

International Education in Japan

-Access Through Unique Value and High-Quality Experience

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This Session

Japanese Government's New Initiative

Experience of International Students
and their career path, based on APU
experience

Options for US-Japan Collaboration in
Higher Education

Q&A



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Globalization of Higher Education in Japan

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Quick Introduction

MEXT is responsible for...



Education



Culture



Sports



Science &
Technology

For enhancement of higher education, we...



Develop
policies



Fund



Evaluate etc.





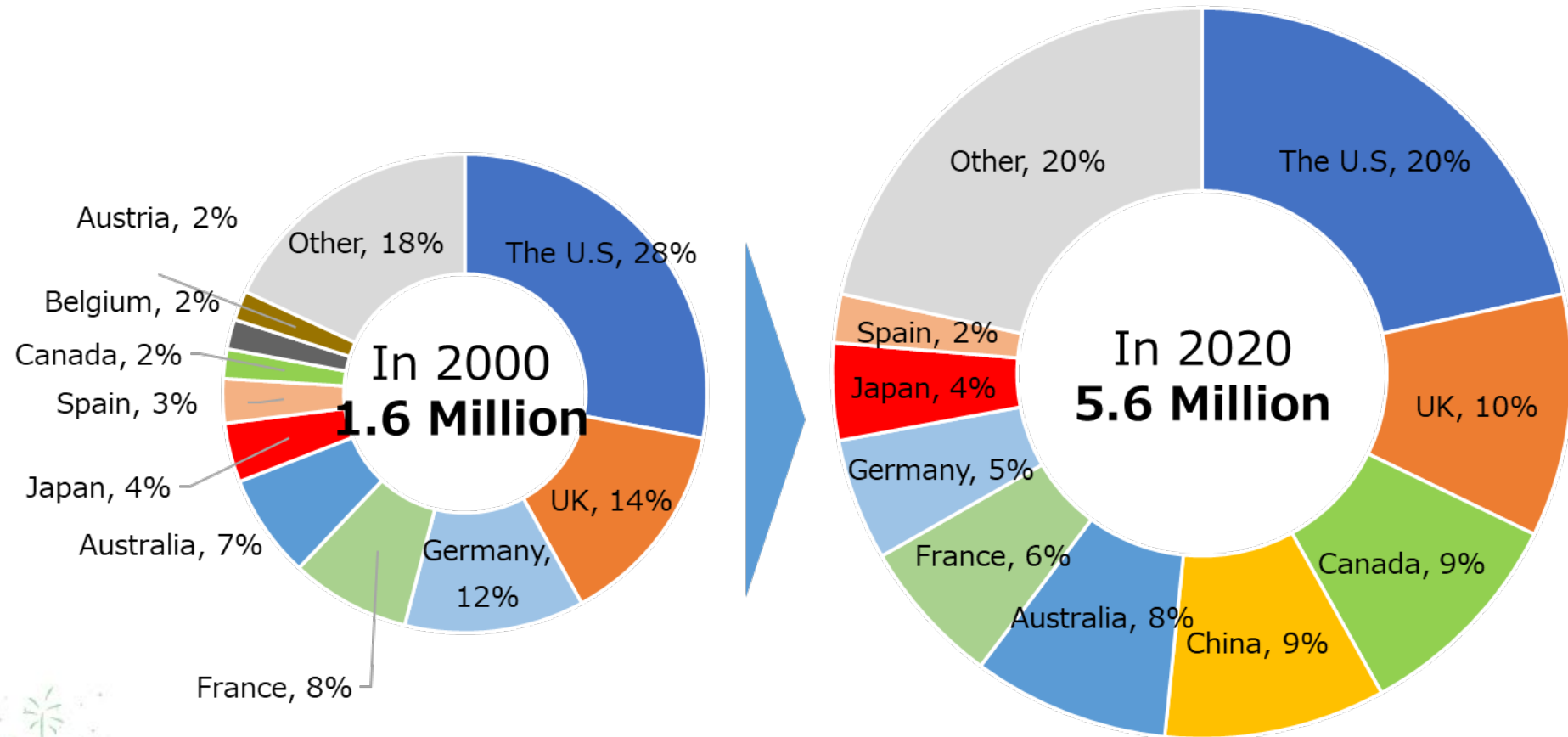
Topics for this presentation

- 01** Status quo
- 02** Latest policies on globalization of higher education
- 03** Implementation of the policies

Status Quo



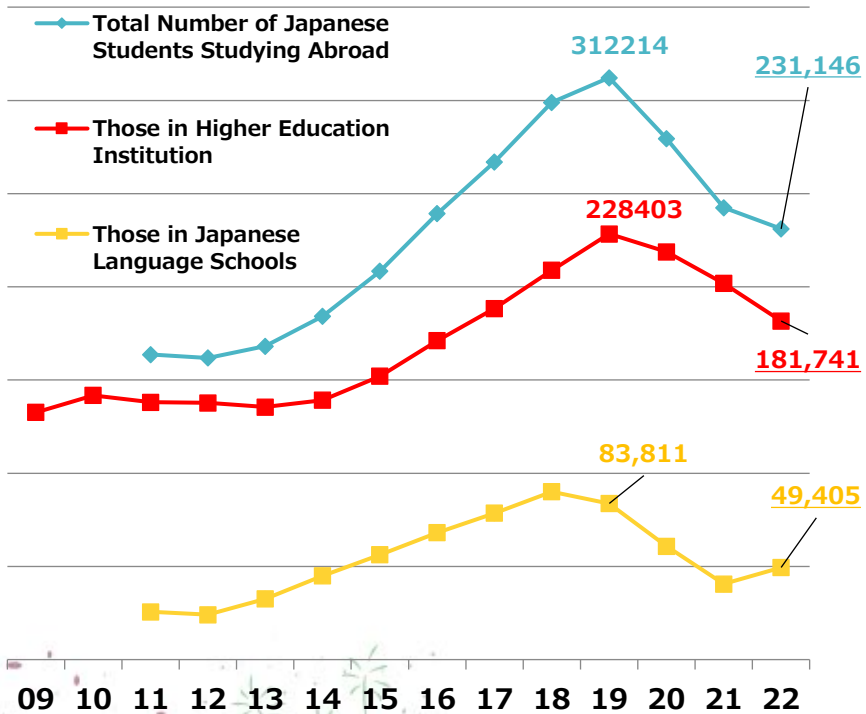
Student Mobility of the World



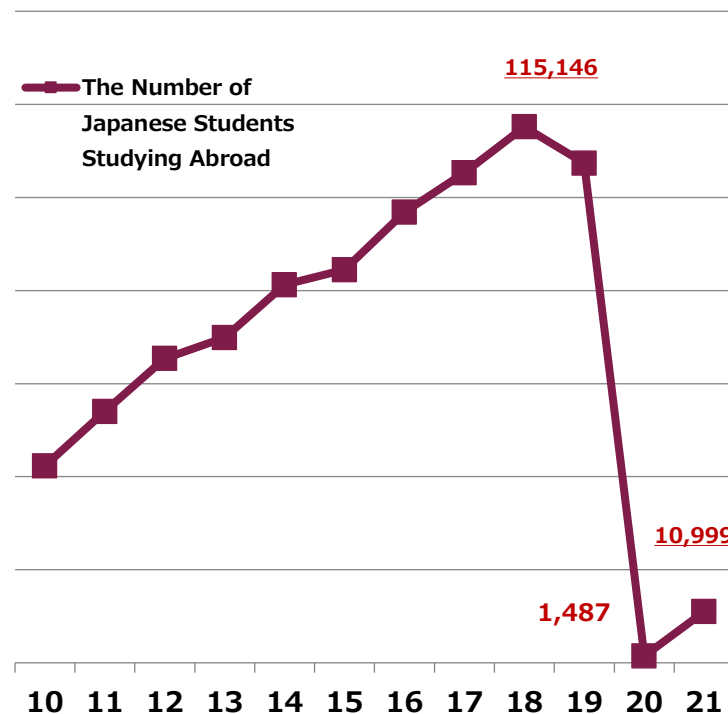
The Power of International Education “Project Atlas” 「Global Mobility Trends」 (2020)

Student Mobility of Japan

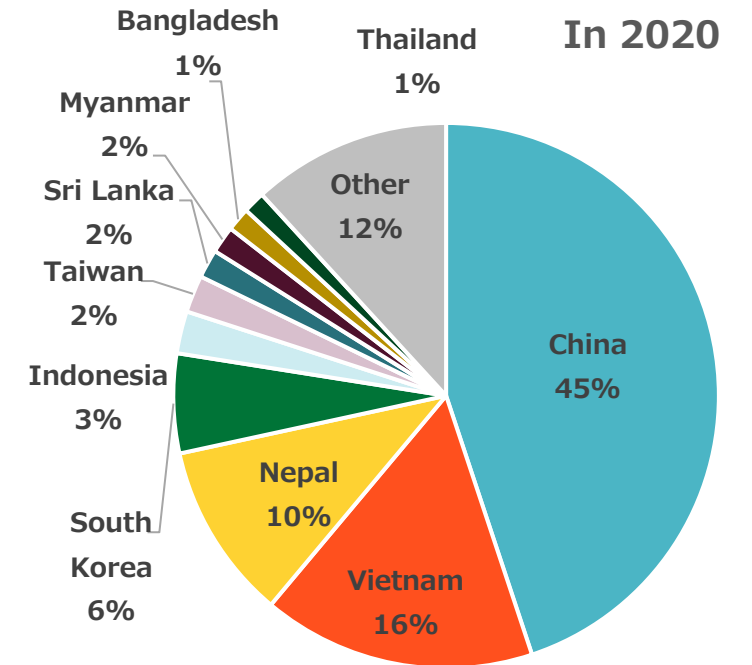
Students coming to Japan



Japanese students studying abroad



International Students by country



JASSO (2023)



More Facts

International students' ratio

3%

of undergraduate students



10%

of master program students



20%

of doctoral program students



are international students



OECD average is 5% for undergraduate, 14% for master program, and 24% for doctoral program

OCED.Stat "Share of International Students among all students" (2020)



...and More

Japanese universities and English programs

309 undergraduate schools and

226 graduate schools

have classes in English

out of those,

43 undergraduate schools and

106 Graduate schools

offer whole programs in English

MEXT (2020)



Latest Policies on Globalization of Higher Education



Council for the Creation of Future Education

- In April 2023, Council for the Creation of Future Education, chaired by Prime Minister Kishida, formulated a new initiative "J-MIRAI."
 - *During this difficult time, Japan aims to take initiative for promoting international cooperation/collaboration and contribute to world peace.*
 - *Japan will create more open and innovative society through student exchange and globalization of education*



let 500K Japanese students go study abroad by 2033



welcome 400K international students by 2033



further globalization of Japanese universities

Why international exchange now?

- ✓ **To connect the world and achieve world peace** by cultivating mutual understanding and trust between peoples
- ✓ **To improve higher education and create innovation** through cooperation among students with different backgrounds and values
- ✓ For Japanese society to be **more inclusive and competitive** at global level

LONGER
study abroad
program for
Japanese students



MORE DIVERSE
international
students



FURTHER
globalization
and networking
of universities



Policies for Cooperation with the U.S.A.

- MEXT held the Expert Committee on Strategic Promotion of International Student Exchange to discuss the policies for international exchanges by education fields and countries/regions

Cooperation with universities in the U.S.A.

- The U.S.A. and Japan share universal values such as democracy, and our alliance is essential for Japan's diplomacy and security. Promoting student exchange is important to foster youth who understand both countries' culture and develop even better relationship.
- Strategic support for Japanese universities is needed to build inter-university networks with the U.S.A. as there are several world-leading universities and they are attracting highly competent students.

Fields to strengthen international exchange

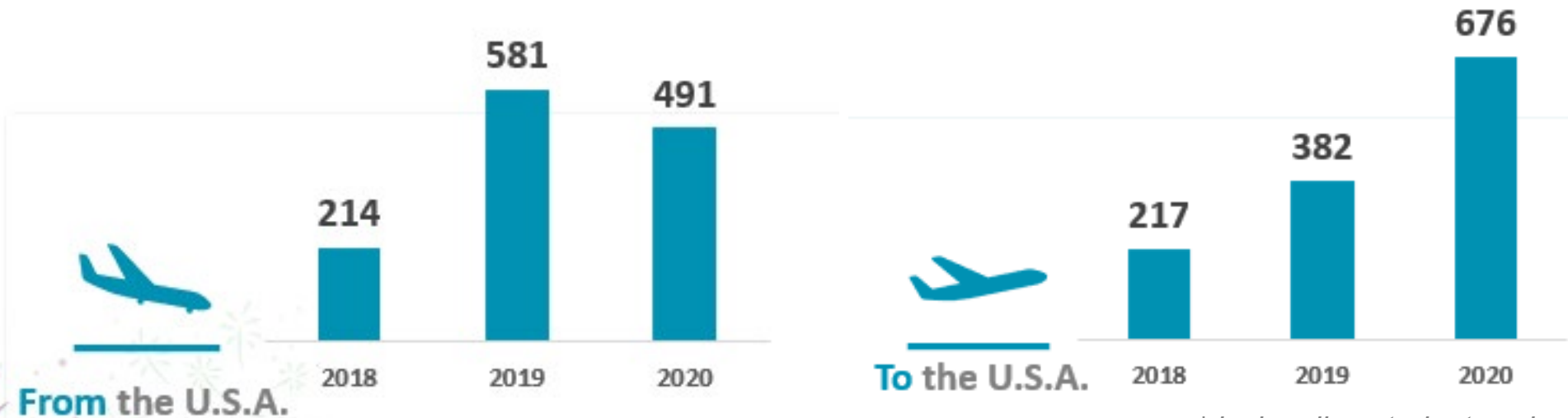
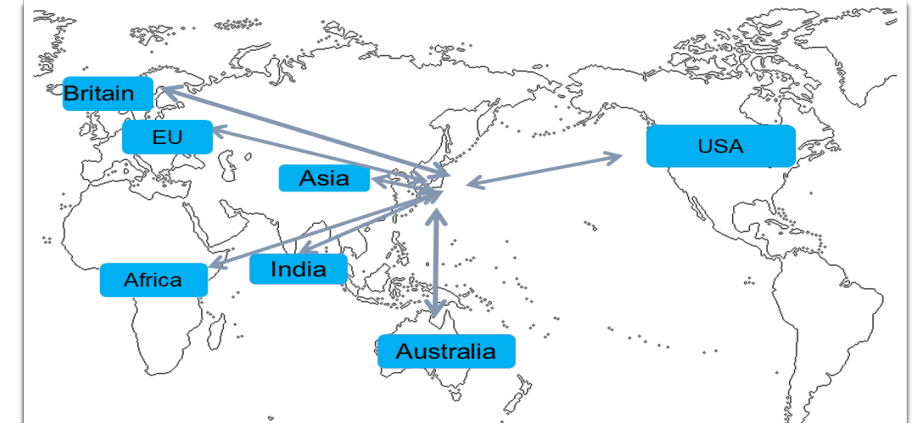
- Fields that Japan aims to take initiative such as solving global issues
→ Environment, Agriculture, Engineering, Health, and Social Sciences
- Fields that include science and technology and closely related to international talent mobility and circulation
→ Biotechnology, AI and Information, Materials, Semiconductor, Energy, Quantum, Telecommunications, Health and Medicine, etc.
- Fields that especially require promotion for structural transformation and sustainable growth of economy and society, and innovation
→ Arts and Sciences, STEAM, Engineering, DX, Information Science

Implementation of the Policies



Inter-University Exchange Project

- MEXT supports Japanese universities that are developing/conducting international student exchange programs with partner universities in designated countries.
- The number of student exchange has been increased between the U.S.A. and Japan through these quality-assured programs

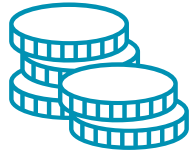


** incl. online student exchange*

We will launch a new project to promote cooperation with universities in the U.S.A. from FY 2023!



Scholarships



1. International Student Scholarship

For international students who are enrolled in universities etc. and need financial support and are outstanding in both academic achievement and character reference.



2. Student Exchange Support Program (Scholarship for Study in Japan under Agreement)

For international students who are permitted by the host university based on the inter-university agreement on student exchange and who are unable to participate in the program solely at their own expense



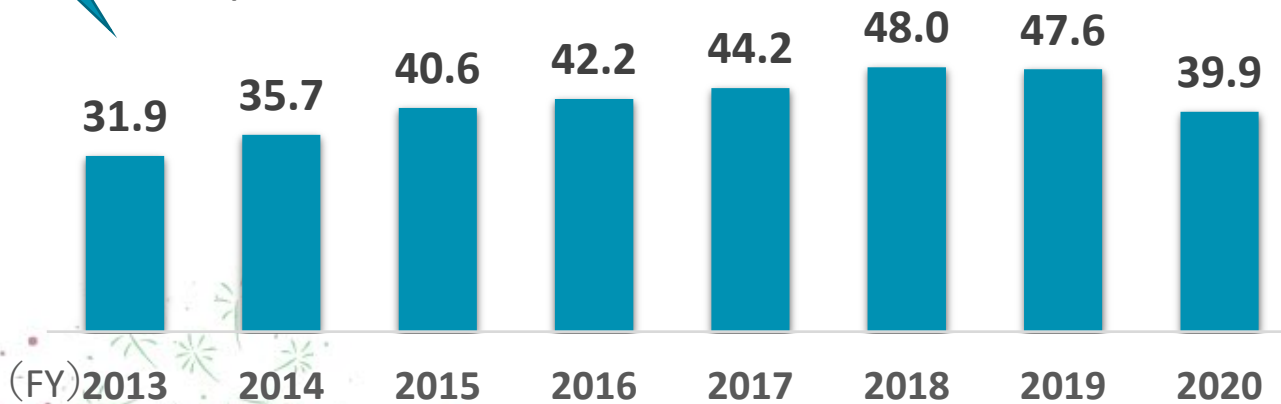
3. Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship

Through welcoming competent international students, and fostering global leaders, strengthening amicable relationships with other countries as well as enhancing higher education in Japan.

Program for Supporting Employment

- MEXT aims to promote competent international students to be employed by Japanese companies by providing support.
- MEXT funds Japanese university to create special program that integrates Japanese language skills for business, career education (such as Japanese business culture), and internships for international students.

Percentage of international students graduating from a higher education institution in Japan* who find jobs in Japan



*excluding those who matriculate as undergraduates at universities



Thank you for your attention 😊



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Experience of International Students and their career path, based on APU Experience

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Attractiveness to study in Japan (push-pull factors)

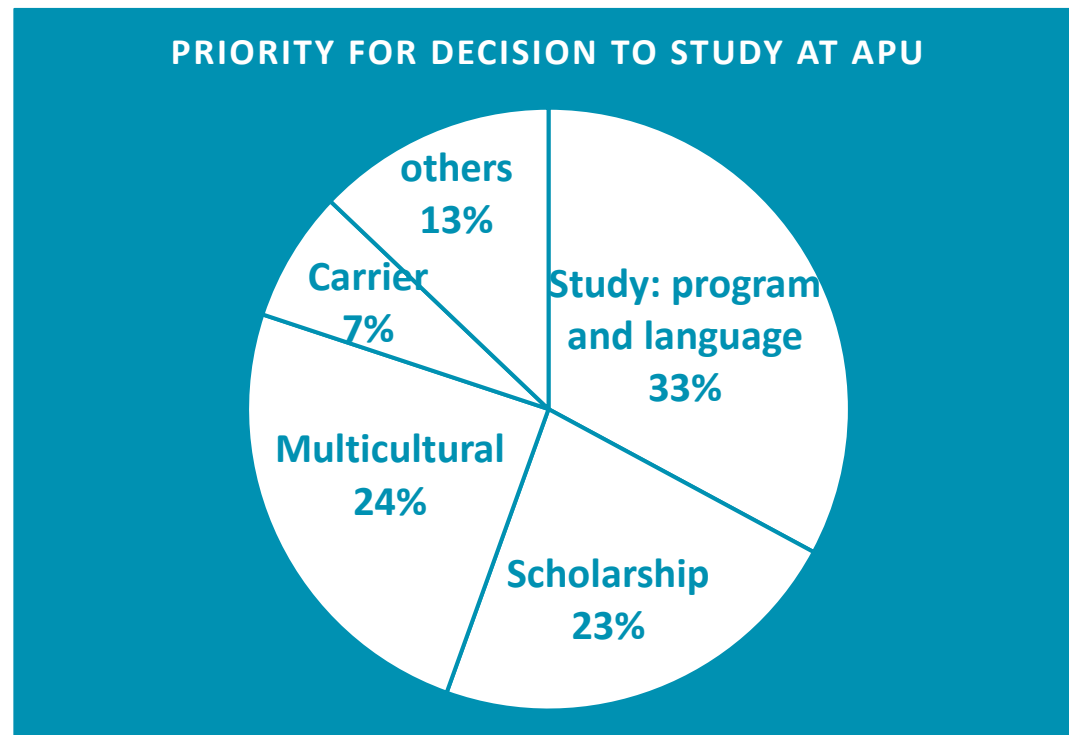
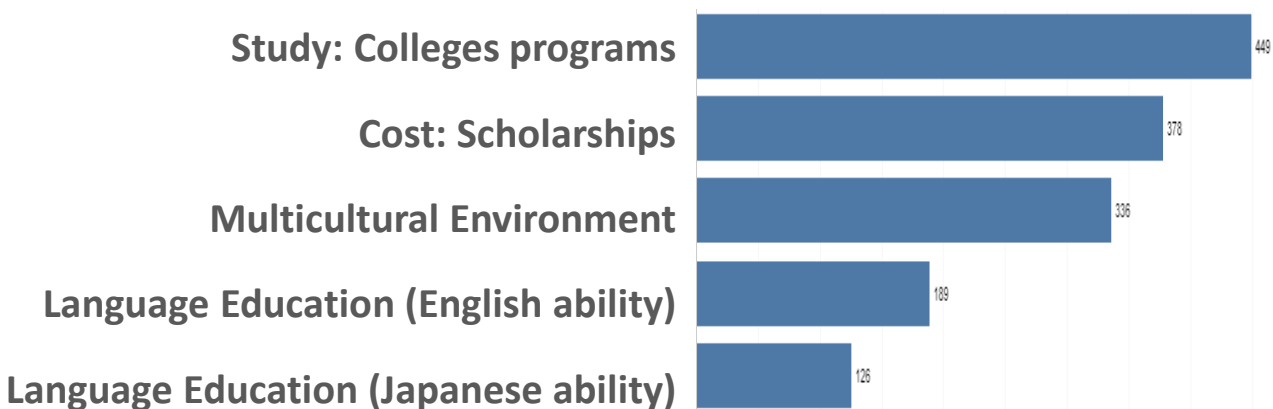
Push and pull factors:

- High-quality study opportunities
- Specialized study opportunities
- Language (English as EMI, Japanese)
- Affordable cost, Part-Time Job, and Employment
- Unique Culture, Language, and Nature, Safety

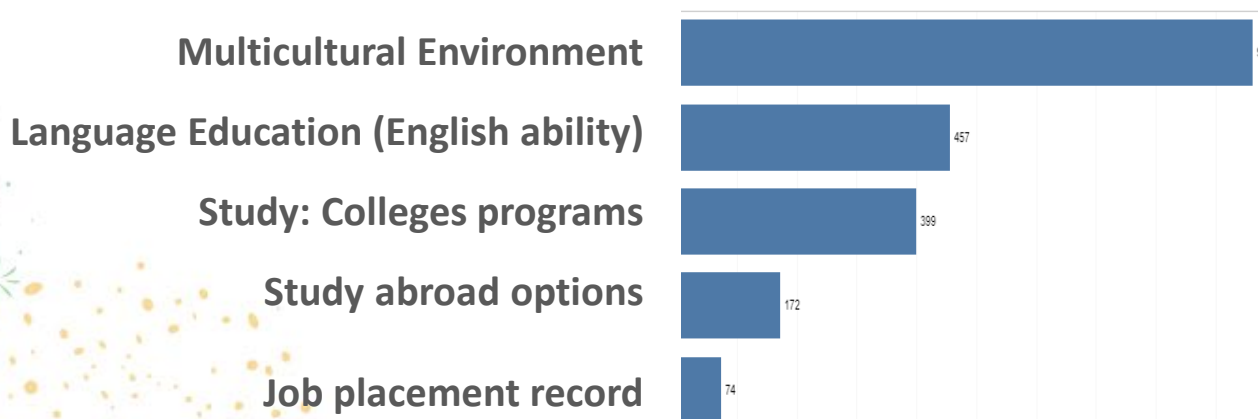
What ultimately made you decide to attend APU?

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Choose your first priority
(APU international student survey 2022)

International student's priority:



Domestic student's priority:



Study program attractiveness

Ranking

Total number of undergraduate international students¹

	University	Students
1	Japan University of Economics	2,952
2	Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University	2,422

International faculty members as a percentage of total faculty population

(Among universities with 3,000 students or more)

	University	%
1	Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University	48.1

Top 5 Private Japanese Universities to rank in QS World University Rankings 2023

Rank in Japan	QS 2023 Rank	University Name
5	801-1000	Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University

Accreditation



Study program: Language Education

- As students apply for APU, they can choose whether they would prefer to do their coursework in English or Japanese.

JAPANESE LANGUAGE EDUCATION >

As you study your main classes in English, you will also take intensive Japanese language classes.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE EDUCATION >

If your language of instruction is Japanese, you will take English language classes to raise your proficiency.

Comprehensive Language Education

About 90% of all courses at APU are held in both English and Japanese. Students have the option of pursuing their areas of study in either language. To ensure students attain such language ability, the university provides comprehensive language programs as well as a diverse range of off-campus study options.

Learn and practice the 6 Asia Pacific Languages

In addition to English and Japanese, APU offers courses in Chinese, Korean, Malay/Indonesian, Vietnamese, Thai, and Spanish. There are many native speakers of these languages on our diverse campus, giving students the opportunity to strengthen their comprehension on a daily basis.

Scholarship

Scholarships

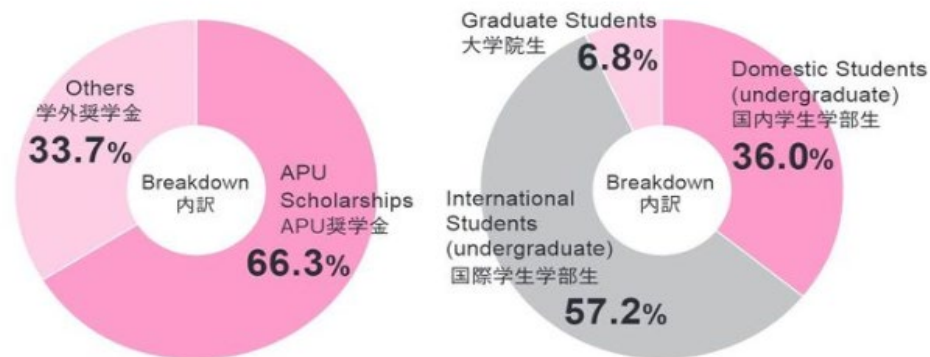
奨学金

Total Number of Scholarship Recipients in AY 2021

受給件数(2021年度のべ人数)

Total / 合計

4,078



Note: Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) Loan-type scholarship is not included

APU Scholarships (as of May 1, 2022)

APU奨学金(2022年5月1日付)

Name of Scholarship 名称	Eligibility 対象	Award Amount 給付総額	Duration (Eligibility checks for continuation held each semester) 期間(ただし毎セメスター継続審査あり)
Tuition Reduction* 授業料減免*	International students (graduate/undergraduate) Domestic students (graduate) 国際学生(学部生・大学院生) 国内学生(大学院)	Tuition waiver (100%, 80%, 65%, 50%, 30%) 授業料の減免 (100%, 80%, 65%, 50%, 30%)	Minimum period required for graduation 最短修業年限
Domestic Students Tuition Reduction 国内学生授業料減免	Domestic students (undergraduate) 国内学生(学部生)	50% tuition waiver 授業料の50%減免	Minimum period required for graduation 最短修業年限

Multicultural environment

5691

students

47%

International
student ratio

102

countries/ regions
represented on
campus

163

Countries/regions
represented since
opening

95.2%

Job placement
success rate

489

Partner
universities

37

Alumni chapters
(28 countries/
regions)

50%

International
faculty ratio



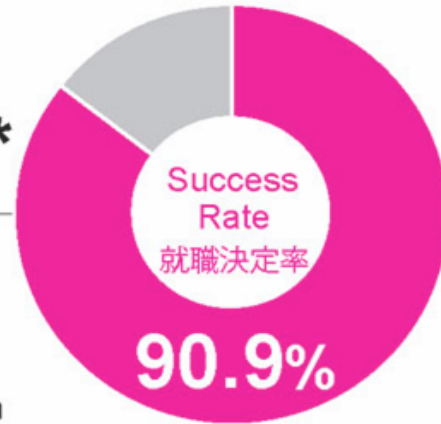
Carrier: AY 2021 Employment Decision Rate

International Students

国際学生

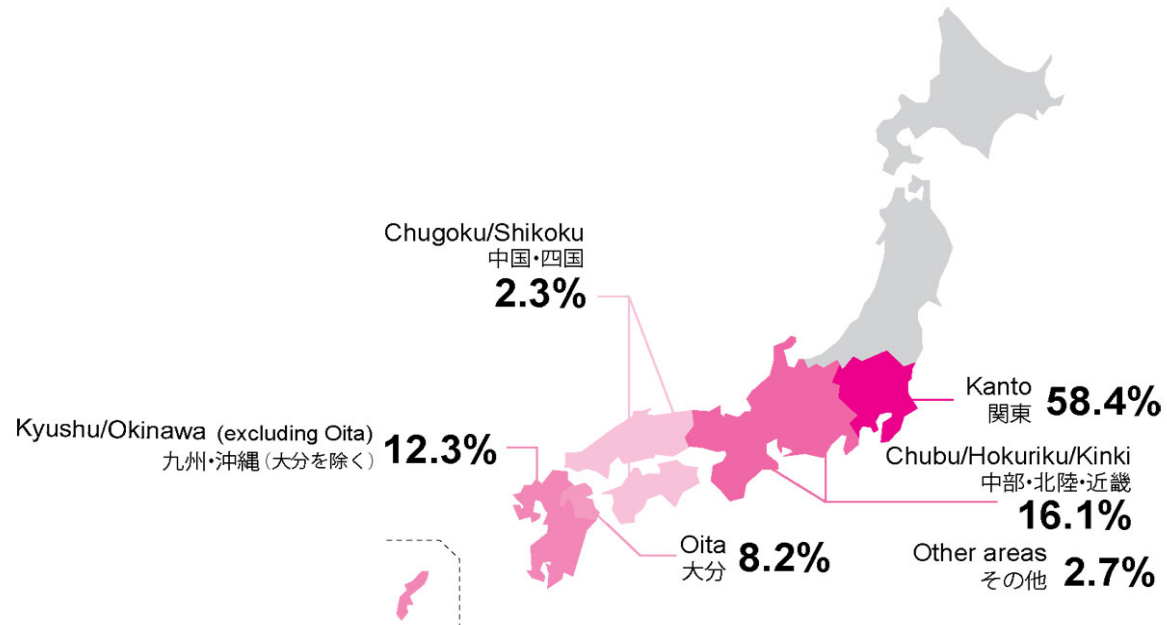
Job offer recipients
就職決定報告者 **301***

Job seekers
就職希望者 **331**



*180 out of 301 found a job in Japan
301名のうち、日本国内で就職した学生は180名

*No. of Graduates 662
卒業者・修了者 662名

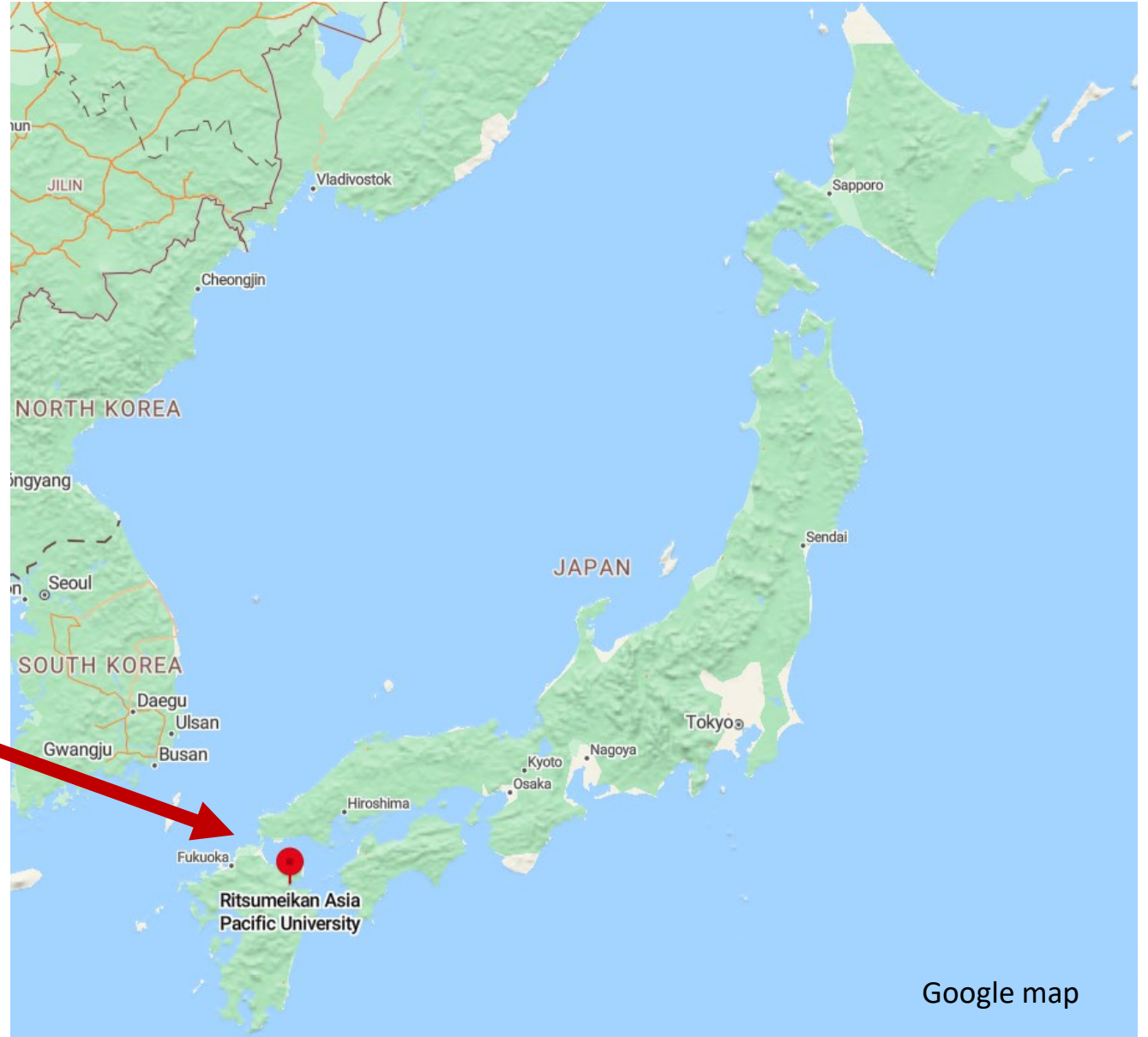


AY 2021 Job Offers by Industry

	Over all
Manufacturing	9.6%
Telecommunications Industry	17.2%
Wholesale and Retail Industry	11.8%
Finance	2.4%
Service	35.6%
Civil Service	2.8%
Other	20.6%

AY 2021 Job Offers by Region in Japan

Beppu: Hot Spring Capital of Japan



Thank you for your attention!



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Sophia University Overview - 1

[Sophia at Glance]

- ✓ Located in the heart of Tokyo
- ✓ Founded by Jesuits in 1913 & Pioneer in International Education in Japan
- ✓ Number of students - **13,497**: Undergraduate 12,080/Graduate 1,417) (AY2022)
- ✓ Number of international students - **1,776** (**172** from U.S.) (as of October 1, 2022)

[Worldwide Network]

- ✓ **400** partner institutions (**80** from U.S.) from **83** countries (as of May 1, 2023)
 - (Exchange partners: **339** (**77** from U.S.) from **62** countries)
- ✓ Number of exchange students – **572** (**97** from U.S) (AY2022)

Sophia University Overview -2

[Academics]

- ✓ Undergraduate: **9** Undergraduate Faculties, **29** Departments
[English-based programs]
Faculty of Liberal Arts/
Science and Technology (Green Science, Green Engineering)/
Sophia Program for Sustainable Futures
- ✓ Graduate: **10** Graduate Schools, **25** Programs
[English-based programs]
TESOL/Global Studies/Global Environmental Studies/
Science and Technology (Green Science, Green Engineering)
- ✓ **1,714** English-taught courses out of **7,755** courses (**22%**) (AY2021)

◆ COIL

- How to overcome time difference
- Flexible Class Schedule
- Creativity

◆ Short Term/Internship

- Variety of Demands
- Academic Calendar

◆ US Graduate Programs

- Special Admission Frameworks for Sophia Students



QUESTIONS?





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