



Japanese Government's strategy on international education

Prime Minister Abe's focus on global human capital

Prime Minister Abe has developed the Growth Strategy in his second term as leader of Japan, and placed an emphasis on improving Japan's 'global human capital' recognising the need for young Japanese students to have a more global outlook and improved English skills. Major education targets in the strategy are;

1. Double the number of Japanese students studying overseas from 60,000 in 2010 to 120,000 by 2020
2. Double the number of international students in Japan from 135,000 in 2013 to 300,000 by 2020
3. 10 Japanese universities to be ranked in the world top 100 within 10 years

Ministry of Education, Culture, Sport, Science and Technology (MEXT) programs for international education

Go Global Japan: five-year project for 2012- 2017

Goals

- Double the number of Japanese students undertaking study abroad
- Improve students English skills

Participating universities and funds allocated (see attached list)

- Type A (university-wide): 11 universities, 140-260 million yen depending on the student number (AUD\$1.4 million-\$2.7 million)*
- Type B (Faculty/School specific): 31 universities, 120 million yen (AUD\$1.25 million)*

Top Global University: ten-year project for 2014-2034

Goals

- Facilitate university reforms including the provision of joint degrees
- Increase the number of international students and courses offered in English
- Enhance international research collaboration, citations and rankings.
- Top Type: To be ranked in top 100 in world university rankings in 10 years
- Global Traction Type: To lead internationalisation (eg. Joint degrees)

Participating universities and funds allocated (see attached list)

- Top Type: 13 research intensive universities, 420 million yen (AUD\$4.4 million)
- Global Traction Type: 20 universities, 170 million yen per year (AUD\$1.8 million)

Increased MEXT scholarship opportunities

“Tobitate” Young Ambassador Program- launched in 2014

This new program is an innovative public-private partnership where MEXT receives donations from industry to provide study abroad scholarships to university and high school students.

- 79 companies donated about 6.6 billion yen (\$69 million)* by end June 2014
- Students choose their own study plan that can include internships or fieldwork
- Global industry leaders and sponsor companies provide mentoring to students
- Duration: 1 month – 1 year (more than 3 months recommended)
- Second Round in 2015 has been extended to include high school students
- Only 4% (13) out of 320 successful candidates for 2014 chose Australia (North America: 29% or 93, Europe: 38% or 122)

Other Government scholarships

Short-term (less than 1 year)

- High School (senior secondary schools) : increased from 300 → 1,600
- University: 10,000 → 20,000

Long-term (for degree seeking students): 200 → 250

*Exchange rate used \$1=JPY95

Japanese Universities Funded by Government to 'Internationalise'

Go Global Japan Universities

Type A (University-wide)			
1	Akita International University	7	Kwansai Gakuin University
2	Chiba University	8	Ochanomizu University
3	Chuo University	9	Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University
4	Doshisha University	10	Tohoku University
5	Hokkaido University	11	Waseda University
6	International Christian University		
Type B (Faculty/School specific)			
1	Aichi University	17	Ritsumeikan University
2	Aichi Prefectural University	18	Saitama University
3	Asia University	19	Shibaura Institute of Technology
4	Fukui University	20	Showa Women's University
5	Hitotsubashi University	21	Soka University
6	Hosei University	22	Sophia University
7	Kanda University of International Studies	23	The University of Kitakyushu
8	Kobe University	24	Tokyo Institute of Technology
9	Kyorin University	25	Tokyo Medical and Dental University
10	Kyoto Sangyo University	26	Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology
11	Kyushu University	27	Tottori University
12	Maebashi Kyodai Gakuen College	28	Toyo University
13	Meiji University	29	University of Tsukuba
14	Musashino Art University	30	Yamaguchi University
15	Nagasaki University	31	Yamaguchi Prefectural University
16	Niigata University		

Japanese Universities Funded by Government (September 2014)

Top Global University Projects

Top Type

	<i>Name of university</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Direct translation of project title</i>
1	Hokkaido University	National	Hokkaido Universal Campus Initiative
2	Tohoku University	National	Tohoku University Global Initiative
3	University of Tsukuba	National	Transforming Higher Education for a Brighter Future through Transborder University Initiatives
4	The University of Tokyo	National	Designing a Global Campus Model by the University of Tokyo
5	Tokyo Medical and Dental University	National	Health for All – TMDU initiative in creating next generation professionals for global health promotion
6	Tokyo Institute of Technology	National	Enhancing Tokyo Tech Education and Research Quality through administrative reforms for Internationalization
7	Nagoya University	National	Asian Hub University contributing to a sustainable society in the 21 st Century
8	Kyoto University	National	Japan Gateway: Kyoto University Top Global Program
9	Osaka University	National	Global University “World Tekijuku”
10	Hiroshima University	National	Hiroshima University Global Campus Expansion and innovation initiative
11	Kyushu University	National	Strategic Hub Area for top-global Research and Education Kyushu University (SHARE-Q)
12	Keio University	Private	Enhancing sustainability of global society through Jitsugaku
13	Waseda University	Private	Waseda Goes Global: A plan to Build a worldwide academic network that is open, dynamic and diverse

Global Traction Type

	<i>Name of university</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Direct translation of project title</i>
1	Chiba University	National	Chiba University: inspiring leaders with a global perspective
2	Tokyo University of Foreign Studies	National	TUFS CONNCECTS resources worldwide
3	Tokyo University of the Arts	National	“The initiative of creation ‘GEIDAI – Energy’ – the only one global strategy
4	Nagaoka University of Technology	National	The education program for innovative global engineers – toward development of an integrated global campus with collaboration between industry, academia, and government.
5	Kanazawa University	National	Developing human resources to lead the global society and establishing the Kanazawa University brand by thorough internationalization
6	Toyohashi University of Technology	National	Creative campus for nurturing global technology architects
7	Kyoto Institute of Technology	National	“Open Tech Innovation”: An initiative for global, social and regional collaboration

8	Nara Institute of Science and Technology	National	NAIST Global: cultivating global leaders through global standard graduate education on a global campus
9	Okayama University	National	PRIME Program: producing practical-oriented human resources in a global community
10	Kumamoto University	National	A leading university cultivating global leaders from Kumamoto
11	Akita International University	Public	AIU Living up to it's promise: First Class Liberal Arts University
12	University of Aizu	Public	Fostering Global ICT innovators through the combined effects of spirit, technology, and adaptability
13	International Christian University	Private	Creating responsible global citizens through a global liberal arts education
14	Shibaura Institute of Technology	Private	Design and implementation of a human resource development model for engineering and sciences focusing on value co-creative education – contribution to global sustainability
15	Sophia University	Private	Creation of global campus with multiple hub functions and supportive governance
16	Toyo University	Private	"Toyo Global Diamonds": Becoming an Asian Hub University for Global Leaders
17	Hosei University	Private	Creating a Global University: toward a sustainable society from pioneering Japan
18	Meiji University	Private	Going global MEIJI 8000 – developing students with a frontier spirit for the future by encouraging students proactive learning
19	Rikkyo University	Private	Global Liberal Arts education – leadership education – self transformation – the evolution of Rikkyo as a world class university
20	Soka University	Private	Global initiative for humanistic education; fostering global citizens for building peace and sustainable prosperity
21	International University of Japan	Private	Establishing a new global standard from Asia
22	Ritsumeikan University	Private	Bridging the world and Asia. Human development to collaborate across cultures and contribute globally to Asian communities
23	Kwansei Gakuin University	Private	Establishing the global academic port, an international hub for academic exchange.
24	Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University	Private	Global Learning: towards New Horizons in University Education