

International Students in Japan 2017

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 2017】

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, 2017 is 267,042 persons.

Increase by 27,755 persons (11.6%) compared with the result of last year.

Classification:

Higher education institutions: 188,384 persons (increase by 17,262 persons (10.1%))

Japanese language institutes: 78,658 persons (increase by 10,493 persons (15.4%))

【2.The Annual Status Survey on the Acceptance of International Students during Fiscal Year 2016】

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 2016 is 299,742 persons.

Increase by 34,488 persons (13.0%) compared with the result of last year.

【3. The Status Survey of Students Enrolled Short-term Educational Programs for Fiscal Year 2016】

This survey is track on the number of students enrolled in courses of higher educational institutions in fiscal year 2016 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 2016 is 16,813 persons.

Increase by 1,798 persons (12.0%) 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.

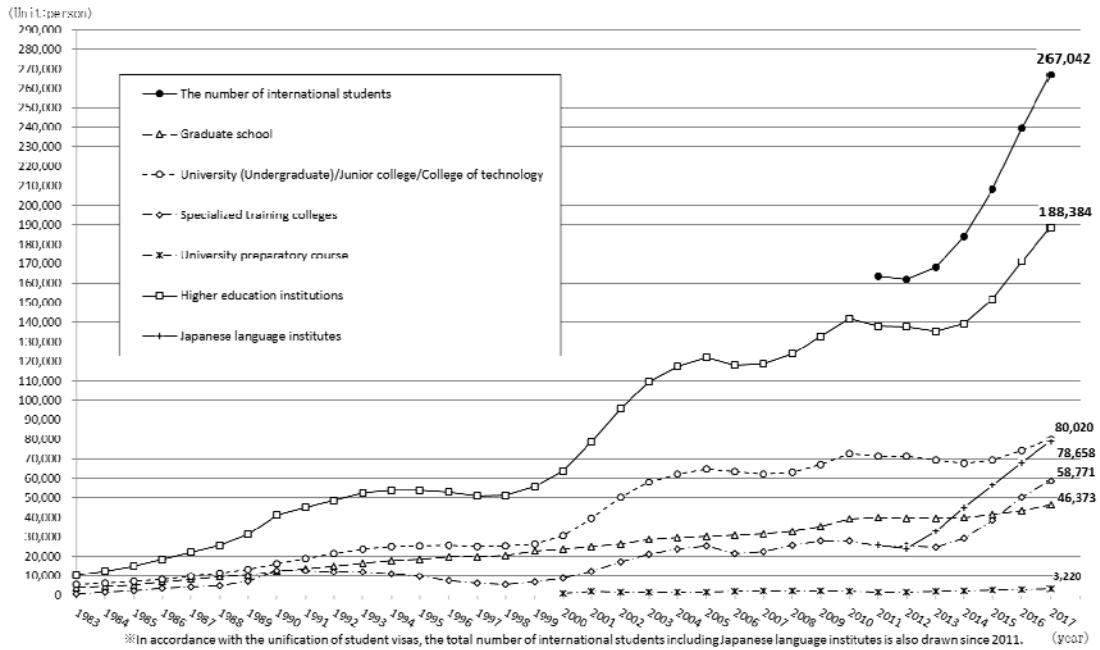
*Since the status of residence of “College student” and “Pre-college student” are unified by the “Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act” (promulgated on July 15, 2009), international students belonging to Japanese language institutes have been also surveyed since 2011.

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.

[1. By Result of an Annual Survey of International Students in Japan 2017]

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



○Top 10 number of International Students by Nationality

Country/region	Number of students		Comparison with last year	
	2017	2016	Number	% of total
China	107,260	98,483	8,777	8.9
Vietnam	61,671	53,807	7,864	14.6
Nepal	21,500	19,471	2,029	10.4
Republic of Korea	15,740	15,457	283	1.8
Taiwan	8,947	8,330	617	7.4
Sri Lanka	6,607	3,976	2,631	66.2
Indonesia	5,495	4,630	865	18.7
Myanmar	4,816	3,851	965	25.1
Thailand	3,985	3,842	143	3.7
Malaysia	2,945	2,734	211	7.7
Others	28,076	24,706	3,370	13.6
Total	267,042	239,287	27,755	11.6

Details (as of each May 1)

International Students in Higher Education
Institutions

Country/region	Number of students	
	2017	2016
China	79,502	75,262
Vietnam	35,489	28,579
Nepal	14,850	13,456
Republic of Korea	13,538	13,571
Taiwan	6,994	6,401
Indonesia	4,235	3,670
Thailand	3,266	3,185
Sri Lanka	3,020	1,905
Malaysia	2,750	2,581
Myanmar	2,686	2,079
Others	22,054	20,433
Total	188,384	171,122

International Students in Japanese
language institutes

Country/region	Number of students	
	2017	2016
China	27,758	23,221
Vietnam	26,182	25,228
Nepal	6,650	6,015
Sri Lanka	3,587	2,071
Republic of Korea	2,202	1,886
Myanmar	2,130	1,772
Taiwan	1,953	1,929
Indonesia	1,260	960
Philippines	892	553
Bangladesh	829	577
Others	5,215	3,953
Total	78,658	68,165

[2. By The Annual Status Survey on the Acceptance of International Students during Fiscal Year 2016]

○Top 10 number of International Students by Nationality

Country/region	Number of students		Comparison with last year	
	2016	2015	Number	% of total
China	122,929	115,302	7,627	6.6
Vietnam	61,994	49,708	12,286	24.7
Nepal	22,595	19,644	2,951	15.0
Republic of Korea	18,276	17,568	708	4.0
Taiwan	11,489	9,971	1,518	15.2
Indonesia	6,443	5,359	1,084	20.2
Sri Lanka	5,727	3,326	2,401	72.2
Thailand	5,186	4,865	321	6.6
U. S. A.	4,612	4,290	322	7.5
Myanmar	4,576	3,587	989	27.6
Others	35,915	31,634	4,281	13.5
Total	299,742	265,254	34,488	13.0

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International Students in Higher Education
Institutions

Country/region	Number of students	
	2016	2015
China	87,532	85,288
Vietnam	30,971	23,272
Nepal	14,432	9,835
Republic of Korea	14,957	14,612
Taiwan	8,442	7,330
Indonesia	4,883	4,282
Sri Lanka	2,368	1,480
Thailand	4,245	4,027
U. S. A.	4,202	3,962
Myanmar	2,371	1,996
Others	28,730	26,054
Total	203,133	182,138

International Students in Japanese
language institutes

Country/region	Number of students	
	2016	2015
China	35,397	30,014
Vietnam	31,023	26,436
Nepal	8,163	9,809
Republic of Korea	3,319	2,956
Taiwan	3,047	2,641
Indonesia	1,560	1,077
Sri Lanka	3,359	1,846
Thailand	941	838
U. S. A.	410	328
Myanmar	2,205	1,591
Others	7,185	5,580
Total	96,609	83,116

[3. By The Status Survey of Students Enrolled Short-term Educational Programs for Fiscal Year 2016]

○Top 10 number of International Students by Nationality

Country/region	Number of students		Comparison with last year	
	2016	2015	Number	% of total
China	3,777	2,799	978	34.9
Republic of Korea	2,211	2,113	98	4.6
U. S. A.	1,778	1,711	67	3.9
Taiwan	1,627	1,581	46	2.9
Thailand	1,568	1,410	158	11.2
Indonesia	745	737	8	1.1
Malaysia	537	468	69	14.7
Vietnam	463	436	27	6.2
Australia	443	451	-8	-1.8
Singapore	341	209	132	63.2
Others	3,323	3,100	223	7.2
Total	16,813	15,015	1,798	12.0

○Number of International Students by Nationality (FY 2016)

Country/region	Less than two weeks	2weeks-1month	1-3months	3-6months	Number of students
China	2,071	1,181	454	71	3,777
Republic of Korea	1,178	767	206	60	2,211
U. S. A.	463	692	567	56	1,778
Taiwan	845	617	122	43	1,627
Thailand	741	385	412	30	1,568
Indonesia	363	248	102	32	745
Malaysia	300	126	98	13	537
Vietnam	329	64	70	0	463
Australia	151	238	53	1	443
Singapore	148	146	46	1	341
Others	1,352	1,015	808	148	3,323
Total	7,941	5,479	2,938	455	16,813

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