The Globalization of Education and the University Reforms in Japan

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Jump Out! Study Abroad JAPAN

http://www.youtube.com/embed/WypjqkBx1k
日本人の海外留学者数の推移

海外留学する日本人数は、2004年（8.3万人）をピークに2010年には約30％減少の5.8万人に。米国の大学等に在籍する日本人学生数

The Number of Japanese studying at universities in USA

日本の高等教育機関に在籍する外国人留学生については、1983年の10,428人から2010年の141,774人まで増加。
東日本大震災後の2年間は減少。

留学生総数
Total number of inbound foreign students

私費外国人留学生数
at private expense

国費外国人留学生数
by governmental expense

外国政府派遣留学生数
dispatched by foreign governments

（出典）：ユネスコ文化統計年鑑、OECD, Open Doors報告。
Budget for FY 2014

- To Bring up Global Human Resources (JPY 48.2bil: +5bil)
- Globalization of universities (JPY 12.7bil: +3bil)
  - Super Global University (JPY 9.9bil)
    - Super Global University Project (new)
    - Global Human Resource Development Project
  - Re-inventing Japan Project (JPY 2.8bil)
- Exchange of university students (JPY 35.5bil: +2bil)
  - Outbound scholarships (JPY 8.6bil)
    - long term: 200 → 250, short term: 10,000 → 20,000
  - Inbound (JPY 26.9bil)

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English Education Reform Plan corresponding to Globalization

In order to promote the establishment of English education which corresponds to globalization from the elementary to lower secondary education stage, MEXT is working to enhance English education substantially throughout elementary to lower secondary school upon strengthening English education in elementary school in addition to further advancing English education in lower secondary school.

1. New English Education corresponding to globalization

| Elementary school (First and Fourth year) English Language Activities classes | 12 times a month |
| Elementary school (Fifth and Sixth grade English Language Subjects) | 3 times a week |
| Lower secondary school English Language class | 3 times a week |
| Lower secondary school English Language class | 5 times a week |

- In addition to classes teachers with good English teaching skills, actively utilize specialized English teachers.
- To ensure nurturing English communication skills by expanding current learning achievement English throughout elementary, and lower secondary school,

2. Constructing Necessary Frameworks for New English Education (vigorous promotion from FY2014)

- Ensure teachers in elementary school
  - Create measurements for the additional posting and training of English education promotion leaders in elementary school
  - Improve teaching skills of specialized English course teachers
  - Improve English teaching skills of elementary school class teachers
  - Develop and provide audio-visual teaching materials for training news teacher training program and teachers' employment

3. Schedule (provisionary)

- January 2017: Establish expert council
- April 2017: Establish the plan
- November 2017: Start implementation
- Continue implementation from FY2018
Case of Kobe University

New Globalization movement of Kobe University
Globalization of liberal arts
- Global English Course
- Global liberal arts subjects

Globalization of major subjects
- Faculty of International Studies
- Faculty of Letters
- Faculty of Human Development
- Faculty of Law
- Faculty of Economics
- Faculty of Business Administration

International Five-year Economics Education Program at Kobe (IFEEK)

Y1: global liberal arts + GEC etc.
Y2: program registration
B1
B2
B3
B4
M1
M2
Y3.5: earlier graduation of bachelor course
studying abroad (0.5-1 year)
special program (esp. English)
Y5: graduation of master course
acquiring expertise to work as global business leaders
Y2: program registration
Program for European Studies (KUPES)

- Faculty of International Studies
- Faculty of Law
- Faculty of Economics

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- Studying abroad (0.5-1 year)
- Special program (English (G/F) + interdisciplinary education)

- Acquiring double master degrees at Kobe Univ. and univ. in the EU
Why Japanese universities follow the educational globalization policy?

- Decrease of 18 year old population → increase of competition among universities

![Graph showing the number of high school leavers and management expenses grant over years](http://eic.obunsha.co.jp/resource/pdf/educational_info/2013/0514_k.pdf)

- Difficulties in Government fiscal position
  - Decrease of the management expenses grants, *Unei-koufukin*

![Graph showing management expenses grant to national universities](http://eic.obunsha.co.jp/resource/pdf/educational_info/2013/0514_k.pdf)
✓ Decrease of government subsidies to private educational institutions, *Shigaku-joseikin*

Current expenses, government subsidies, share of subsidies to current expenses

![Chart showing changes in government subsidies and current expenses from FY 1994 to FY 2012](http://eic.obunsha.co.jp/educational_info/html/1)

addictives

- Globalization of university education in Japan is necessary for Japan to survive in the global competition in the 21st century
- Kobe University also tries hard to globalize its education and research
- To accomplish the task, university reform efforts by the government plays a big role

Thank you for your attention!

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