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Independent Administrative Institution
**Japan Student Services
Organization**

Strengthening student support as we usher in a new era

Greetings

Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) is a core institution that comprehensively implements a variety of student support services for higher education in Japan. Since our founding in April 2004, with students and others at higher education institutions as our target, we have provided Scholarship Programs for Japanese Students, Support Programs for International Students, and Student Support Programs. This April marked our 23rd year of operation. We operate with the aim of achieving the five-year goals (midterm objectives) established by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), and since April 2024, we have been implementing the initiatives of the fifth five-year cycle.

As society transforms along with the rapid adoption of generative AI and other factors, so, too, are higher education and the lives of students pursuing higher education changing. There are also concerns about the impact that the instability of the international situation in recent years is having on students. In an era of increasing uncertainty, JASSO's role has become more important than ever. Working closely with the government, universities, and other related organizations, we will continue to strengthen our three core areas of operation: Scholarship Programs for Japanese Students, Support Programs for International Students, and Student Support Programs.

With respect to the Scholarship Programs for Japanese Students, the New System for Higher Education Aid, which combines scholarship grants with tuition fee reductions/exemptions, is currently in place. In April 2024, support was expanded to cover middle-income households with multiple children and households of students enrolled in science, engineering, and agriculture programs at private universities, and in April 2025, the income limit for tuition fee reductions/exemptions for households with multiple children was abolished. We will continue to promote awareness of these programs, together with our scholarship loan programs (interest-free and interest-bearing), and ensure their steady implementation.

When it comes to Support Programs for International Students, we provide financial aid and information on study-abroad topics both for international students looking to study in Japan and Japanese students studying overseas. Together with the second stage of the TOBITATE! Young Ambassador Program, which commenced in fiscal 2023, we have been implementing a support project for the formation of a student exchange base through which we aim to work to provide opportunities to study abroad for local high school students and to foster interest in studying abroad. We will continue our various types of support for international students as we work to further promote international student exchange.

With regard to Student Support Programs, we conduct surveys and analyses of student life as well as collect and disseminate examples of best practices and provide training for faculty and staff members, with a focus on career education, job placement support, and support for students with disabilities. In response to the increasing diversity of internships, changes in job-hunting practices, and the growing number of students with disabilities, we provide support for initiatives at universities and other higher education institutions while making effective use of online tools and other resources.

Operating in accordance with the principle of equal opportunity in education as set forth in the Constitution and the Basic Act on Education, JASSO will contribute to the development of the people who will lead the next generation of society by promoting equal access to educational opportunities based on students' motivation and abilities and by creating an environment in which they can lead meaningful student lives. At the same time, we will continue to implement programs that promote international mutual understanding in an increasingly globalized world. From the perspective of our users, we are committed to providing clear and accessible information not only to students but also to parents, educational institutions, and the public at large, so your continued understanding and support is highly appreciated.



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Japan Student Services Organization
YOSHIOKA Tomoya, President

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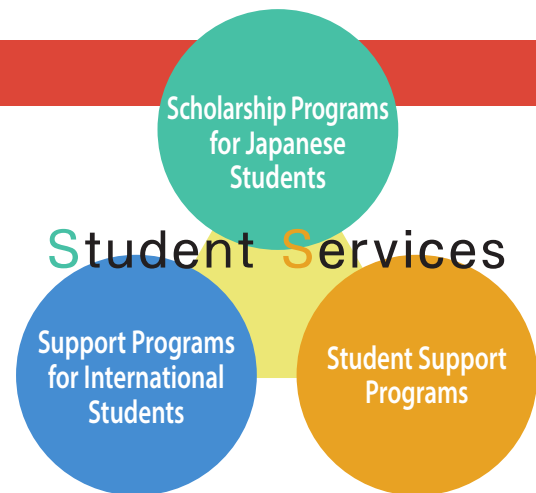
Purpose

The purpose of JASSO is (as outlined in the Act on the Japan Student Services Organization, Independent Administrative Agency): "to support the promotion of international mutual understanding and the nurturing of creative human resources who will contribute to the next generation, by creating an appropriate environment for students studying in higher education institutions."

Management Philosophy

As the cornerstone of our activities, the two S's in "JASSO", which stand for "Student Services", embody the objective of our organization to provide the services required to ensure that students can learn with peace of mind at all times, and to watch over the learning and growth of young people who will be responsible for our country's future.

Specifically, we carry out three support programs- scholarships, international student support, and student support- and contribute to the development of individuals who will be responsible for the next generation of society as a national center for student services that provides essential infrastructure to support the learning of our country's students.



Management Policy

1. Support for Students

As a core institution for student support in Japan, we continuously support the education of youth through proactive support for international student exchanges toward globalization and living support for students in response to diverse needs in addition to the provision of financial aid (scholarship grants and loans) to ensure equal educational opportunities, taking into consideration the situation surrounding students and the actual conditions of their life.

2. Support for Higher Education Institutions

We support the enhancement of educational functions and strengthening of school management fundamentals by supporting the improvement of the learning environment that is necessary for higher education institutions to provide motivated students with high quality education and fulfill their responsibility to foster capable individuals in society.

3. Collaboration and Cooperation with the Government, Universities, and Businesses

By collaborating and cooperating closely with the government, universities, and businesses and pooling their respective resources, abilities, and ideas, we support the learning of students as a society as a whole and actualize higher quality and more effective student support capable of developing individuals needed in society.

4. Enhancement of Function as a National Center for Student Services

As a national center for student services, we strengthen the collection and analysis of information pertaining to the actual conditions of student life and student support that make up the basis of the government's relevant policies, conduct investigation and analysis of issues in every corner of Japan and provide information on advanced initiatives.

5. Constant Reassessment of Programs and Efficient Management

Under the leadership of the President, along with conducting constant reassessments of programs in response to changes in societal circumstances, we execute the appropriate distribution of management resources and carry out efficient management based on swift decision-making that sufficiently utilizes the special qualities of an independent administrative institution.

Symbol Mark



The green part, in the shape of a wing, represents young people opening up to their potential.

The orange part, in the shape of the palm of a hand, represents JASSO's role in supporting youth.

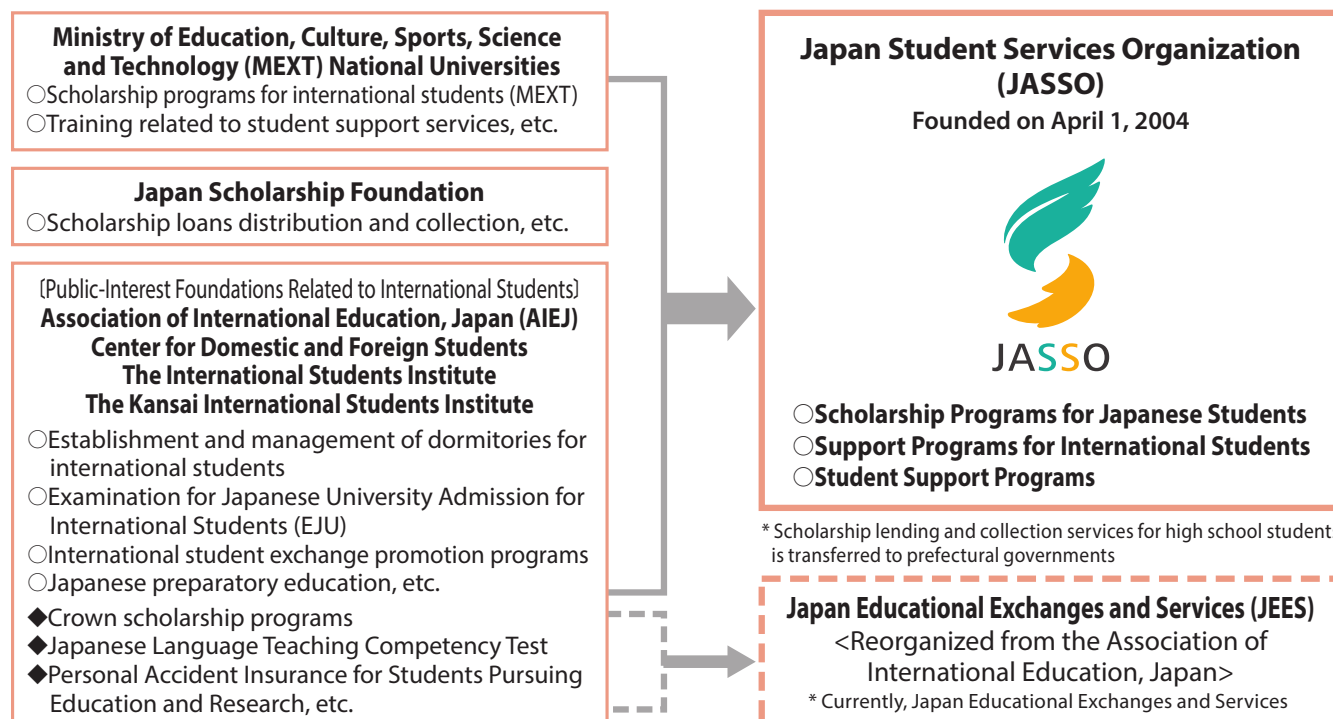
The two shapes combine to **form the letter "S", which stands for the initial letters of "Student Services".**

In addition, the green color of the wing represents the sound growth of the younger generation, and the orange color of the palm represents JASSO's philosophy and enthusiasm toward its activities.

Japan Student Services Organization **JASSO**

History

JASSO was founded on April 1, 2004 by rearranging and integrating the scholarship loan programs provided by the Japan Scholarship Foundation; the support programs for international students provided by the Association of International Education, Japan; the Center for Domestic and Foreign Students; the International Students Institute; the Kansai International Students Institute; and the scholarship programs for international students and the student support programs provided by the government.

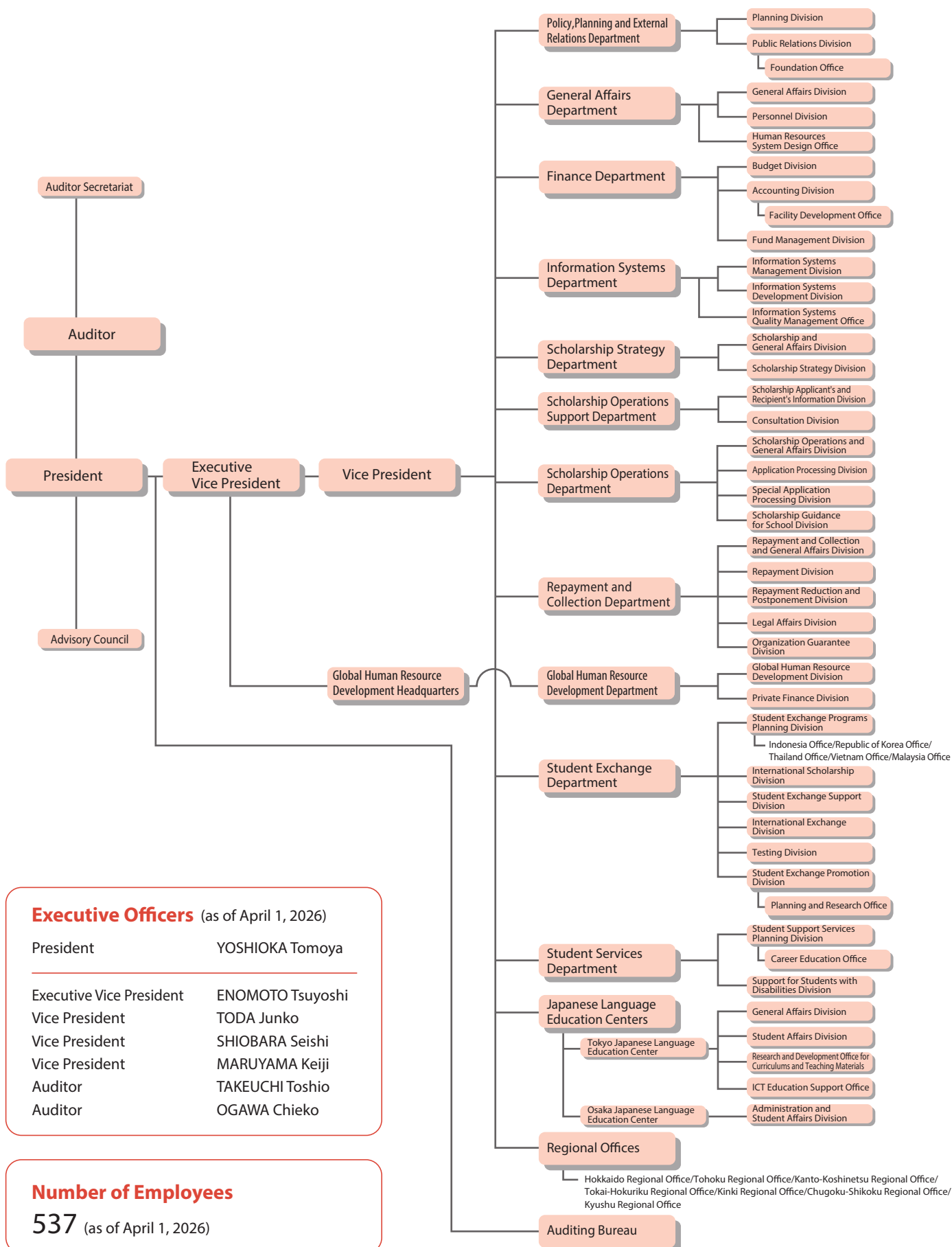


Budget

The budget for 2026 expenditures is planned to be ¥1,130.8 billion.
 The breakdown is as follows:

Scholarship Programs for Japanese Students	¥1,108.3 billion
☐ Program related to scholarship loans ☐ Program related to scholarship grants	¥912.8 billion ¥195.5 billion
Support Programs for International Students	¥16.0 billion
☐ Study in Japan, etc. ☐ Promotion of Japanese Students Studying Abroad	¥6.5 billion ¥9.5 billion
Student Support Programs	¥100 million
☐ Research on student support and provision of information on training, etc.	¥100 million
Other (personnel expenses, general administrative expenses, etc.)	¥6.4 billion

Organization



Facilities

■ Ichigaya Office

[Policy, Planning and External Relations Department] [General Affairs Department] [Finance Department] [Information Systems Department] [Scholarship Strategy Department] [Scholarship Operations Support Department] [Scholarship Operations Department] [Repayment and Collection Department] [Auditing Bureau]
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■ Tokyo Japanese Language Education Center

3-22-7, Kitashinjuku, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo 169-0074

■ Komaba Office

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■ Kanto-Koshinetsu Regional Office

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■ Aomi Office

[Student Exchange Department] [Student Services Department]
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■ (In MEXT)

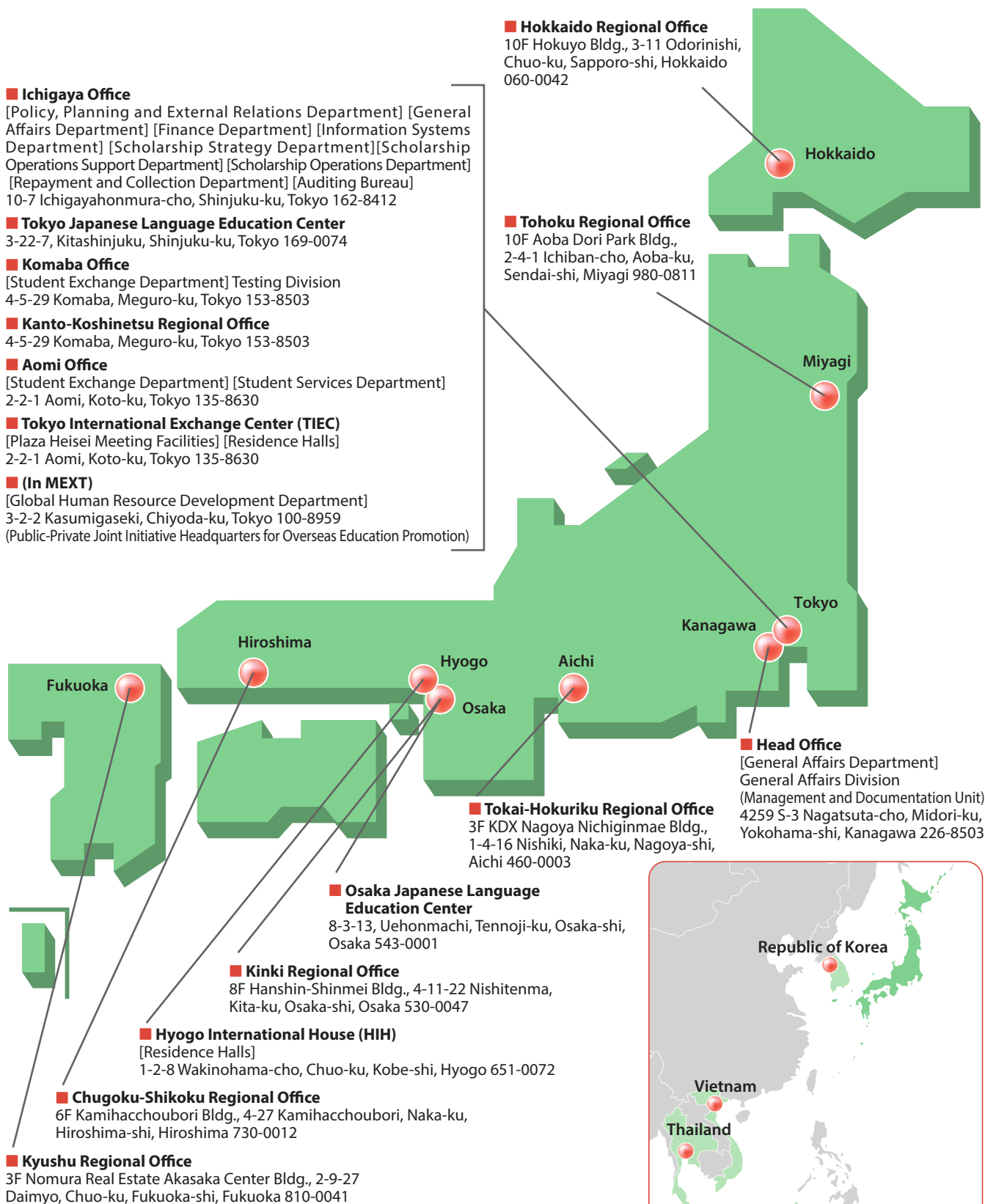
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■ Kyushu Regional Office

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Republic of Korea	JASSO Japan Educational Information Center, Seoul
Thailand	JASSO Japan Educational Information Center, Bangkok
Vietnam	JASSO Vietnam Office
Malaysia	JASSO Japan Educational Information Center, Kuala Lumpur



Scholarship Programs for Japanese Students

Under the philosophy of "equal opportunity for education" as stipulated in the Constitution and the Fundamental Law of Education, we provide scholarships for achieving students who find it difficult to study due to financial reasons.

JASSO provides scholarship grants (excluding graduate students) as well as Category 1 Loans (interest-free) and Category 2 Loans (interest-bearing) to students attending graduate schools, universities (undergraduate programs), junior colleges, colleges of technology, and specialized training colleges (that offer post-secondary courses) who have difficulty pursuing their studies for financial reasons.

Status of Scholarships and Trends

●Status of Scholarships (FY2024 results)

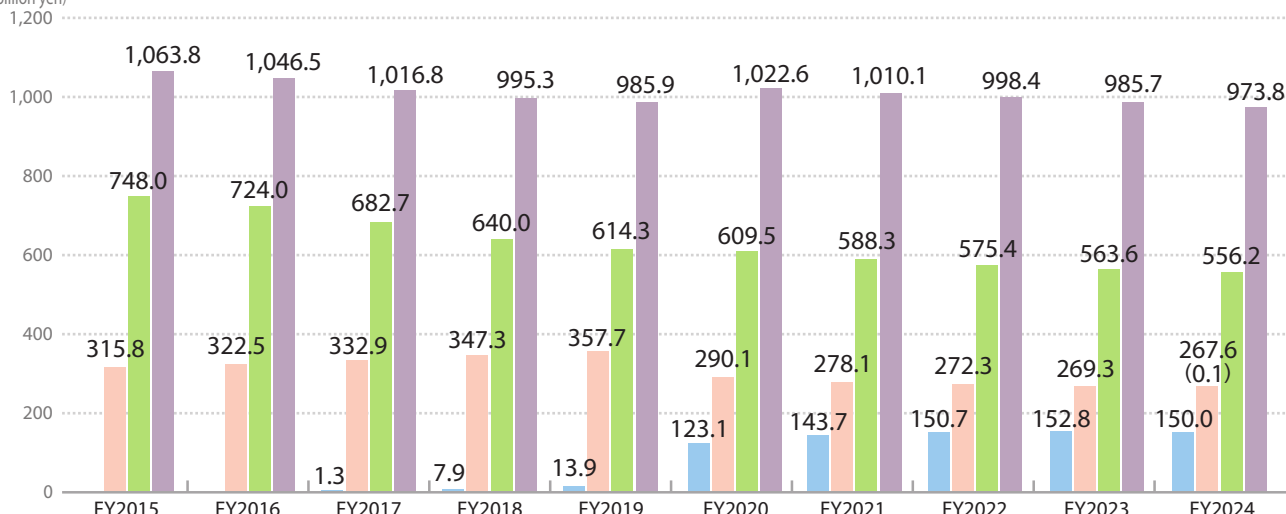
	Scholarship Grants (A)	Category 1 Loans (Includes the Deferred Tuition Fee Payment Program) (B)	Category 2 Loans (C)	Total Scholarship Loans (B+C)	Total (A+B+C)
Universities	students 260,743	students 332,405	students 481,823	students 814,228	students 1,074,971
Junior colleges	12,481	12,226	15,751	27,977	40,458
Graduate schools	—	*2 46,944	6,089	53,033	53,033
Master's courses	—	*2 42,956	5,617	48,573	48,573
Doctoral courses	—	3,988	472	4,460	4,460
Colleges of technology	3,146	1,180	359	1,539	4,685
Specialized training colleges (that offer post-secondary courses)	74,258	71,909	118,495	190,404	264,662
Total	350,628	*2 464,664	622,517	1,087,181	1,437,809

*1 The figures in the table above represent recipients who received a grant or loan of ¥1 or more in each fiscal year.

*2 Includes 149 loan recipients under the Deferred Tuition Fee Payment Program.

●Trends in amount of scholarship grants and loans (results)

(billion yen)



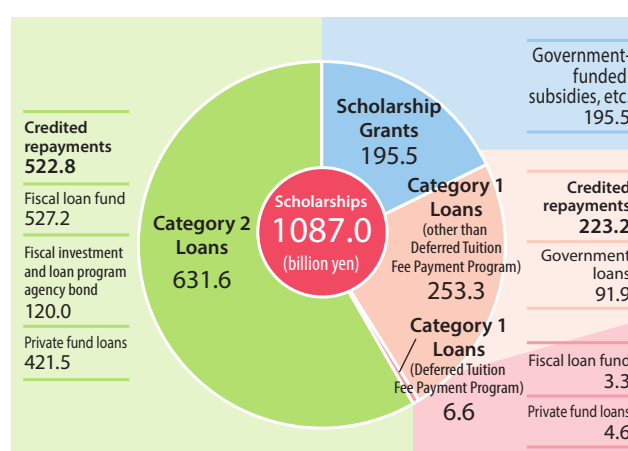
* Since fiscal 2024, the loan amounts include those provided under the Deferred Tuition Fee Payment Program. Figures in parentheses indicate loan amounts provided under the Deferred Tuition Fee Payment Program.



Note: 1 The number of recipients and the amount of scholarship loans of those students who entered upper secondary schools, which include upper secondary courses of specialized training colleges, in FY 2005 or later are not included because scholarship programs for them were transferred to prefectural or municipal authorities.

2 Grant and loan figures may not add up to totals because of rounding.

Breakdown of Scholarships by Funding Source (FY2026 Budget)



Note: 1 The aforementioned scholarship loans (Category 1 Loans (other than Deferred Tuition Fee Payment Program), Category 1 Loans (Deferred Tuition Fee Payment Program) and Category 2 Loans) are calculated by subtracting the amount of reimbursement of fiscal loan funds, etc. (1,023.0 billion yen).

2 Figures may not add up to totals because of rounding.

In the 82 years between 1943 and 2024, JASSO (formerly Japan Scholarship Foundation) extended loans totaling 26 trillion yen.

Student Selection Method

●Prior applications (applying before proceeding to higher education)

An application is made through the high school or other institution the student is attending in the year prior to proceeding to higher education.

* A successful recipient or an applicant of the Certificate for Students Achieving the Proficiency Level of Upper Secondary School Graduates shall apply directly to JASSO.

●Post-entry applications [Regular application] (applying after enrollment)

Applications are made through the university or other institution of higher education to which the student has proceeded. In principle, applications are made in spring or fall. For scholarship grants, the university or other institution of higher education to which the student has proceeded must be eligible for the scholarship grants.

●Post-entry applications [Sudden change in household finances, emergency applications]

A student may apply at any time throughout the year in the event of a sudden change in financial situation due to unforeseen circumstances such as death, accident, illness or loss of employment of the primary wage earners (in principle, parents) or damage caused by an earthquake or other disaster.

Scholarship Grants

With the New System for Higher Education Aid (entrance and tuition fee reduction and exemption systems and scholarship grants), in principle, scholarship grants that do not need to be repaid are provided to students from households exempt from resident tax and other equivalent households.

Selection Criteria

A student must satisfy the application requirements (such as those concerning the timing of enrollment in the university or other institution of higher education) and meet criteria (1) and (2) below:

(1) Academic ability criteria (if the applicant has not been enrolled for at least one year in the university or other institution of higher education)

Must meet any of (i) through (iii) below:

(i) Average academic rating of 3.5 or higher on a 5.0 scale for all courses taken in a high school or an equivalent institution.

(ii) Has received the Certificate for Students Achieving the Proficiency Level of Upper Secondary School Graduates.

(iii) The motivation to study with the goal of becoming an independent and active member of society in the future can be confirmed by examining the student's own study plan.

(2) Household criteria (income criteria/assets criteria)

Must meet both (i) and (ii) below:

(i) **Income criteria:** As to the income criteria, resident tax information regarding the income of the student and primary wage earners is converted into a calculated value through standardized format, and each applicant's eligibility and the stipend amount are determined according to the calculated value. (For post-entry application of university students and students of other institution of higher education in FY 2026)

The amounts shown in the table are a rough guideline. Household composition, presence or absence of disabled members, and the payment status of various insurance premiums affect the calculated value; therefore, those who earn more than the guideline income may be eligible and those who earn less than the guideline income may not be eligible.

(unit : million yen)

Household composition	Guideline for annual household income of salary earners				Guideline for household income of persons other than salary earners			
	Classification I	Classification II	Classification III	Classification IV *	Classification I	Classification II	Classification III	Classification IV *
Household of four people (the applicant, parents, and a high school student)	2.95	3.95	4.61	6.98	1.96	2.77	3.48	5.26

The higher education financing simulator posted on the JASSO website allows you to check a rough guideline to see if you are eligible under the income criteria or not.

➤ <https://shogakukin-simulator.jasso.go.jp/>

Please note that the results of this simulation may differ from the actual selection results because it was preliminarily calculated based on the information entered.

* Students will be eligible for Classification IV support only if they meet one of the following conditions:

• Students belong to a household with multiple children.

• Households with three or more children as dependents are eligible.

• Students are enrolled in science, engineering, or agricultural departments in a private school.

The support amount for scholarship grants is zero yen. However, if students apply the tuition reduction/exemption to the school, they can receive an entrance and tuition fee reduction/exemption for the difference in the amount between the tuition fee for humanities and that of the aforementioned majors.

(ii) **Assets criteria:** The total amount of the assets of the student and primary wage earners as of the date of application is less than 50 million yen.

* For those who belong to multi-child households with total assets less than 300 million yen, if income criteria exceed Classification IV or total assets are 50 million yen or more, the amount of the scholarship grant will be 0 yen, but they will be eligible for tuition fee reduction/exemption.

Monthly Amount

In principle, the monthly amounts indicated in the table below, as determined based on the establisher of the school (public or private) and method of commuting to school (commuting from home or from somewhere other than home), will be paid via bank deposit transfer each month in accordance with the applicable support classification (any of Classifications I through IV) as determined on the basis of income standards outlined above.

Classification based on school category and household income		National and local public schools		Private schools	
		Commuting from home	Commuting from somewhere other than home	Commuting from home	Commuting from somewhere other than home
Universities, junior colleges, specialized training colleges (that offer post-secondary courses)	Classification I	29,200 yen (33,300 yen)	66,700 yen	38,300 yen (42,500 yen)	75,800 yen
Colleges of technology (4th and 5th year students)	Classification I	17,500 yen (25,800 yen)	34,200 yen	26,700 yen (35,000 yen)	43,300 yen

* Classification II amounts to two-thirds, Classification III one-third, and Classification IV one-quarter of Classification I, respectively.

* Amounts in parentheses in the table above apply to students who live with primary wage earners on welfare (regardless of the type of social aid) or commutes to school from an orphanage.

Scholarship Loans

JASSO provides the Category 1 Loans (interest-free) and Category 2 Loans (interest-bearing) and they have different academic ability and household criteria. These can also be used when studying abroad. (Separate conditions required.)

Selection Criteria

The selection criteria are based on the following standards: student's academic ability, his/her family's financial situation, and student's character.

●Academic ability and household criteria (for Post-entry application of university students in FY2026)

(unit : million yen)

Classification	Academic ability requirements (In the case of a first-year student in university or other institution)	Income requirements: Upper limit of annual income (based on a family of four and commuting from home)	
		Households based on employment income (Amount of annual employment income of the household)	Households not based on employment income (Amount of annual income of the household)
Category 1 Loans (interest-free)	Students who fall into any one of the following categories: (i) Have a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 5-point scale in upper secondary school or equivalent. *Criteria are relaxed for those who come from a family where the primary wage earners' income is low enough to be converted into 0 yen as a calculated value through standardized format. (ii) Obtained the Certificate for Students Achieving the Proficiency Level of Upper Secondary School Graduates.	approx. 8.80	approx. 6.13
Category 2 Loans (interest-bearing)	Students who fall into any one of the following categories: (i) Have demonstrated above-average academic performance in high school. (ii) Demonstrate excellence in a specific field. (iii) Be motivated and qualified to accomplish studies. (iv) Obtained the Certificate for Students Achieving the Proficiency Level of Upper Secondary School Graduates and recognized to be equivalent to one or more of the above criteria.	approx. 13.09	approx. 9.37

As to the household criteria, resident tax information regarding to the income of primary wage earners is converted into a calculated value through standardized format, and each applicant's eligibility is determined according to the calculated value; note that the amounts shown in the table are a rough guideline.

Those who earn more than the guideline income may be eligible and those who earn less than the guideline income may not be eligible. The higher education financing simulator posted on the JASSO website allows you to check a rough guideline to see if you are eligible under the household criteria or not.

➤ <https://shogakukin-simulator.jasso.go.jp/>

Please note that the results of this simulation may differ from the actual selection results because it was preliminarily calculated based on the information entered.

Loan Amount and Examples of Repayment Plan

Students entitled to receive a Category 1 Loan (interest-free scholarship loan) can choose between an income-contingent repayment plan, in which the installment amount is determined based on the income from the previous year, and a fixed amount repayment plan. * The Category 2 Loan can be repaid only with the fixed amount repayment plan.

●Scholarship loan amount and example of repayment plans (as of FY2025)

(unit : yen)

Category 1 Loans (interest-free) - In the case of recipients entering school from April 2018 onward								
Classification			Monthly amount	Loan period (years)	Total repayment	Monthly repayment	Number of installments	Years for repayment
University (undergraduate)	National and local public	At home	45,000	4	2,160,000	12,857	168	14
		Away from home	40,000		1,920,000	12,307	156	13
			51,000		2,448,000	13,600	180	15
	Private schools	At home	40,000		1,920,000	12,307	156	13
			54,000		2,592,000	14,400	180	15
		Away from home	40,000		1,920,000	12,307	156	13
			50,000		2,400,000	13,333	180	15
			64,000		3,072,000	14,222	216	18
			National, public, and private		At home/	20,000	960,000	8,000
	Away from home	30,000			1,440,000	9,230	156	13

Category 2 Loans (interest-bearing)									
Classification	Monthly amount (See Note 6.)	Loan period (years)	Total borrowed amount	Estimated repayment amount				Number of installments	Years for repayment
				In the case of actual interest rate (2.423%)		In the case of the maximum interest rate (3.0%)			
				Total repayment amount (principal + interest)	Monthly repayment	Total repayment amount (principal + interest)	Monthly repayment		
University (undergraduate)	20,000	4	960,000	1,093,312	9,111	1,126,462	9,386	120	10
	50,000		2,400,000	2,893,318	16,074	3,018,568	16,769	180	15
	80,000		3,840,000	4,894,634	20,394	5,167,586	21,531	240	20
	120,000		5,760,000	7,342,004	30,591	7,751,445	32,297	240	20

Note: 1 The interest rate of 2.423% is the interest rate (fixed-rate plan) applied to those who completed the loan period at the end of March 2026, and the interest rate of 3.0% is the maximum rate stipulated by law.

2 Interest for the period from the time of graduation until commencing repayments is included in the total amount of repayment.

3 There are cases where figures may not add up to the total repayment amount even when the monthly installment amount is multiplied by the number of payments due to rounding adjustment.

4 If the annual income of the primary wage earners at the time of application is over a certain amount, the maximum monthly amounts for each category of Category 1 Loans cannot be selected.

5 When using both the scholarship grant (or reduction/exemption from tuition fees) and the Category 1 Loan, the monthly loan amount of the Category 1 Loan will be adjusted.

6 The monthly amount for Category 2 Loans can be selected in the range of 20,000 yen to 120,000 yen (in units of 10,000 yen).

Deferred Tuition Fee Payment Program (Master's Degree)

This is a program in which JASSO provides students enrolled in a course equivalent to a master's degree at a graduate school with a scholarship loan equivalent to the tuition fee, which is, in principle, transferred to the school. By allowing these students to repay the scholarship loan after graduation using an income-contingent repayment plan, from the student's point of view, tuition fees are not paid during enrollment and are instead deferred until after graduation contingent on income, etc.

Under this program, two types of support are available using the framework of a Category 1 Loan (interest-free): a Tuition Support Grant, which includes a scholarship loan equivalent to the tuition fee, and a Living Expenses Support, which provides support for living expenses while enrolled.

*Started from FY2024

Repayment

Repayments are deducted from the recipient's bank account beginning seven months after the completion of the loan period.

For recipients who have chosen the fixed-amount repayment plan, repayments are to be made in monthly installments or both monthly and semiannual installments, and the number of repayment installments to be made will be determined according to the total amount of the loan (borrowed amount).

For recipients who have chosen the income-contingent repayment plan, repayments are to be made in monthly installments and the monthly repayment amount will vary annually depending on factors such as the income of the recipient in the previous year. It is possible to pay installments not due in whole or in part in advance of the payment deadline.

Relief System for Recipients Who Have Difficulty in Making Repayments

For recipients who have difficulties in making repayments, JASSO provides the following relief systems.

●Reduction of the monthly installment

This is a system for reducing installments to two-thirds, one-half, one-third, or one-quarter of the originally promised amount for a certain period of time and extending the repayment period accordingly, and this is a system for those who have difficulty in making repayment for reasons such as disasters, sickness, or other financial situations, but are still able to pay in part through smaller installments.

●Postponement of repayment deadline

Loan recipients who are receiving welfare, have difficulties in making repayments due to disaster, sickness, injury, financial hardship, unemployment, etc., or are still enrolled in a university, etc., may be granted a postponement of the payment deadline upon request.

●Exemption from repayment

When loan recipients die or are diagnosed as being unable to work due to physical or mental disabilities, the loan recipients may be exempted from repayment, upon request. There is also the "Exemption from Repayment for Graduate School Students with Particularly Outstanding Achievements" for Category 1 Loans.

Providing Information

Scholarship Consultation Desk

●A "Scholarship Consultation Desk" has been established to provide over-the-phone counseling regarding scholarship loans, grants, and repayments.

➤ <https://www.jasso.go.jp/shogakukin/oyakudachi/toiawase/>

●For inquiries about scholarships, FAQs and the chatbot service are available at the scholarship support website.

➤ <https://www.shogakukinsupport.jp/>

Scholarship Advisor Dispatch Program

Financial planners who have completed the JASSO training and are certified "scholarship advisers" can be dispatched to schools and other institutions where they will explain scholarships and aid and advise on financial planning for tuition and use of aid free of charge.

Details of the program and method of application for dispatch ➤ <https://www.jasso.go.jp/shogakukin/adviser/>

Scholarship Repayment Support System

●Scholarship repayment support system offered by companies (repayment by proxy)

As a scheme to support employees who repay scholarship loans while working for companies, a system for supporting all or part of the repayment amount is available to them.

➤ <https://www.jasso.go.jp/shogakukin/kigyoshien/>

●Scholarship repayment support system offered by municipalities

A system for supporting the repayment of scholarship loans is available to those who work for local companies through collaboration between municipalities and local industries.

➤ <https://www.jasso.go.jp/shogakukin/chihoshien/sosei/seido/>

Support Programs for International Students

With globalization, JASSO implements various support programs for both the acceptance of international students and dispatch of Japanese students overseas to further promote international student exchanges.

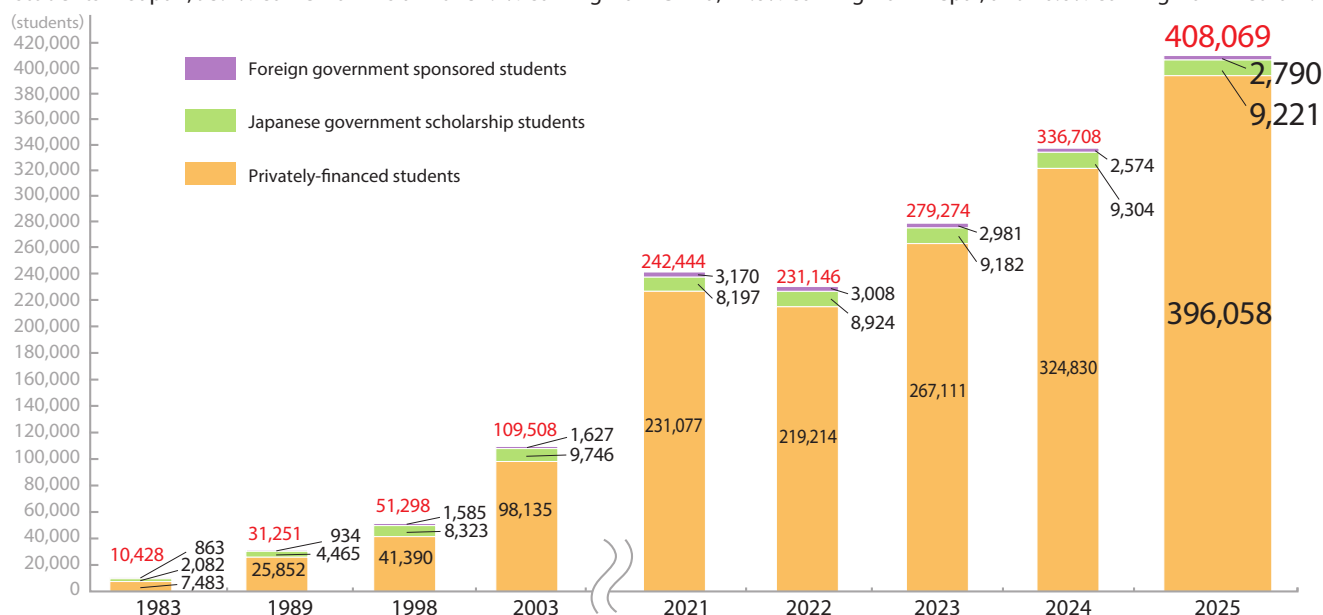
Study in Japan

To promote the positive and strategic acceptance of excellent international students, JASSO implements various support activities such as providing information on studying in Japan, implementing the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU), providing Japanese language and preparatory education, assistance and subsidies for schooling expenses, support for accommodations, promotion of international student exchanges, follow-up, and more, for all prospective, active, and former international students.

International Students in Japan

●Trend in number of inbound international students (as of May 1, each year)

There were approximately 71,000 (21.2%) more international students accepted than there were in FY2024. Of the international students in Japan, 93.4% come from Asia with 32.1% coming from China, 24.6% coming from Nepal, and 10.6% coming from Vietnam.

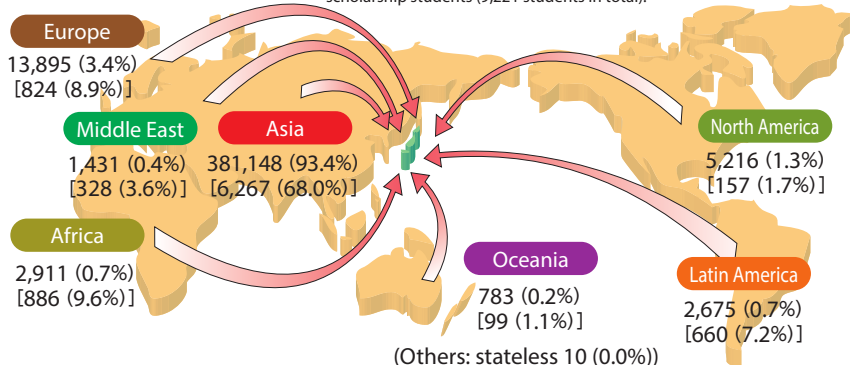


*As the residence statuses of "College Student" and "Pre-college Student" were merged in accordance with the revision (promulgated on July 15, 2009) of the "Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act" (enforced as of July 1, 2010), since the survey in 2011, the total number of international students including international students enrolled in Japanese language institutions are also included.

●Number of Inbound International Students (Including Japanese Language Institutions) by Home Region (as of May 1, 2025)

Total: 408,069 students

*The number in brackets indicates the number of Japanese government scholarship students (9,221 students in total).



* Source: "Annual Survey of International Students in Japan" by JASSO

●Number of Inbound International Students (including Japanese language institutions) by Country/Region (as of May 1, 2025)

Country/Region	Number of International Students
China	131,097
Nepal	100,239
Vietnam	43,366
Myanmar	29,413
Sri Lanka	17,626
Republic of Korea	14,612
Bangladesh	11,392
Taiwan	7,989
Indonesia	7,032
USA	4,579
Others	40,724
Total	408,069

Study in Japan

Before Admission

Providing information through websites, social media, publications, and events

●Providing information through websites and social media

Study in Japan Official Website and JASSO websites, as well as the Student Exchange Department and Overseas Office websites and social media, provide information on studying in Japan.

●Publications

•STUDENT GUIDE TO JAPAN

(A4 size, 44 pages, revised annually, in Japanese, English and several languages)

•STUDY IN JAPAN - Basic Guide -

(B5 size, 16 pages, revised annually, in Japanese, English, and several languages)

The two booklets above provide information on studying abroad for those who wish to study in Japan.

•Scholarship for International Students in Japan

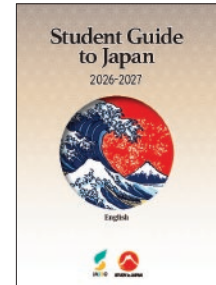
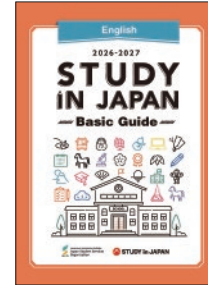
(A4 size, 36 pages, revised annually, in Japanese, English)

A list of scholarships offered by JASSO, the Japanese government, local governments, and private foundations.

All of the above can be downloaded from the Study in Japan website.

●Holding events providing information on studying in Japan

In order to provide the latest and most accurate information, we hold Study in Japan Fairs for overseas high school students, university students, and school guidance counselors and College Guidance Fairs for international students who wish to pursue higher education in Japan.



Japanese language education at the Japanese Language Education Centers/ Preliminary education for advancement

Based on the understanding that JASSO is playing a part in national policy relating to international students, JASSO has established Japanese Language Education Centers in Tokyo and Osaka. These centers provide education on the Japanese language and core subjects for those who wish to enter higher education institutions in Japan.

Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU)

Since FY2002, EJU has been conducted twice a year, both in Japan and overseas, to evaluate Japanese language proficiency and the basic academic abilities of international students who wish to study at universities (undergraduate programs) and other higher education institutions in Japan.

While Enrolled

Assistance and Subsidies for Schooling Expenses for Studying in Japan

●Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship for Privately-Financed International Students

To promote the strategic acceptance of excellent international students and to contribute to the internationalization of Japanese higher education institutions, the Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship is provided to privately-financed international students at Japanese higher education institutions who are outstanding in both performance and character and who have difficulties in pursuing their studies for financial reasons.

●Providing scholarships to Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship students

JASSO provides payment services of allowances (scholarship money and others) to Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship students (including screening for selection).

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

This scholarship is provided to international students who study at Japanese higher education institutions for a short term within one year under student exchange agreements.

Support for International Student Accommodations/International Student Exchange Promotion Programs

●Management of Tokyo International Exchange Center (TIEC) and Hyogo International House (HIH), and conduct of exchange programs as Hubs of International Exchange

●Support for universities' leasing accommodations for international students

●Supporting international students' involvement in the community

●International Student Associations in Japan Network Promotion Project

After Graduation

Follow-up Services

●Follow-up research fellowship

●Career support information for international students

●Dissemination of information via Facebook (Japan Alumni Global Network)

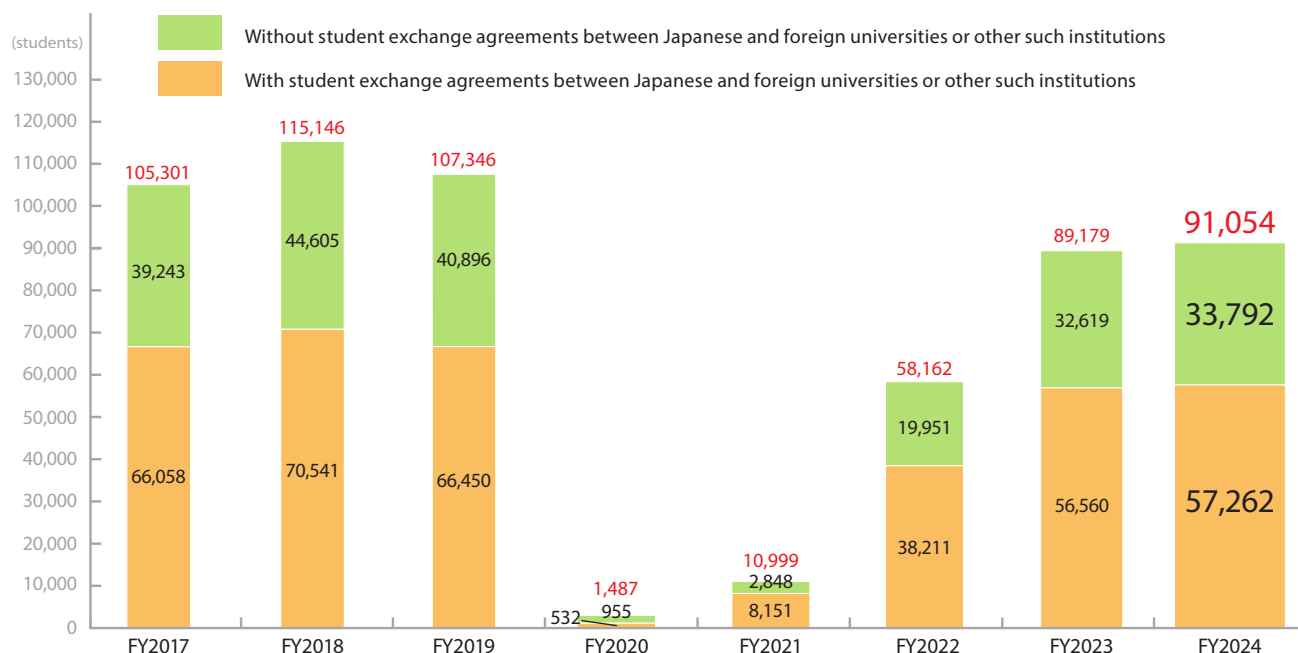
Promotion of Japanese Students Studying Abroad

In order to provide aid to all motivated and capable Japanese students to study abroad, JASSO conducts various support activities, including payment and assistance for educational expenses and providing information on studying abroad.

Japanese Students Studying Abroad

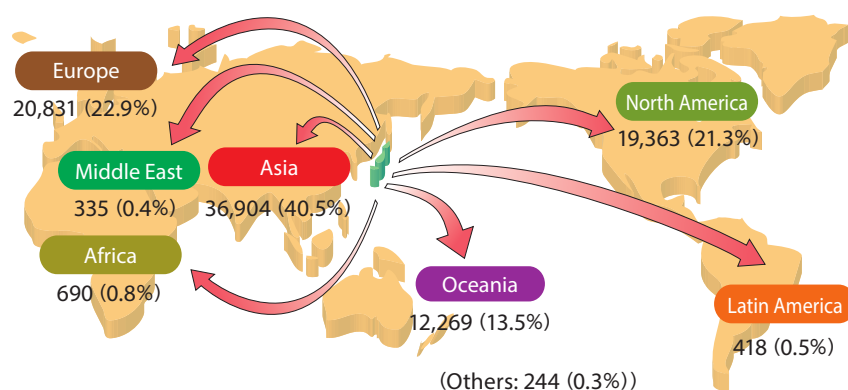
●Trend in Japanese students studying abroad

In FY2024, approximately 91,054 Japanese students started studying abroad. Though the number significantly decreased in FY2020 due to the impact of COVID-19, it is gradually recovering.



●Status of Japanese students started studying abroad in FY2024

Total: 91,054 students



* Source: "Survey on Japanese students studying abroad" by JASSO

●Number of Japanese students studying abroad by destination country/region (in FY2024)

Country/Region	Number of Japanese Students
USA	12,627
Australia	9,329
Republic of Korea	8,360
Canada	6,736
UK	5,381
Taiwan	5,260
Thailand	4,789
Philippines	3,697
China	3,615
Malaysia	3,064
Others	28,196
Total	91,054

Providing Information on Studying Abroad

●Providing information on studying abroad

• Kaigairyugaku Joho Site

Provides basic information on studying abroad, including planning, various administrative procedures, appropriate use of agents, and information about studying in major destination countries/regions.

• Study abroad scholarship search site (Found on the Kaigairyugaku Joho Site)

Provides a searchable list of scholarships for Japanese students who wish to study abroad offered by JASSO, local governments, foreign governments, and private organizations.

• Watashi ga Tsukuru Kaigai Ryugaku

A guidebook that provides general information to those who wish to study in overseas higher educational institutions.



●Study Abroad Fair and Study Abroad Seminars

The Study Abroad Fair and online study abroad seminars are held to provide accurate information on topics such as educational systems in various countries and regions around the world, scholarship systems, procedures for studying abroad, and student life in general in order to enable Japanese citizens wishing to study abroad to effectively prepare for their endeavors in this regard.

●Assistance in recruiting and selecting recipients for scholarships from foreign governments and related organizations

JASSO serves as the Japan-side coordinator to assist in the recruitment and selection of recipients for scholarships from foreign governments and related organizations.

Assistance and Subsidies for Education Expenses for Studying Abroad

●Student Exchange Support Program

- **Scholarship for Study Abroad under Agreement:** This scholarship is provided to Japanese students who study at higher education institutions overseas for a short term within one year under student exchange agreements.
- **Undergraduate scholarship for degree seeking students:** This scholarship is provided to Japanese students going abroad and pursuing a bachelor's degree from an overseas university.
- **Graduate scholarship for degree seeking students:** This scholarship is provided to Japanese students going abroad and pursuing a master's or doctoral degree from an overseas university.

●Japan Public-Private Partnership Student Study Abroad Program

-TOBITATE! Young Ambassador Program-

[Background] "The Basic Policy on Economic and Fiscal Management and Reform 2022," which was approved by the Cabinet in June 2022, clearly proclaims that the government will promote study abroad programs for young people, and the "Direction of Global Policy Focusing on Higher Education - For Restoration of Student Exchanges that Reduced Drastically due to COVID-19," which was announced by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology in July 2022, states the policy of enhancing industry-academia-government efforts aimed at bringing the number of students studying abroad back to at least the level before the spread of COVID-19 by FY 2027. In order to achieve those policies, the second stage of "TOBITATE! Young Ambassador Program" has started as of FY 2023.

JASSO also continues to support Japanese students studying abroad through the "Global Human Resource Development Community Program" in cooperation with companies, the government, schools, and students in order to provide opportunities for all young students with the desire and capability to study abroad.

[Purpose of the Program] With support from companies participating in the "Global Human Resource Development Community," JASSO will provide scholarships, etc., to Japanese students in order to develop "individuals with skills matching the needs of industry" and "Individuals who can contribute to Japan and the world by playing active roles across borders with a global view." This program will also provide a network of students as a place for pre- and follow-up training sessions, interaction, and co-learning among students after studying abroad to improve the quality of their experiences.

[Outline of the Program] JASSO screens each study abroad plan that is recognized as a worthwhile educational learning activity by schools, and provides scholarships and pre- and follow-up training sessions to students who are accepted into the program.



Follow-up training



Student Support Programs

JASSO aids universities and other such institutions in carrying out career education/employment support and support for disabled students, by collecting and providing best practices, surveys, trainings, and other relevant items.

Support Programs for Career Education and Job Search

JASSO supports the promotion of career education at universities, such as diverse internship programs, and cooperates with industries to promote education provided through industry-academia-government collaboration by hosting seminars, etc., and collecting and publishing best practices.

Nationwide Guidance Meeting for Career Education and Job Search

Aim: Regarding job searches and recruitment for those scheduled to graduate from universities, junior colleges, and colleges of technology, JASSO organizes a meeting where relevant ministries of the government explain policies and measures, panel discussions are held between universities and companies, case examples are given, and more, in order to contribute to better career education and job placement support, such as the development of human resources through joint efforts among industry, universities and local governments.

Participants: Managers and staff in charge at universities, etc., representatives from companies and regional public entities

Professional Coordinator Seminar for Internship - Basics Level -

Aim: To promote career education, such as internships arranged by universities, etc., JASSO enhances the skills and know-how of participants through lectures by experts and group work. Through those activities, the participants gain knowledge and improve practical skills necessary to become an expert.

Participants: Faculty and staff engaged in career education such as internships at universities and those interested in internships

Workshops for Career Education and Job Placement Support

Aim: To enhance a consistent support system from career education to job placement at universities, JASSO promotes more practical industry-academia education through lectures and group work in collaboration with industry, sharing perceptions concerning requests and issues shared by both academia and industry.

Participants: Managers, faculty, and staff engaged in career education and job placement support at universities, human resource recruitment managers at companies, and other entities

Provision and Publication of Information Related to Career Education such as Internships

Information on best practice of career education programs, such as internships organized by universities and promotion councils around the country are introduced through the links posted on our website.

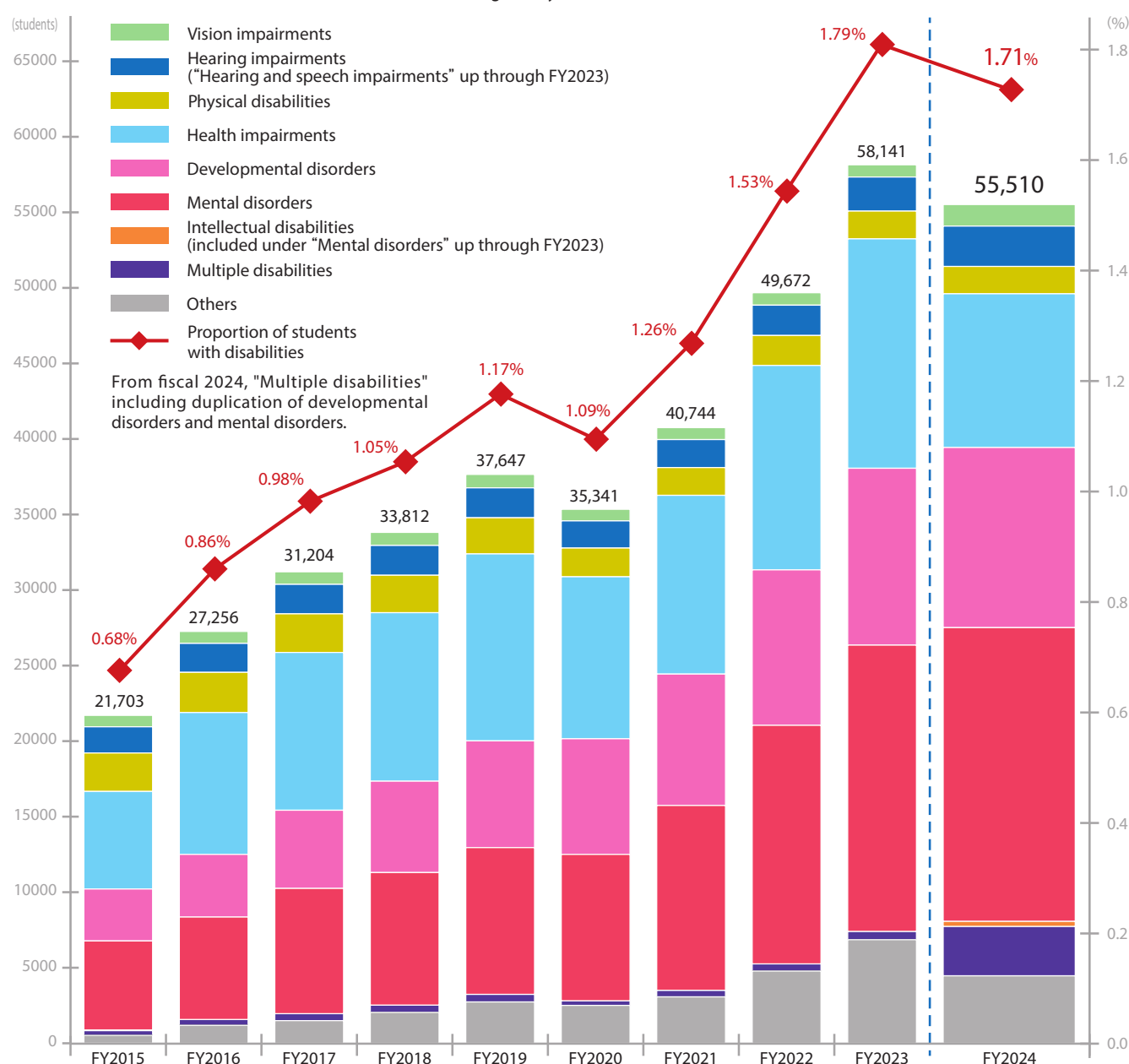
➤ https://www.jasso.go.jp/gakusei/career/internship_information/

Support Programs for Students with Special Needs Such as Students with Disabilities, etc.

In Japan, the number of students with disabilities who are enrolled in universities, etc. has been trending upward every year, and the number of students with mental disorders and developmental disorders in particular has been increasing. To support the development of support systems for students with disabilities at universities and other institutions, JASSO conducts surveys, produces handbooks and case studies, and organizes seminars.

Changes in Number of Students with Disabilities by Disability Type

The number of students with disabilities has been increasing each year, and accounted for 1.71% of all students in FY2024 (55,510 students).



* Source: "Survey on support for students with disabilities at universities, etc." by JASSO

Note: 1 In this survey, "students with disabilities" refers to students who hold a disability certificate or whose disability has been confirmed through a physician's diagnosis, health examination, or other means.

2 In addition, "gender dysphoria," which had previously been included under "other mental disorders" within the "mental disorders" category, was excluded starting in FY2019.

3 The values in the graph include the number of students at "universities," "junior colleges," and "colleges of technology." Research students, special register students, auditing students, and students in special courses are not included.

4 The decrease in the number of students with disabilities in FY2020 is believed to be because some universities, etc. were unable to sufficiently identify the number of students with disabilities due to the fact that classes were held online in response to the declaration of an emergency due to the outbreak of COVID-19.

5 Starting in FY2024, "intellectual disabilities" was established as a new disability category, and including duplication of developmental disorders and mental disorders are counted under "multiple disabilities."

Publication of Handbooks and Case Studies

- Reasonable Accommodation Handbook -For staff and faculty supporting students with disabilities-
- Case Studies on preventing and resolving disputes involving students with disabilities

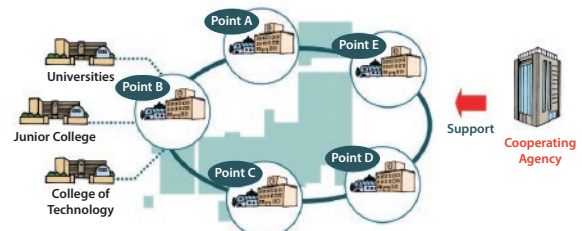


Seminars about Support for Students with Disabilities

- **Seminars for understanding and enlightenment about the Act for Eliminating Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities**
In the context that all universities, including private schools, must provide reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities following the revised Act for Eliminating Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities, we hold seminars for faculty and staff of higher education institutions on programs focusing on raising understanding and awareness of the basic matters related to the Act.
- **Seminars on support for students with disabilities by specialized themes**
We hold seminars focusing on specialized themes regarding support for students with disabilities, aiming to provide information in cooperation with related institutions and other organizations in order to enhance and strengthen learning support systems.
- **Training for Development of Staff in Charge of Support for Students with Disabilities**
We provide training through a lecture and exercise-based curriculum divided into a basic program designed for participants to acquire basic knowledge of the support for students with disabilities and improve the ability to handle such students and an applied program designed for participants to acquire the knowledge necessary to adjust support methods to meet support needs, develop specific support plans, and coordinate with the parties concerned.
- **Workshops on Support for Students Mental Health and Development**
We hold workshops aiming to deepen understanding of the issues and needs regarding support for modern students' mental health and development, and to promote the further enhancement of safety nets for students through the sharing of basic knowledge about mental health and student support as well as group work, discussions, etc.

Consultation, etc. through the Learning Support Network for Students with Disabilities

JASSO executes initiatives in response to various consultations from universities, etc., nationwide pertaining to learning support for students with disabilities through the Learning Support Network for Students with Disabilities*, which aims to improve the learning support system for students with disabilities. (*Schools represented at: Sapporo Gakuin University, Miyagi University of Education, University of Tsukuba, Nihon Fukushi University, Doshisha University, Kwansei Gakuin University, Hiroshima University and University of Teacher Education Fukuoka; affiliated institutions: Tsukuba University of Technology, National Institute of Special Needs Education and National Rehabilitation Center for Persons with Disabilities)



Example of Learning Support Network for Students with Disabilities

Collection, Analysis, and Provision of information on Student Life and Student Support Efforts at Universities, etc.

Various kinds of surveys have been conducted to ascertain the situation of student life and its support. Related to student support urgent issues, the seminars on the topics have been held.

Seminar on the Pressing Issues Related to Student Life

We hold an annual seminar on the pressing issues of student support at universities and other such institutions. The experts on the topic give lectures, and some exceptionally good examples of student support are introduced in the seminar.

Surveys

We are conducting various surveys on student support.

*Results are available on the following website:

➤ <https://www.jasso.go.jp/statistics/>

Surveys on the living situation of students

● **Survey on Student Life [every two years]**

● **Survey on Student Life in colleges of technology [every two years]**

● **Survey on Student Life in professional training colleges [every two years]**

A survey on the financials and living conditions of students enrolled in universities, junior colleges, graduate schools, colleges of technology, and professional training colleges.

Surveys on Scholarship Programs

● **Survey on attributes of the scholarship loan recipients [every year]**

A survey on the attributes of the persons in receipt of scholarship loans from JASSO.

Surveys on International Students

● **Annual survey of international students in Japan [every year]**

A survey of international students in higher educational institutions and Japanese language institutions (hereinafter referred to as HEIs) in Japan as of May 1.

● **Survey on international students' careers [every year]**

A survey on the careers of international students in HEIs in Japan after graduation or completion.

● **Survey on Japanese students studying abroad [every year]**

A survey of Japanese students studying abroad for the purpose of education, research, learning activity, etc.

● **Survey on international students enrolled in short-term educational programs [every year]**

A survey on the acceptance of international students for short-term education programs of less than six months at universities in Japan without the aim of earning degrees.

● **Lifestyle survey of privately-financed international students [every two years]**

A survey on the lifestyle of privately-financed international students studying in Japan.

● **Follow-up survey on Japanese students who have studied abroad [as necessary]**

A survey on the motivation for studying abroad, the sense of accomplishment, the methods of gathering information on studying abroad, career options after studying abroad, etc., of Japanese students who have studied abroad.

Surveys on Student Support Conducted by Universities, etc.

● **Survey on support for students with disabilities at universities, etc. [every year]**

A survey on enrollment of students with disabilities in universities, junior colleges and colleges of technology, and the support for them.

● **Survey on efforts for student support at universities, etc. [every two years]**

A survey on the current state of student support at universities, junior colleges, and colleges of technology.

Others

● **JASSO Annual Report [every year]**

JASSO's activity record is introduced via various data every year.

JASSO provides the latest information on student support through its website, social media, and e-mail newsletters.

Website

JASSO Website (portal)

➤ <https://www.jasso.go.jp/en/>

Scholarship Programs for Japanese Students

●Scholarship counseling site

➤ <https://www.shogakukinsupport.jp/> *In Japanese Only.

●Higher education financing simulator

➤ <https://shogakukin-simulator.jasso.go.jp/> *In Japanese Only.

●Scholarship Loan and Repayment Simulation

➤ <https://simulation.sas.jasso.go.jp/simulation/> *In Japanese Only.

●Scholar Net Personal

➤ <https://scholar-ps.sas.jasso.go.jp/> *In Japanese Only.

Support Programs for International Students

●"Study in Japan" Official Website

➤ <https://www.studyinJapan.go.jp/en/>

●Kaigairyugaku Joho Site (Information on Studying Abroad)

➤ <https://ryugaku.jasso.go.jp/> *In Japanese Only.

●TOBITATE! Young Ambassador Program

➤ <https://tobitate-mext.jasso.go.jp/> *In Japanese Only.

SNS

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➤ @JASSO_general ➤ @ryugakuJapan

YouTube

➤ JASSO channel ➤ Study in Japan ➤ JASSO Study Abroad Channel ➤ トビタテ！留学チャンネル【文部科学省】/Tobitate
➤ TIEC & HIH channel ➤ TIEC & HIH channel2 ➤ JASSO 海外留学支援事業 ➤ JASSO 学生生活支援事業 channel

Facebook

●Student Exchange Department

➤ @jasso.studentexchange

●Student Exchange Promotion Division, Student Exchange Department

➤ @JassoStudyinJapan

●Global Human Resource Development Department / TOBITATE! Young Ambassador Program (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology)

➤ @ryugakuJapan

●Global Network Project to Promote Study in Japan (South Asia)

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Donations

Every year JASSO receives donations from those who have completed repaying their scholarships, volunteers and corporations that understand the importance of supporting students for donations. The donations we receive are used with great care to support students affected by disasters, students who wish to study abroad, etc.

Donation methods

In addition to donating online, where it is possible to do everything from application to "**Online payment**," donations can also be made via direct deposit. Furthermore, setting continuous donations such as a "**Monthly donation**" is possible to donate a fixed monthly amount via credit card.

For further details, please check ➤ https://www.jasso.go.jp/kihukin/shien_kihu/

Benefits to donors

■ Tax incentives

Donations to JASSO allow for tax deductions for income tax, corporate tax, inheritance tax etc.

For example, we have "donation menu" that allows tax deductions on income tax and corporate tax. In addition, JASSO provides information and advice in cooperation with banks on dealing with bequest.

For further details, please check ➤ https://www.jasso.go.jp/kihukin/shien_kihu/kihukin/tax_info.html

■ Medal with Dark Blue Ribbon

JASSO is certified by the Cabinet Office as a public service group that can award the Medal with Dark Blue Ribbon to individuals and corporations for their donations. Individuals can be considered for the award if they make a donation of 5 million yen or more; corporations and groups, 10 million yen or more. By applying in advance, you can still be considered even if it takes multiple payments to reach the required figures.

■ Others

A letter of appreciation signed by our president will be given to those who donate.

Donation uses

● Support for continuing the education of studies affected by disaster (JASSO subventions)

We provide aid (100,000 yen per person) to students whose home or the home of their parents was more than half destroyed by disasters and who now face difficulty continuing their education.

● Support for examination and other fees for students residing in children's welfare institutions

To ensure that students who have grown up in social care are not discouraged from pursuing higher education, we provide aid (200,000 yen per person) to students residing in children's welfare institutions and similar facilities who are expected to graduate from senior high school, and who plan to take an entrance examination for a university or other higher education institution.

● Japan Public-Private Partnership Student Study Abroad Program (TOBITATE! Young Ambassador Program)

JASSO offers scholarships and provides pre- and post-training in an effort to dispatch Japanese students abroad (Please refer to page 15).



Contact for student support donations related inquiries

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Facility Guide

Located within Tokyo International Exchange Center, Plaza Heisei is a facility equipped for the functions of academic exchange, such as international conferences, lectures, academic meetings, and concerts. The location is often used for filming and online meetings.

Conference facilities

- **International Conference Hall** **Floor Space:** 571m²/**Number of Seats:** maximum 479 (279 on the 1st floor, 200 on the 2nd floor)
This facility can be used for a variety of purposes such as meetings, lectures, symposiums, and concerts.
- **Media Hall** **Floor Space:** 136m²/**Number of Seats:** maximum 102 (movable)
This facility can be used for meetings, lectures, symposiums, concerts, poster sessions, etc.
- **Conference Rooms** Five Large and small rooms
These rooms can be used for not only independent conferences, but division meetings of the International Conference Hall or the Media Hall.



Plaza Heisei



International Conference Hall

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