONG KONG	13	15	+2
UNITED STATES	16	18	+2
JAPAN	20	20	-
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	21	24	+3
TAIWAN	29	31	+2
SOUTH KOREA	51	52	+1
MALAYSIA	62	53	-9
CHINA	77	79	+2
INDIA	81	79	-2
SRI LANKA	91	95	+4
INDONESIA	96	90	-6
THAILAND	96	101	+5
VIETNAM	107	113	+6
PHILIPPINES	111	101	-10
MALDIVES	112	95	-17
MYANMAR	130	136	+6
CAMBODIA	161	156	-5
NORTH KOREA	171	174	+3

Source: Transparency International