

# Internationalisation of Education in Japan

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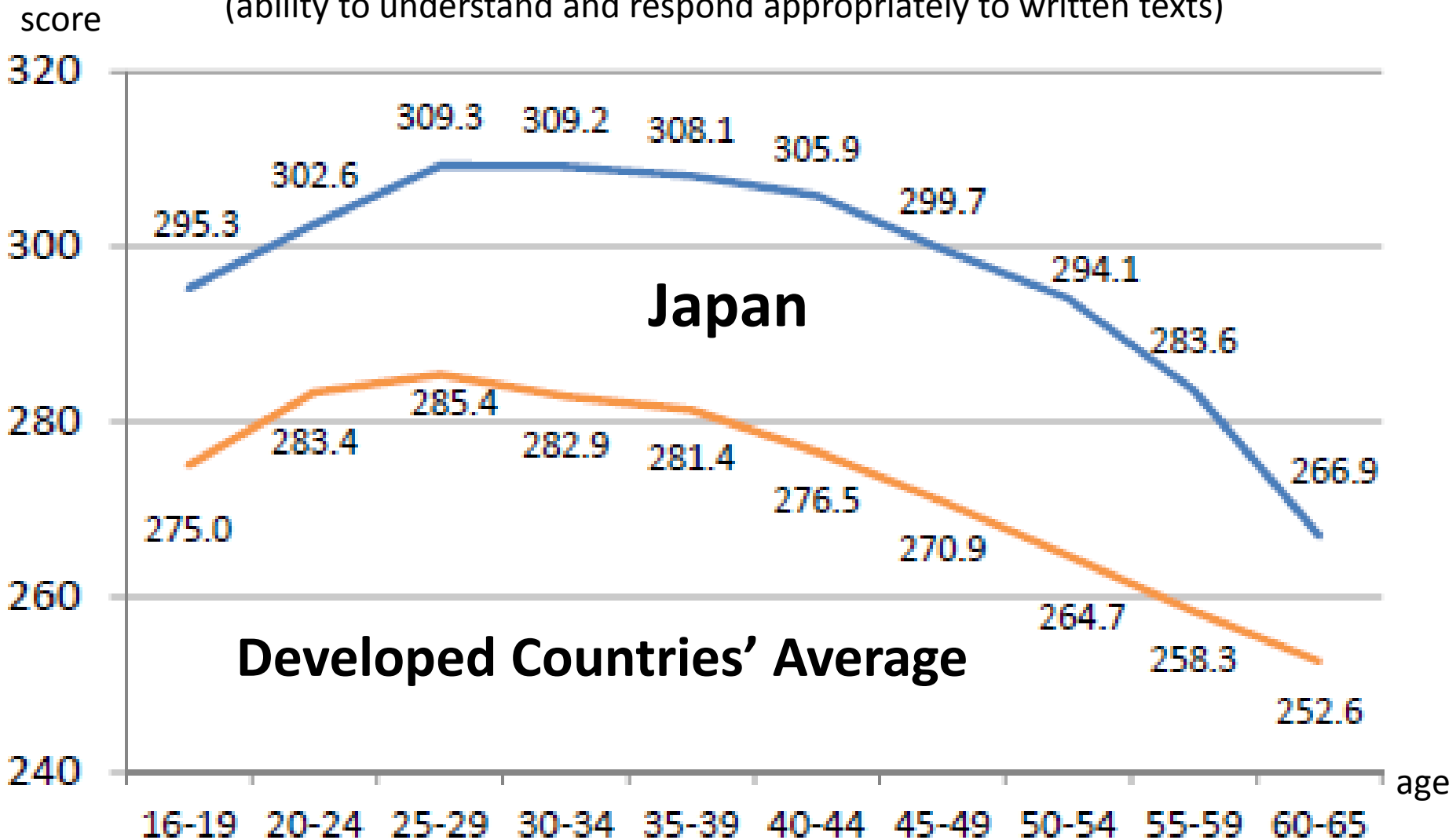
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# Academic Ability in Japan

# Survey of Adult Literacy Skills

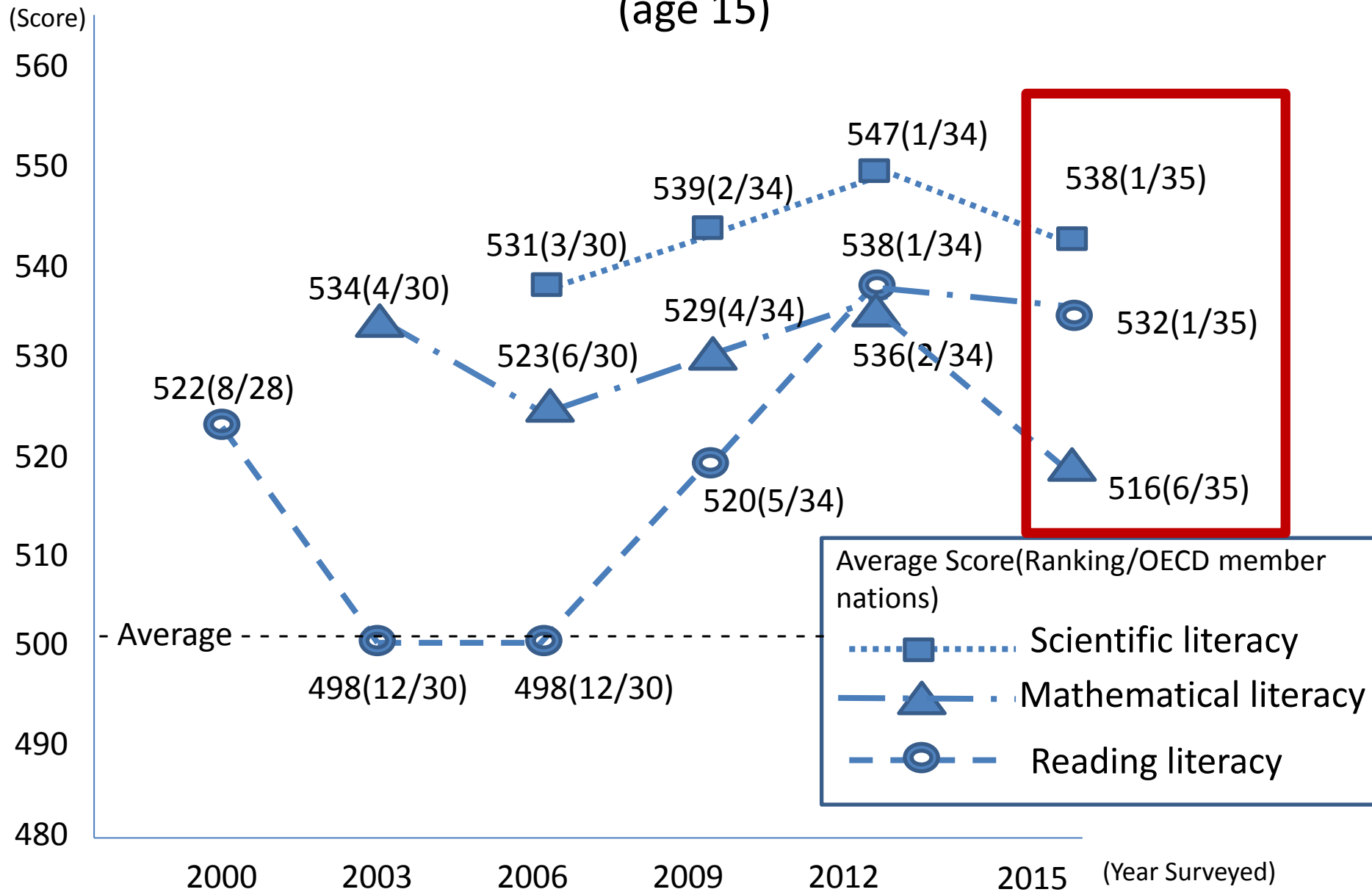
(ability to understand and respond appropriately to written texts)



source: OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) PIAAC:2011

# Current State of Academic Ability in Japan

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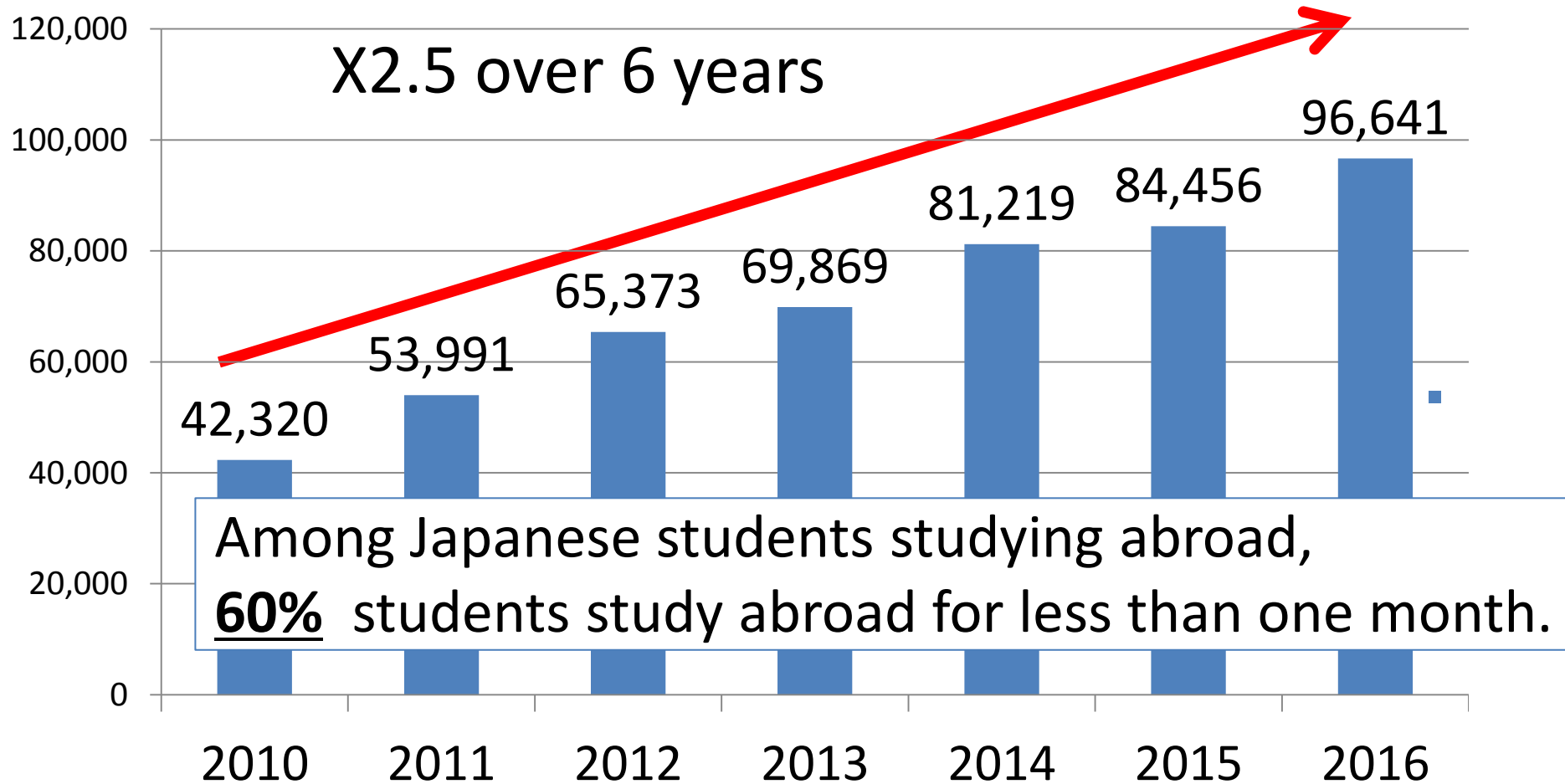
from the results of the OECD Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA)



# Japanese Students in the UK

# Outbound Mobility:

Numbers of Japanese students studying in foreign countries  
(including non visa-holders)



survey conducted by the Japanese Student Services Organization (JASSO)

# Outbound Mobility:

Ranking of Japanese students abroad, by country

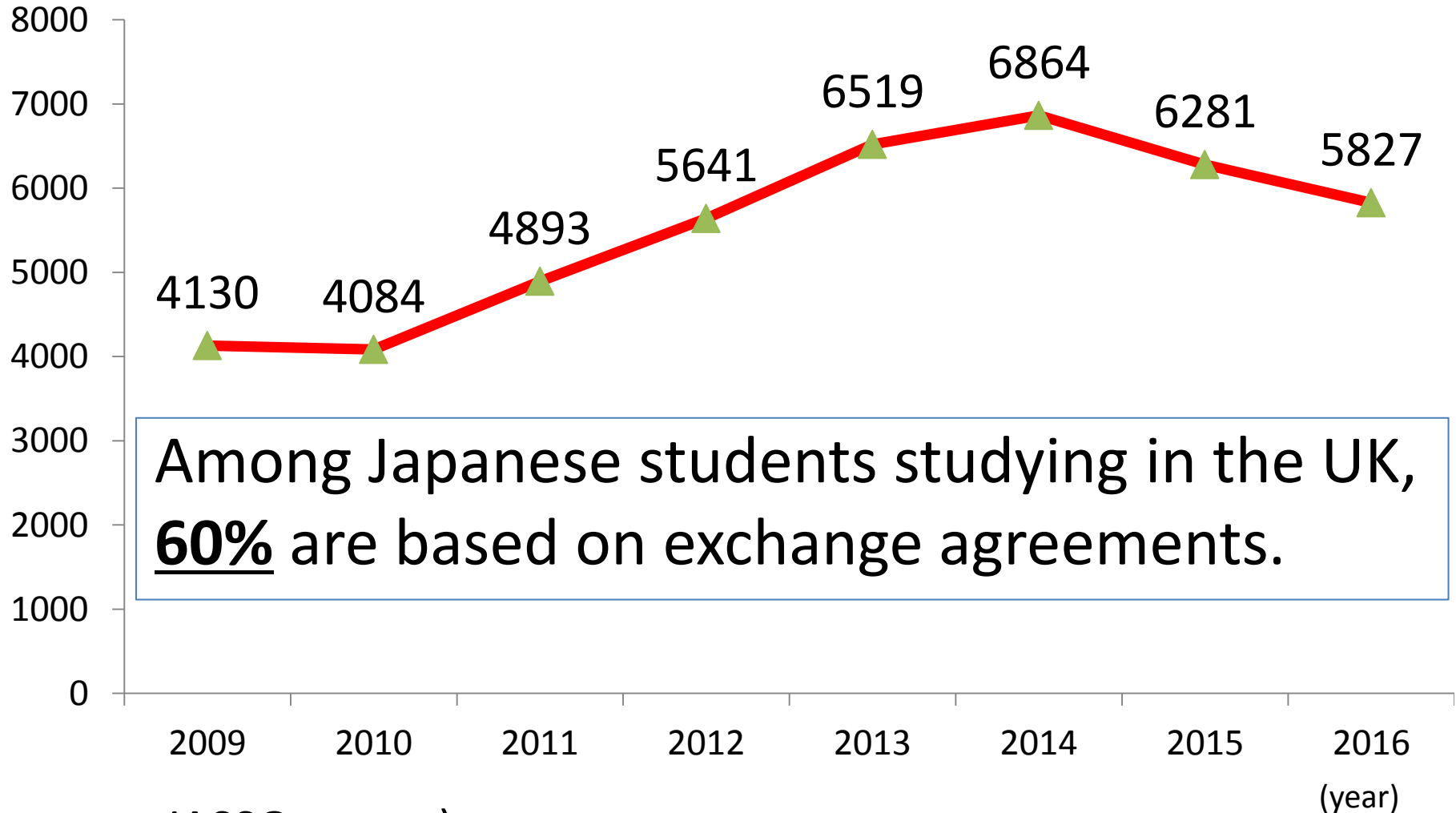
No.	Countries	2016	2015	2014	2013
1	USA	20,159	18,676 (1)	18,769 (1)	16,794 (1)
2	Australia	9,472	8,080 (3)	7,276 (3)	6,392 (4)
3	Canada	8,875	8,189 (2)	7,373 (2)	6,614 (2)
4	South Korea	6,457	4,657 (5)	5,533 (5)	5,211 (5)
5	UK	5,827	6,281 (4)	6,864 (4)	6,519 (3)

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(Number of students)



Among Japanese students studying in the UK,  
**60%** are based on exchange agreements.

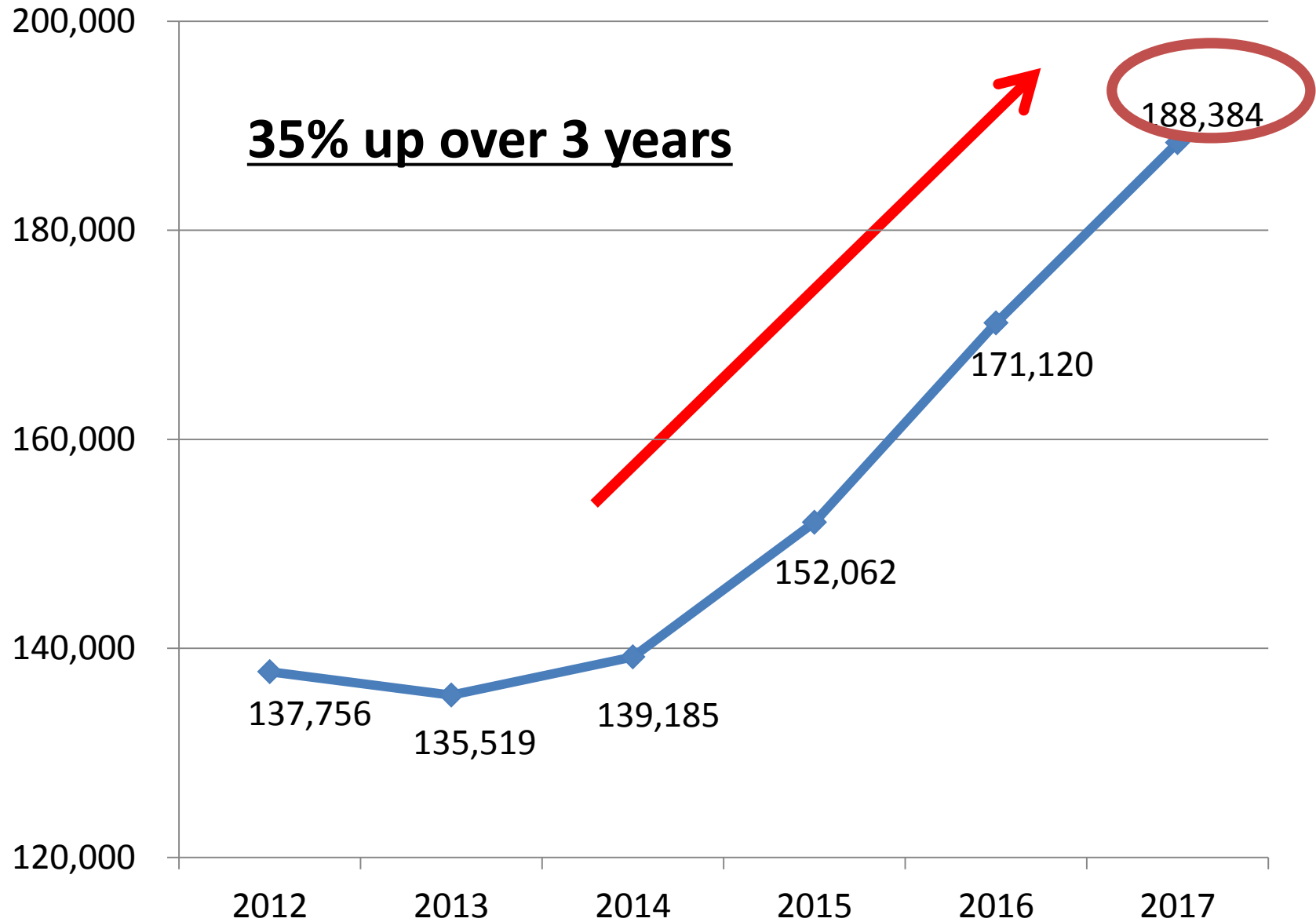
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# Study in Japan



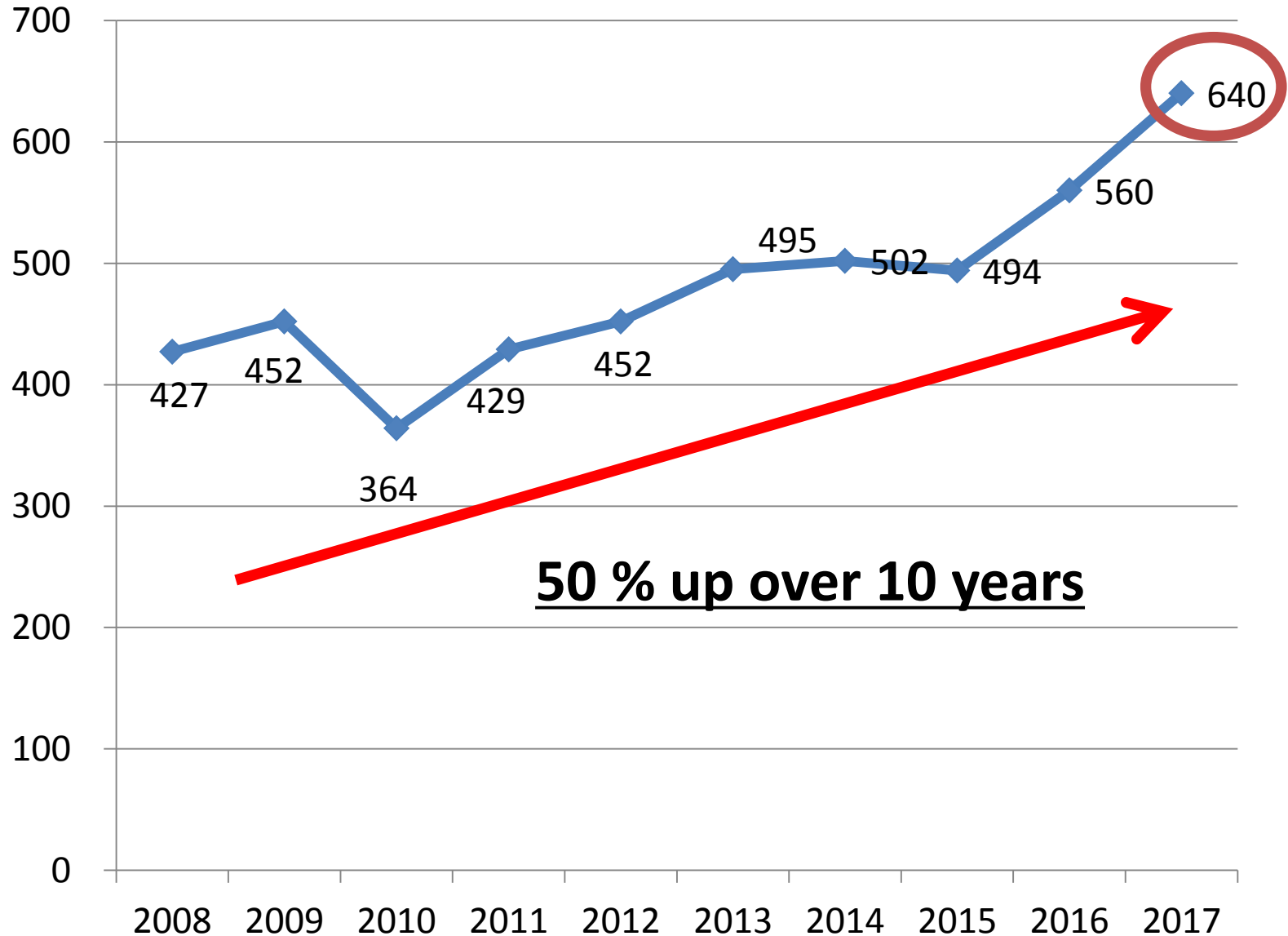
# Total number of international students in Japanese Higher Education Institutions



\*As of May 1 each year

# Number of UK students in Japan

## Student visa holders



# Japanese Universities Teach Courses in English

- 858 University Degree Courses Offered in English (in April 2018) (781 in 2017)
- Check the website “Study in Japan (JASSO)”, and the “Search for schools”

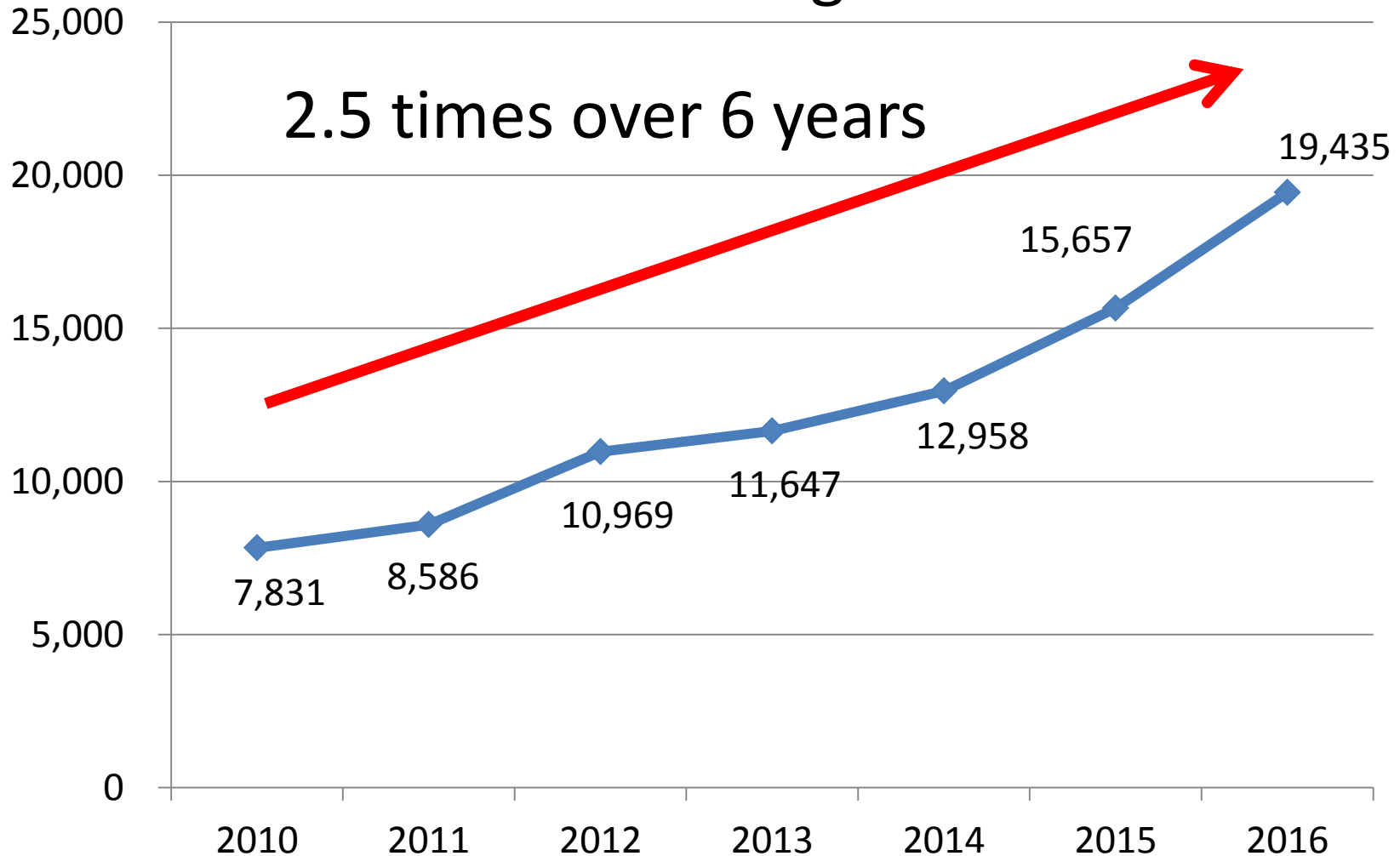
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# Work in Japan



# Work for International Students to Japan

Changes in the number of visas approved from international students intending to work



# Skills which Japanese employers consider to be important when hiring international students

Japanese language skills about 70%

Communication skills about 60%

Enthusiasm about 40%

## Level of Japanese Skill required of international students

According to the Japan Foundation, more than **90% of Japanese** companies expect native English speakers to have **at least N2 of The Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT)**

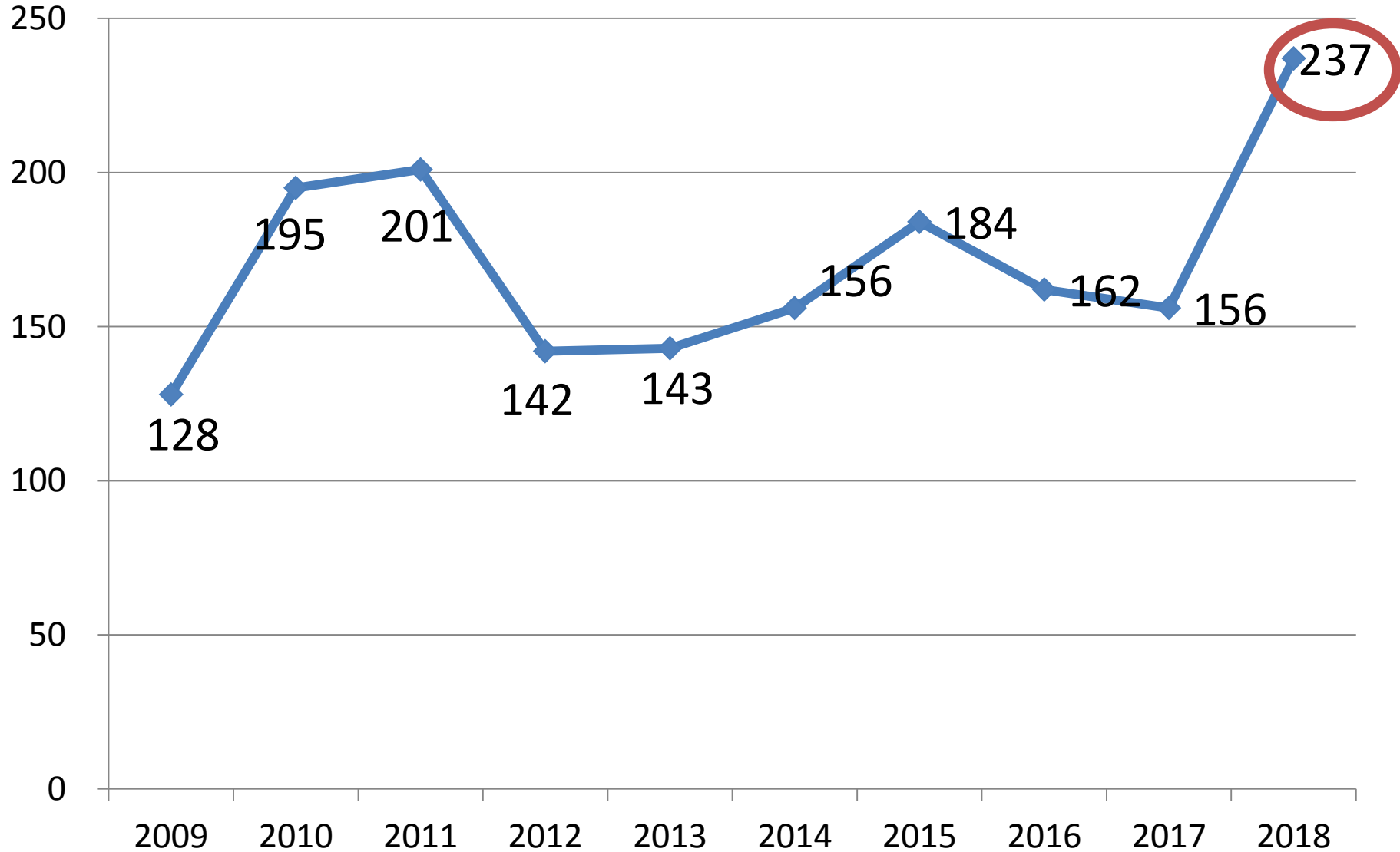
# Teach in Japan







# Changes in the number of JET Programme participants from the UK





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## 1. JET Programme

237 British participants (May 2018)

## 2. MEXT Scholarship Programme

- (1) Post-graduate course (Doctoral & Master's Courses etc)
- (2) 1 year undergraduate course (in Japanese Studies)
- (3) 5 years undergraduate course (as of last year)

## 3. Useful information (Please advise your students.)

- (1) Scholarships and other funding schemes in UK and Europe
- (2) Japanese Embassy homepage ( Education & Scholarship )

[http://www.uk.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr\\_en/study.html](http://www.uk.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/study.html)

- (3) Japanese Embassy Library has over 50 catalogs for Japanese universities.

Thank you!

