

Japan's Strategies for Student Mobility *towards 2020*

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I. Goal of International Student Mobility towards 2020

“Japan’s Re-vitalization Strategy”

Double student mobility by 2020

- 300,000 international students studying in Japan
- 120,000 Japanese students studying abroad
- Joint efforts by Gov’t, Industry, and Academia

Japan-UK Universities Conference for Collaboration in Research and Education, 1 May, 2014, in London

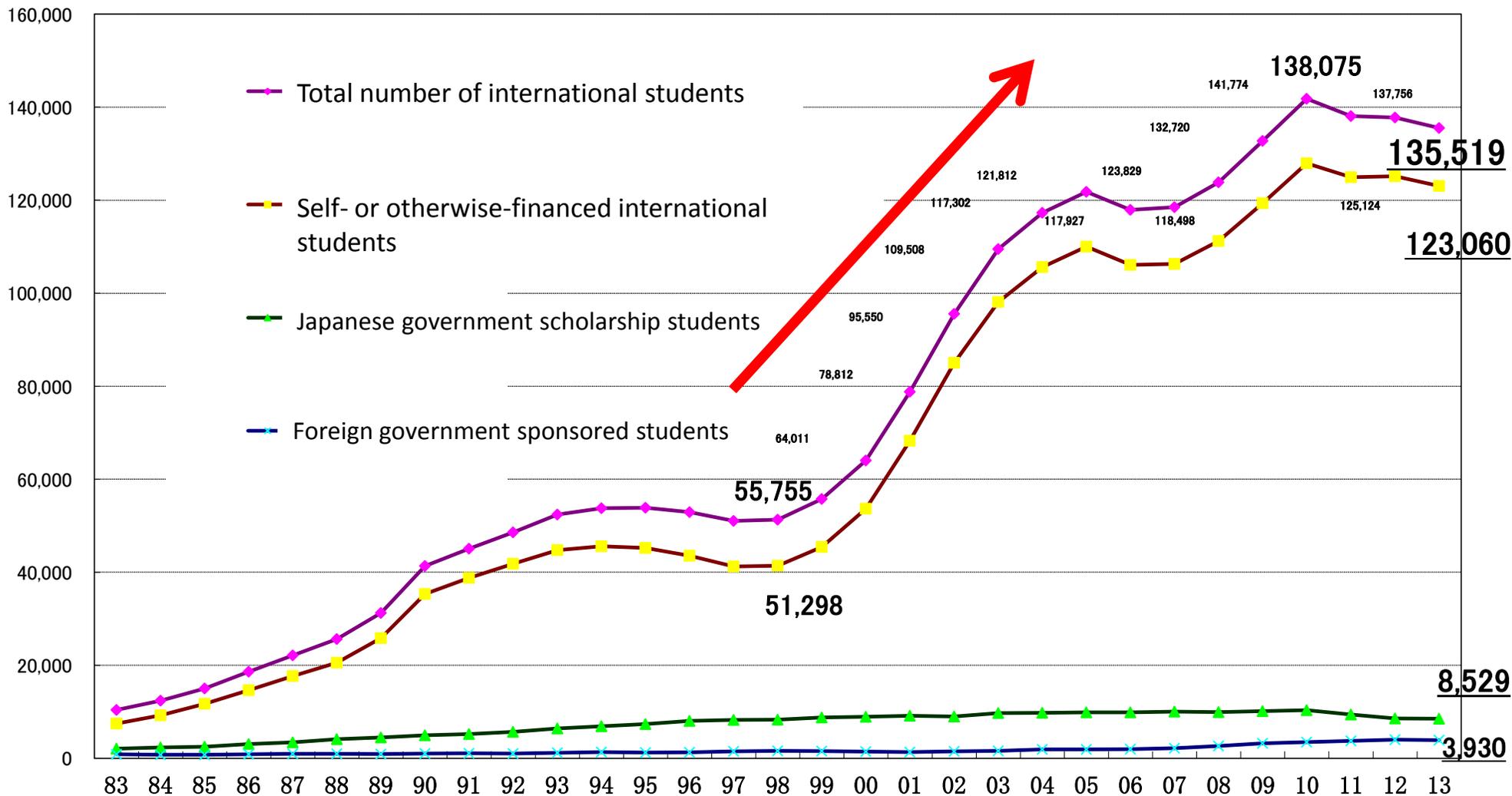
- **14 Japanese universities** (Doshisha, Hitotsubashi, Hokkaido, Keio, Kyoto, Kyushu, Nagoya, Osaka, Ritsumeikan, Tohoku, Tokyo, Tokyo Institute of Technology, Tsukuba, Waseda)
- **16 UK universities** (Bristol, Cambridge, Durham, Edinburgh, Imperial College, King's College, Leeds, Liverpool, LSE, Manchester, Newcastle, Oxford, Sheffield, UCL, York, Warwick).
- **Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe** joined the discussion and supported further expansion of student and education exchange between two countries



Photo: Cabinet Public relations Office

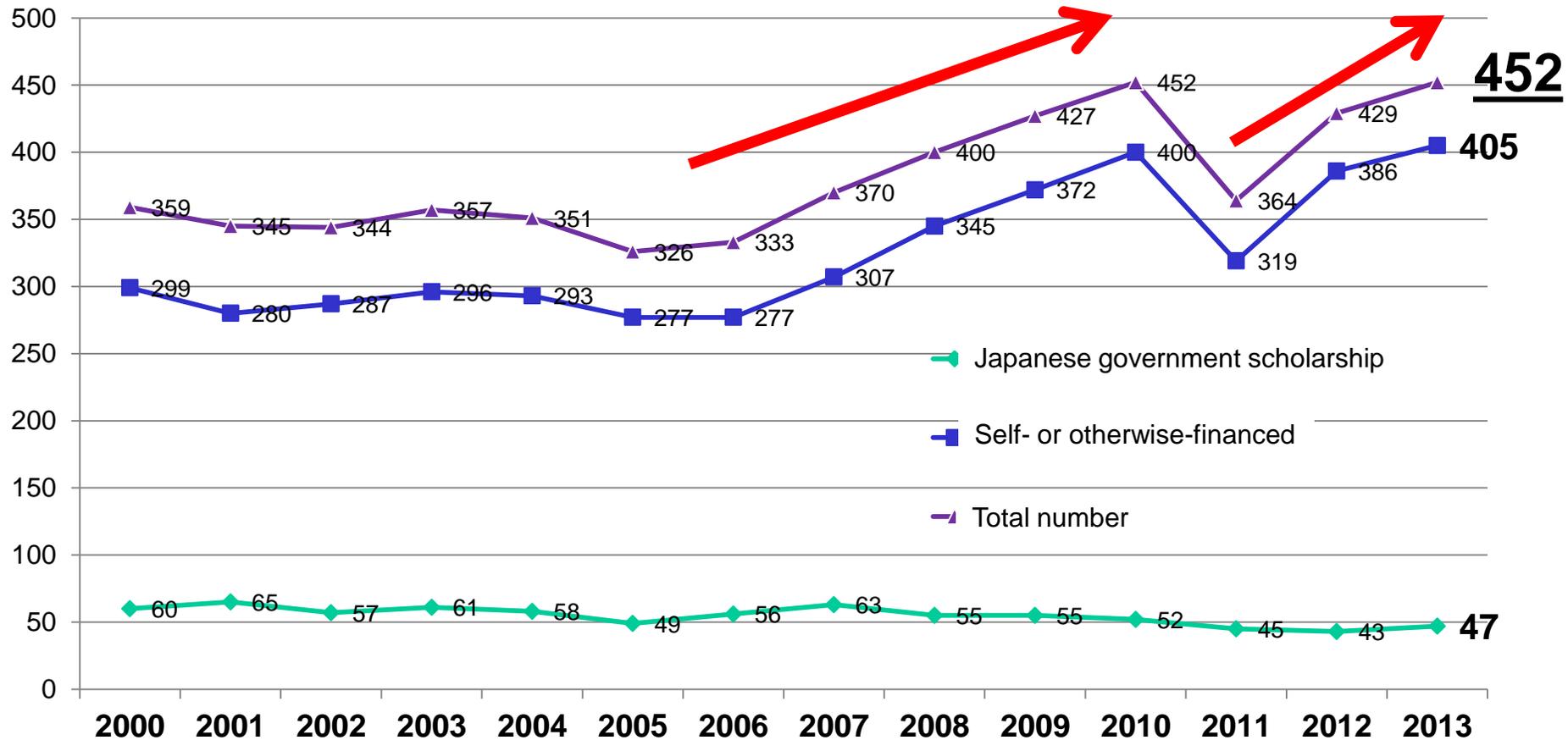
II. Background

Inbound mobility: Number of foreign students in Japan



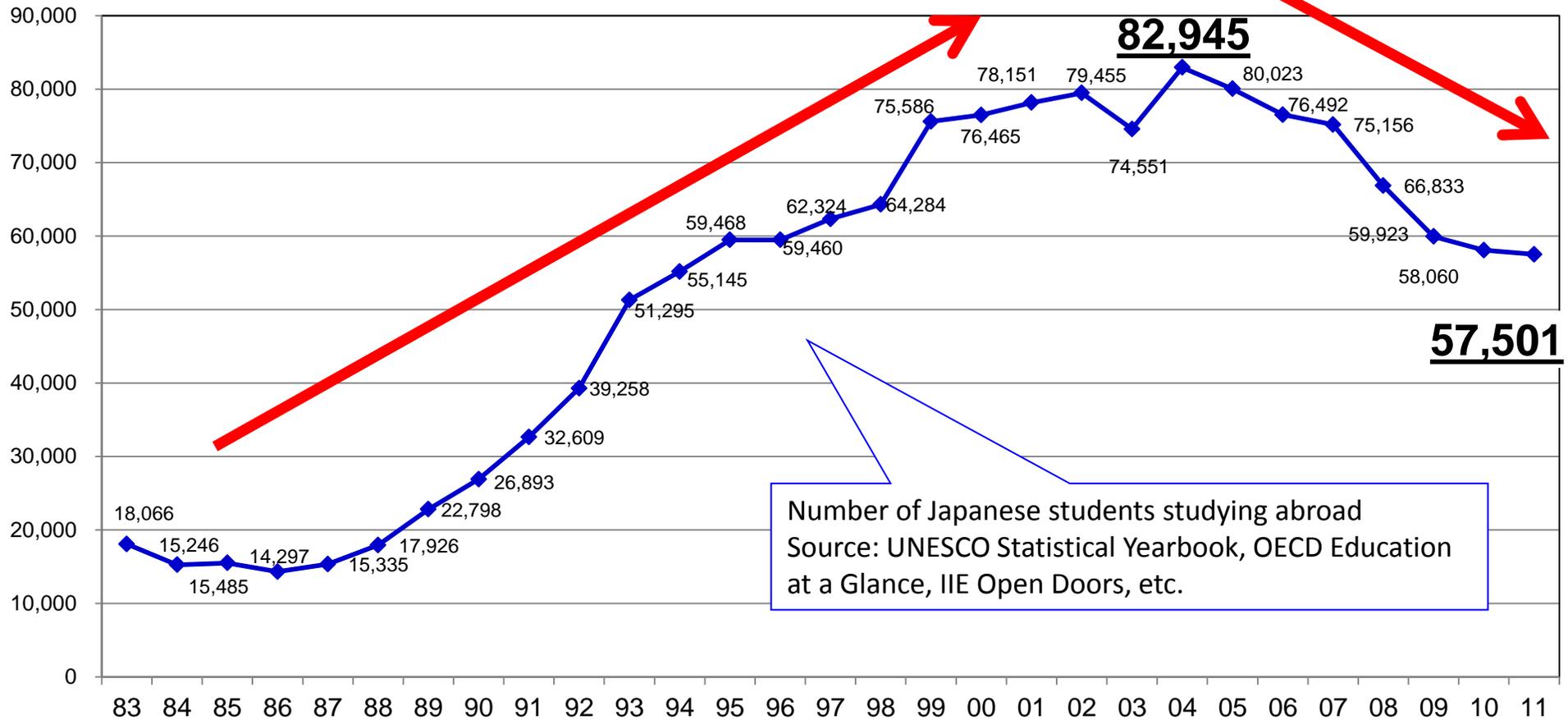
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Inbound mobility: Number of UK students in Japan

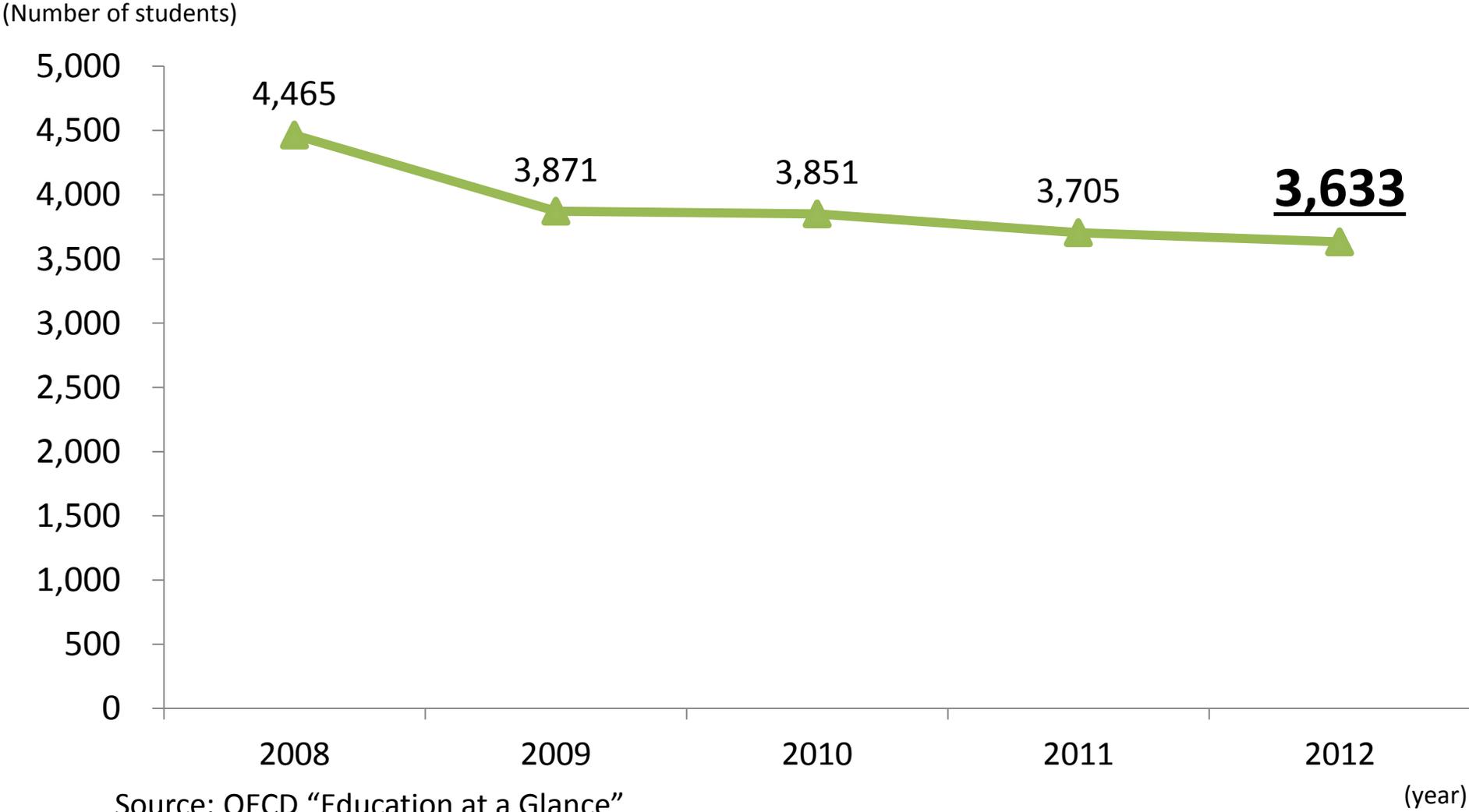


Source: JASSO, as of May 1 each year

Outbound mobility: Number of Japanese students studying abroad



Outbound mobility: Number of Japanese students studying in the UK



Inter-university agreement trends

	National	Public	Private	Total
FY 2009	7,463	729	8,979	17,171
FY 2011	7,847	1,000	10,225	19,102
FY 2012	8,549	1,107	10,372	<u>20,028</u>

From 2009 to 2012, international inter-university agreement has increased **16.6%**

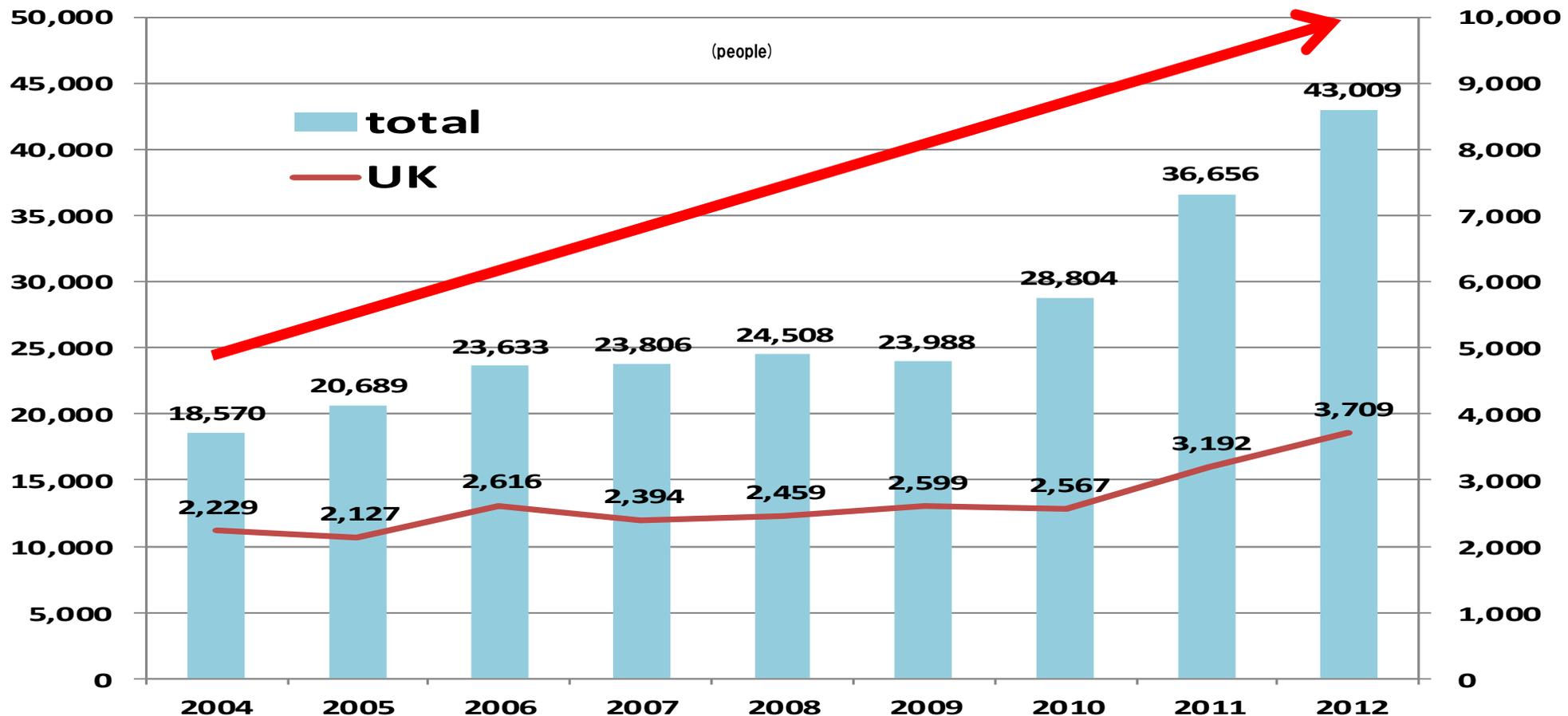
Top five partnership countries/regions (FY 2012)

Ranking	Country/Region	Number of Agreements
1	China	3,871
2	USA	2,652
3	South Korea	2,228
4	Taiwan	1,001
5	UK	<u>895</u>

The UK is the 5th largest partnership country for Japanese universities

Japanese students studying abroad **under inter-university exchange agreements** at universities

- From 2004 to 2012 the number of Japanese students studying abroad has **dropped** (-44% in the UK)
- But, during the same period, the number of Japanese students studying at overseas universities under **inter-university exchange agreements** has **increased** (+2.3 times in total, +66% in the UK)



Source: JASSO survey on numbers of Japanese students studying abroad under exchange agreements

III. Government's Initiatives

- Top Global University Project
- Financial support for Inbound and Outbound Student Mobility

Top Global University Project (2014–2023)

Strongly support top universities with world-class education/research and global universities driving internationalization. ⇒ £51M a year, for 2014-2013

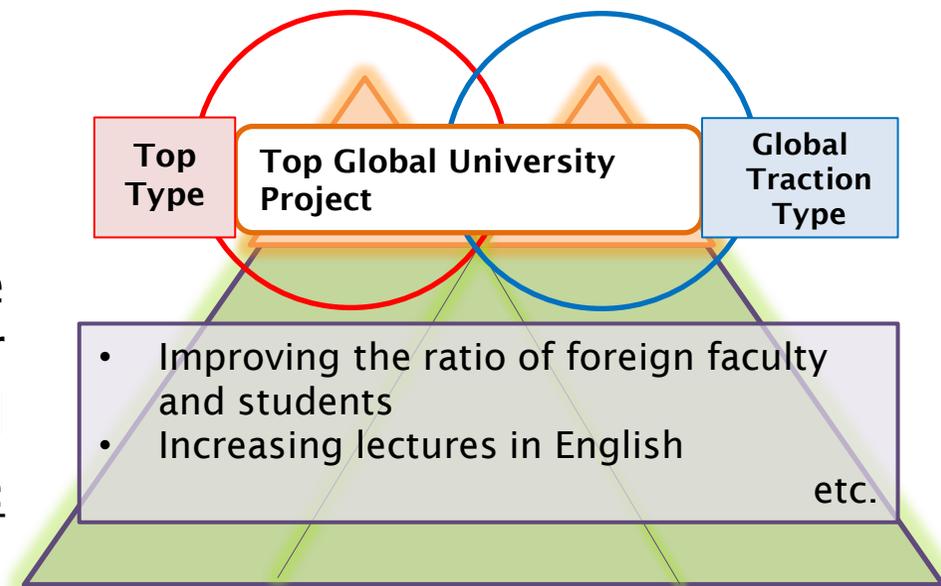
- **Top Type:** 13 universities

Universities aiming to rank in the top 100 in the world

- **Global Traction Type**

: 24 universities

Universities that attempt to make pioneering trial runs based on their performance thus far and that will lead the push of Japanese society toward globalization



Selected universities for "Top Global University Project"

Legend

framed: Type A none: Type B

Black: National Blue: Public Red: Private

Kinki

- Kyoto U
- Osaka U
- Kyoto Institute of Technology
- Nara Institute of Science and Technology
- Ritsumeikan U
- Kwansei Gakuin U

Tohoku

- Tohoku U
- Akita International U
- U of Aizu

Hokkaido

- Hokkaido U

Kanto

- U of Tsukuba
- U of Tokyo
- Tokyo Medical and Dental U
- Tokyo Institute of Technology
- Keio U
- Waseda U
- Chiba U
- Tokyo U of Foreign Studies
- Tokyo U of the Art
- International Christian U
- Shibauro Institute of Technology
- Sophia U
- Toyo U
- Hosei U
- Meiji U
- Rikkyo U
- Soka U

Kyushu, Okinawa

- Kyushu U
- Kumamoto U
- Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific U

Chugoku, Shikoku

- Hiroshima U
- Okayama U

Hokuriku, Koshinetsu, Tokai

- Nagoya U
- Kanazawa U
- Nagaoka U of Technology
- Toyohashi U of Technology
- International U of Japan

Type A: 13 universities
Type B: 24 universities

Goals set by the 37 universities selected for Top Global University Project (2013→2023:average)

	present	goal
1. Percentage of international full-time faculty staff and full-time faculty staff who have received their degrees at a foreign university	27.6%	47.1%
2. Percentage of international students	6.5%	13.1%
3. Percentage of Japanese students who have experienced study abroad (credit earning)	3.3%	13.8%
4. Percentage of Japanese students studying abroad under inter-university agreements	2.6%	8.4%
5. Percentage of classes conducted in foreign languages	7.8%	21.9%

The 37 universities have **630 thousand people** (550 thousand students and 80 thousands faculty staff) in total

→ **Approximately 20%** of all students (2.82 million) and faculty staff (400 thousand) in Japanese universities

Inbound mobility: Financial support for Students Studying in Japan

➤ Japanese Government Scholarships

•FY 2015 Draft Budget : **£102 M, 11,263 students**
(FY 2014 : 11,260 students)

➤ MEXT Honors Scholarships for Privately Financed International Students

•FY 2015 Draft Budget : **£21 M, 7,070 students**
(FY 2014 : 7,785 students)

➤ Student Exchange Support Program

Short-term programs (less than 1 year) → **40% Increase**

•FY 2015 Draft Budget : **£12 M, 7,000 students**
(FY 2014 : 5,000 students)

For more information → http://www.jasso.go.jp/study_j/scholarships_sfisij_e.html

Outbound mobility: Financial support for sending Japanese students to study abroad

➤ Degree courses

Provision of scholarships for Japanese students to study abroad for one year or more with a view to gaining a master's degree or PhD.

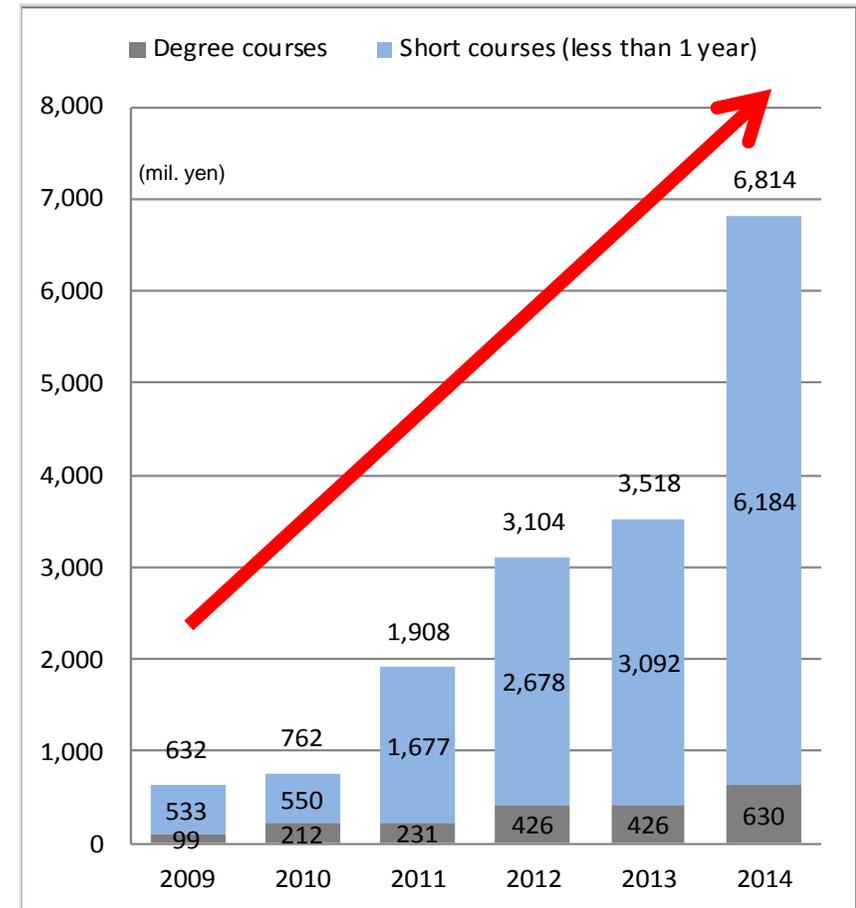
- FY 2015 Draft Budget : **¥3 M, 270 students** (FY 2014 : 250 students)

➤ Short courses

Provision of scholarships for students enrolled at Japanese universities for short-term study abroad (up to 1 year) under reciprocal exchange.

- FY 2015 Draft Budget : **¥34 M, 22,000 students** (FY 2014 : 20,000 students)
- From 2009 to 2014, the supports for short-term study abroad increased over 11 times

Trends in government funding for students studying abroad



TOBITATE! Young Ambassador Program

~ New Scholarship Program for Studying Abroad ~



● Eligibility

Japanese (university) students who want to study abroad

● Duration of Scholarship

One month to two years

● Benefits

- Allowance: **120,000** to **200,000** yen per month
- Tuition fee
- Traveling expenses
- Expenses for training sessions

● Number of selected students

	FY2014 Summer	FY2014 Winter
The number of awarded students	323	256
The number of universities (where students are enrolled)	106	110

● Number of Support Companies and Associations

134 companies and associations



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