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Japan-Mobility and Internationalisation:
Re-engaging and Accelerating Initiative for future generations



Background

- COVID-19, climate change, food and energy problems, Russian aggression in Ukraine... The international community and order have been shaken, and the world is facing a major crisis.
- From building and strengthening international cooperation and solidarity to ensuring peace, stability, and prosperity of the international community, the youth hold the keys to the future.
- It is required to build a diverse, inclusive, and sustainable society through developing human resources who will play a leading role in the world's most advanced fields as well as in regional growth and development.

Therefore, Japan will...

- **Expand the outbound of Japanese students**
- **Enhance the inbound of international students**
- **Promote the internationalisation of education**



through this initiative.

Goals for 2033



Outbound Japanese Students

500,000 students

222,000 students pre-COVID-19

To a level comparable to France and Germany (non-English speaking countries)

Inbound/Retaining International Students

400,000 students

318,000 students pre-COVID-19

Maintain the growth rate of Plan for 300,000 Exchange Students

Internationalisation of Education

Develop an **international educational environment** and promote **in-person and online interactions**

Universities, vocational school, etc.

Number of students studying abroad long-term 62,000 ▶ 150,000

Number of students studying abroad middle and short-term 113,000 ▶ 230,000

High schools, etc.

Study tour (less than 3 months) 43,000 ▶ 110,000

Studying abroad (more than 3 months) 4,000 ▶ 10,000

Universities, vocational schools, Japanese language schools, etc.

Number of international students 312,000 ▶ 380,000

Percentage of international students

Undergraduate:	3%	▶	5%
Master's:	19%	▶	20%
Doctorate:	21%	▶	33%

High schools, etc.

Number of international students 6,000 ▶ 20,000

Percentage of international students 0.2% ▶ 0.7%

Post-graduation employment rate

Post-graduation employment rate of international students in Japan 48% ▶ 60%

*Programmes based on inter-university exchange agreements with overseas universities

Universities, etc.

English-only programmes

Undergraduate:	86	▶	200
Graduate School:	276	▶	400

Universities that have exchanges with overseas universities based on exchange agreements 48% ▶ 80%

Number of joint degree programs* 27 ▶ 50

Number of double degree programs 349 ▶ 800

Junior high and high schools, etc.

Schools where students can take multiple subjects in English 50 schools ▶ 150 schools

Conducting international exchanges in-person 18% ▶ 50%

Online international exchanges, etc. 20% ▶ 100%



Outbound Japanese Students

Outbound of **500,000** students by 2033

Nurture the necessary skills to study abroad in the future

Facilitate studying abroad at overseas universities and graduate schools through enhanced support

Relieve concern of finding employment after studying abroad

At Elementary, middle, and high school

- Help children develop their English reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills
- Enhance teachers' instructional skills through opportunities for overseas experience and practical training
- Expand support for students to study abroad at the high school level and to enter universities abroad

At University

- Enhance scholarships (JASSO, etc.) through both the public and private sectors
- Advance efforts to increase the number of exchange students (exchange agreements)
- Encourage working adults to study at overseas graduate schools

Connection to society

- Provide necessary information to find employment after studying abroad
- Encourage a variety of opportunities for job application, including year-round recruitment, to reduce the mismatch in timing between returning to Japan and job hunting
- Build momentum so that studying abroad is positively evaluated by companies

Inbound/Retaining International Students

Inbound of **400,000** international students by 2033

Advance efforts prior to students' arrival in Japan, making smoother first steps toward studying in Japan



Promote efforts to create a fruitful learning and comfortable study abroad environment at universities and other institutions in Japan



Create a comfortable working environment for graduating international students in Japan



Before studying in Japan

- Enhance overseas Japanese language education
- Encourage admission and selection before arrival to Japan through online interviews, registrations, etc.

While studying in Japan

- Increase the number of faculty members with degrees from abroad and enhance courses that allow students to graduate with English-only
- Improve the quality and attractiveness of campuses
- Introduce fall and year-round enrollment

After studying in Japan

- Encourage Japanese companies to review their internal systems and improve their corporate culture to make it easier for international students to work in Japan
- Expand opportunities for matching international students with companies throughout Japan
- Strengthen employment counseling and support at Hello Work (public employment security offices), etc., including multilingual support

Internationalisation of Education

Develop an international educational environment and promote in-person and online interactions

Create learning opportunities where people from various backgrounds can gather and grow together

Organise an attractive educational environment for children of foreign human resources coming to Japan

Advance the overseas expansion of Japanese-style education, which is receiving strong interest from other countries

Internationalisation of universities, etc.

- Encourage joint/double degrees with overseas universities, credit transfers, and exchange agreements
- Promote recruitment and training of staff with advanced and specialised knowledge and experience in international exchange, etc.
- Promote hybrid international exchanges that utilises online

Improving the educational environment for the success of foreign human resources

- Promote the development and operation of international secondary education institutions that are attractive to foreign children, etc.
- Strengthen support for foreign children by increasing the number of teachers for Japanese language instruction, etc., and establish special quotas for high school entrance examinations

Overseas expansion of Japanese-style education

- Support the introduction of Japanese-style colleges of technology (KOSEN) based on requests from other countries
- Secure and enhance teachers dispatched at overseas educational facilities to create educational environments that are equivalent to that in Japan

In Support of this Initiative

Messages from the members of the Council for the Creation of Future Education

SEIKE Atsushi

President of the Japanese Red Cross Society/Professor Emeritus of Keio University



I highly encourage you to study in Japan. You will be able to obtain many things by studying in Japan. First of all, you can learn things that you can only learn at the Japanese institution where you are coming to study. Secondly, you can make friends with Japanese students and students from all over the world who are also studying in Japan. Thirdly you can get familiar with Japanese culture, history, and nature. And fourthly, you can look at your own country from Japan, recognize challenges of it, and at the same time rediscover the charms of your country. By studying in Japan, you will be able to get these valuable things at the same time. Japanese educational institutions and the Japanese society warmly welcome you all.

AKASHI Junichi

Professor, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Tsukuba



I believe that a university campus is an invaluable asset to society as a whole, where young people of diverse values and cultural backgrounds study and inspire each other to improve. Such an environment nurtures intellectual creativity. That is why I welcome international students from all over the world to challenge themselves in pursuit of an academic degree in Japan. I will support them from the educational field so that they can gain various experiences together with Japanese students, pursue the careers they are looking for, and be active on a global stage.

IKEDA Keiko

Professor, Division of International Affairs, Kansai University



I sincerely hope to provide students with opportunities to have rich and fulfilling life experiences that incorporate time spent in Japan. You will likely find a new career pathway as a result of having such experiences. Japanese universities and special training colleges are now offering many innovative and interdisciplinary ways of learning, particularly by collaborating with industries. Study together with Japanese local students as well as international students from all over the world, and build a network that you will treasure for a lifetime. Consider leaping into a new world by seizing opportunities for personal growth and development in Japan! Japan welcomes all talented international students to participate in both education and private sectors.



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Messages from the members of the Council for the Creation of Future Education

OHNO Tadataka

Chairman of the Board,
Denshi Gakuen / Vice-
President, National
Association of Vocational
Schools of Japan



Social environment surrounding Japan is currently undergoing great changes due to technological innovations, changes in industrial structures, intensifying international competitions, and decreasing the working-age population.

Thus we need to create a diverse range of human resources, from highly skilled persons to engineers who can contribute to the growth of specialized fields, and support local communities and industries.

In this time of change, I sincerely wish that various talented foreigners will study in Japan to realize their dreams and will play active and important roles in the Japanese society.

OHNO Hideo

President of Tohoku
University



The universities in Japan offer a diverse range of advanced learning and cutting-edge research opportunities across various disciplines. In recent years, there has been a significant increase in internationalization and diversification, with more and more international students choosing to study here. The Council for the Creation of Future Education has recently recommended initiatives to enhance the support system for overseas students, including post-graduation settlement. Studying at a Japanese university allows you to actively pursue your passions, make lifelong friends, and carve out an exciting new path for yourself. Don't miss this opportunity to enrich your life and broaden your horizons!

HIGASHIHARA Toshiaki

Director Executive
Chairman
Representative
Executive Officer



In this proposal, we made a comprehensive discussion on what is needed for diverse talent to play an active role in Japan, such as development of financial and social support for overseas students and actions to connect graduates to employment. I myself feel the power of diversity very strongly whenever I have discussions with energetic people working in Japan and abroad.

Japan is now in the process of transforming itself into a more attractive place to learn and work. I hope you will choose Japan as a place to work together to solve social issues.



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