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International Students in Japan 2016

Japan Student Services Organization(JASSO) has conducted an annual survey of international students in Japan, with the aim of understanding the student's enrollment and gathering basic information for international student exchange policies. The outline of this fiscal year's survey is as follows.

【1.Result of an Annual Survey of International Students in Japan 2016】

This survey is to track on current status of international students as of May 1st each year.

The number of international students as May 1, 2016 is 239,287 persons.

Increase by 30,908 persons (14.8%) compared with the result of last year.

Classification:

Higher education institutions: 171,122 persons (increase by 19,060 persons (12.5%))

Japanese language institutes: 68,165 persons (increase by 11,848 persons (21.0%))

【2.The Annual Status Survey on the Acceptance of International Students during Fiscal Year 2015】

This survey is keep track on the acceptance of international students at universities, etc. in Japan during the fiscal year in question.

The number of international students during the fiscal year 2015 is 265,254 persons.

【3. The Status Survey of Students Enrolled Short-term Educational Programs for Fiscal Year 2015】

This survey is track on the number of students enrolled in courses of higher educational institutions in fiscal year 2015 under the short-term educational programs with less than 6 months and granted other than "College Student" visa.

*Students who holds College Student visa are counted on either survey 1 or survey2, which means not counted on this survey.

The number of students in fiscal year 2015 is 15,015 persons.

Increase by 3,587 persons (31.4%) compared with the result of last year.

* “International student” on 1 and 2, is defined pursuant to provisions of Appended Table 1 of the “Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Law” , as a student from a foreign country who is granted the status of residence as “College Student” (Student Visa), who is receiving education at Japanese university, graduate school, junior college, college of technology, professional training college, educational institution provides university preparatory course and Japanese language institutes in Japan.

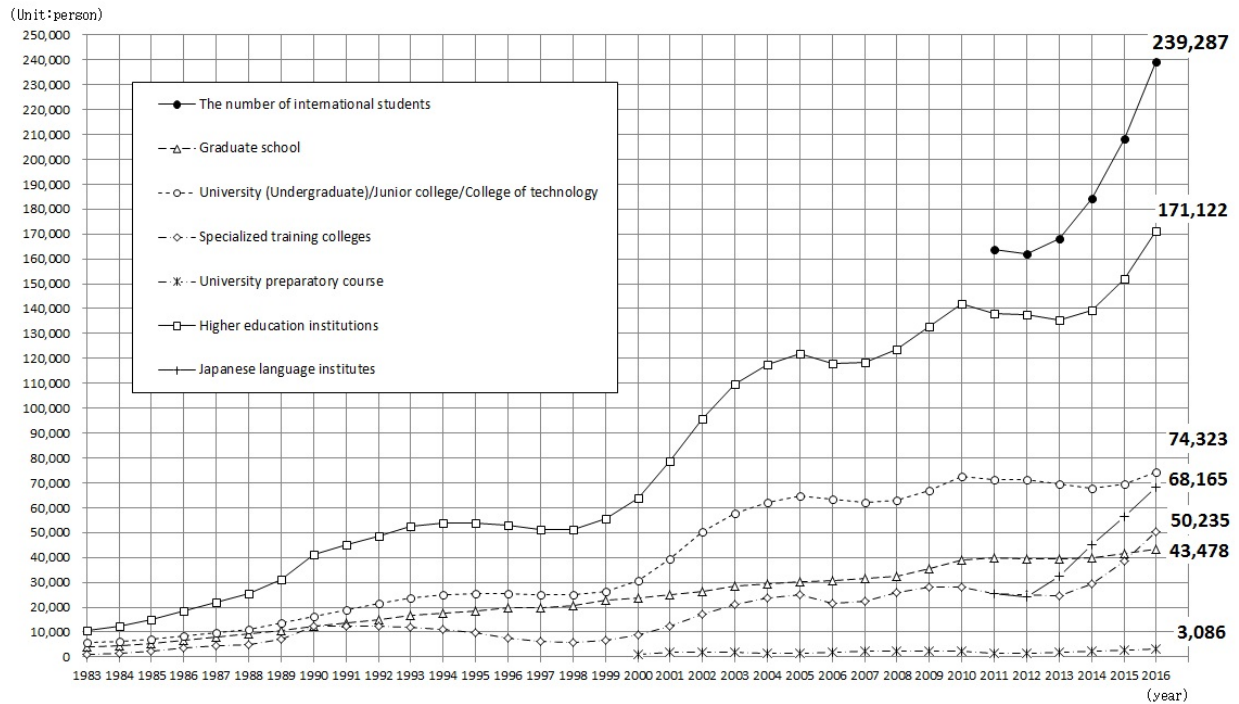
*Since the status of residence of “College student” and “Pre-college student” are unified by the “Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act” (promulgated on July 15, 2009), international students belonging to Japanese language institutes have been also surveyed since 2011.

Still, before 2013, base number of international students was the number of students other than Japanese Language institutes and the number of Japanese language institutes as well as their sum were released as reference data.

However, as we confirmed by the last 4 surveys that the number of students belonging to Japanese language institutes can smoothly tracked, we start to add them to announce the base number of international students since 2014 survey.

【By Result of an Annual Survey of International Students in Japan 2016】

○ Trends in Number of International Students by Institutional Type (As of each May 1)



※In accordance with the unification of student visas, the total number of international students including Japanese language institutes is also drawn since 2011.

○Top 10 number of International Students by Nationality

Country/region	Number of students		Comparison with last year	
	2016	2015	Number	% of total
China	98,483	94,111	4,372	4.6
Vietnam	53,807	38,882	14,925	38.4
Nepal	19,471	16,250	3,221	19.8
Republic of Korea	15,457	15,279	178	1.2
Taiwan	8,330	7,314	1,016	13.9
Indonesia	4,630	3,600	1,030	28.6
Sri Lanka	3,976	2,312	1,664	72.0
Myanmar	3,851	2,755	1,096	39.8
Thailand	3,842	3,526	316	9.0
Malaysia	2,734	2,594	140	5.4
Others	24,706	21,756	2,950	13.6
Total	239,287	208,379	30,908	14.8

Details (as of each May 1)

International Students in Higher Education
Institutions

Country/region	Number of students	
	2016	2015
China	75,262	74,921
Vietnam	28,579	20,131
Republic of Korea	13,571	13,397
Nepal	13,456	8,691
Taiwan	6,401	5,610
Indonesia	3,670	2,995
Thailand	3,185	2,904
Malaysia	2,581	2,460
U. S. A.	2,428	2,223
Myanmar	2,079	1,652
Others	19,910	17,078
Total	171,122	152,062

International Students in Japanese
language institutes

Country/region	Number of students	
	2016	2015
Vietnam	25,228	18,751
China	23,221	19,190
Nepal	6,015	7,559
Sri Lanka	2,071	1,112
Taiwan	1,929	1,704
Republic of Korea	1,886	1,882
Myanmar	1,772	1,103
Indonesia	960	605
Mongolia	689	493
Thailand	657	622
Others	3,737	3,296
Total	68,165	56,317

【By The Status Survey of Students Enrolled Short-term Educational Programs for Fiscal Year 2015】

○Top 10 number of International Students by Nationality

Country/region	Number of students		Comparison with last year	
	2015	2014	Number	% of total
China	2,799	2,198	601	27.3
Republic of Korea	2,113	1,711	402	23.5
U. S. A.	1,711	1,187	524	44.1
Taiwan	1,581	1,329	252	19.0
Thailand	1,410	1,186	224	18.9
Indonesia	737	618	119	19.3
Malaysia	468	378	90	23.8
Australia	451	333	118	35.4
Vietnam	436	261	175	67.0
India	345	140	205	146.4
Others	2,964	2,087	877	42.0
Total	15,015	11,428	3,587	31.4

○Number of International Students by Nationality (FY 2015)

Country/region	Less than two weeks	2weeks-1month	1-3months	3-6months	Number of students
China	1,486	966	316	31	2,799
Republic of Korea	1,212	763	116	22	2,113
U. S. A.	453	621	582	55	1,711
Taiwan	897	564	115	5	1,581
Thailand	637	452	310	11	1,410
Indonesia	366	302	69	0	737
Malaysia	239	162	60	7	468
Australia	187	194	69	1	451
Vietnam	317	59	58	2	436
India	189	71	74	11	345
Others	1,150	941	681	192	2,964
Total	7,133	5,095	2,450	337	15,015

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