

# **Ritsumeikan University**

## **— Internationalization Strategies —**

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## The Ritsumeikan Trust and China

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The Ritsumeikan Trust has a long history of interaction and cooperation with China and Chinese institutions.



Its very name “Ritsumeikan” is derived from the works of the classical Chinese philosopher Mencius, meaning “the place to establish one’s destiny or mission in life.”

## The Spirit of Ritsumeikan

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The Ritsumeikan Trust has formulated “The Ritsumeikan Charter” in order to share the ideals and mission of Ritsumeikan among all of its members and to disseminate them throughout the world.

*Ritsumeikan’s founding ideals are “freedom and innovation” and reflecting upon its wartime experience, it committed itself to a core educational philosophy of “peace and democracy” after World War II.*

*Ritsumeikan, as a Japanese institution located in the Asia Pacific region, is committed to sincerely reflecting upon history and to building an institution where many cultures coexist in the spirit of international mutual understanding.*

**Founding Ethos**

**Freedom and Innovation**

Advocated by Ritsumeikan founder Saionji Kinmochi, a member of the Japanese nobility known for his liberal and internationalist views. Saionji later served as prime minister of Japan.

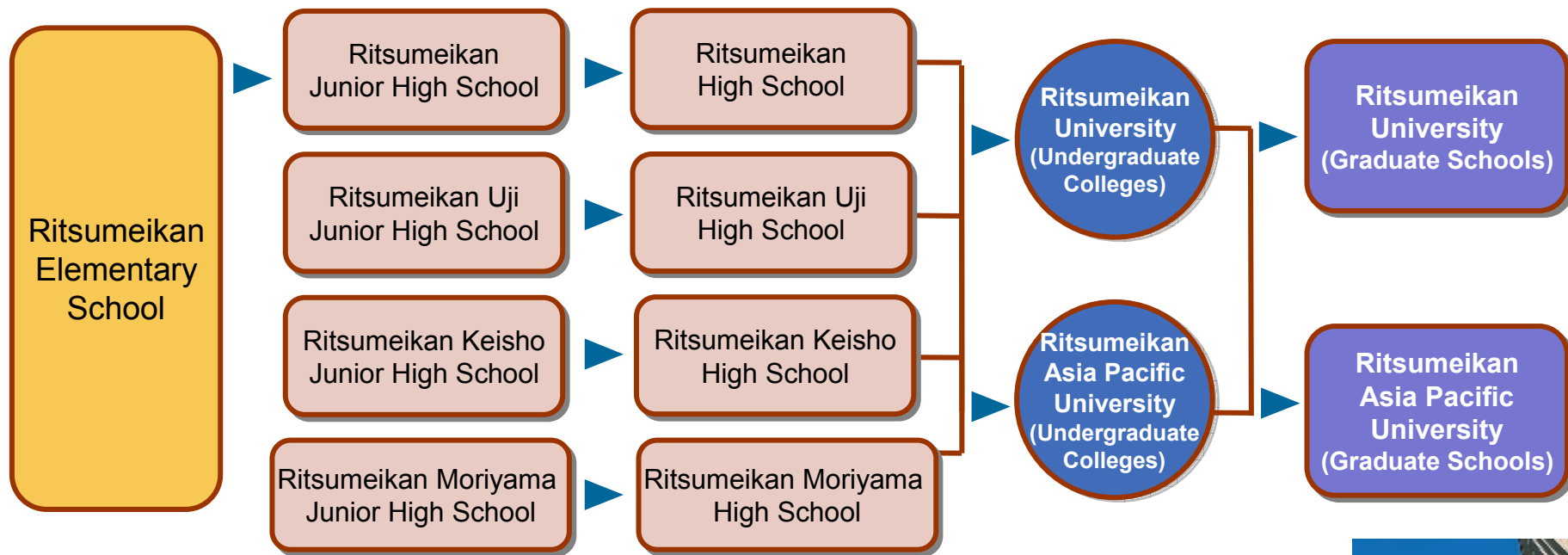
**Key Values  
Underlying Education**

**Peace and Democracy**

The key values of Peace and Democracy underlying education at Ritsumeikan were adopted soon after Japan’s defeat in World War Two as Ritsumeikan committed itself to promoting those values under the leadership of Dr. Suekawa Hiroshi who served as university president through 1969.

## The Ritsumeikan Academy

- Ritsumeikan is a multi-disciplinary academic institution consisting of 2 universities, 4 campuses, 8 affiliate junior and senior high schools and 1 elementary school



## Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU)

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- Established in 2000 as the first full-fledged international university in Japan
- Half of faculty and students hail from overseas
- Second highest number of international students in Japan  
2,786 students from 87 different countries & regions as of May 1st, 2009  
(Ritsumeikan University is ranked No.12 with 1,230 students.)



## Ritsumeikan University (RU)

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- Three campuses in the greater Kyoto area
- 36, 539 students
- Interdisciplinary education system
- Cutting Edge Research – 3 Global COE Program Research Centers

Suzaku Campus



Kinugasa Campus



Biwako-Kusatsu Campus



# Global 30 - Ritsumeikan University

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*Selected as one of the first thirteen  
Global 30 Project universities*



## 13 Universities to lead Internationalization

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**In 2009, the following 13 schools were selected as core universities**

Tohoku University

University of Tsukuba

The University of Tokyo

Nagoya University

Kyoto University

Osaka University

Kyushu University

Keio University

Sophia University

Meiji University

Waseda University

Doshisha University

Ritsumeikan University



## The Global 30 Project - Objectives

*~ Establishing Core Universities for Internationalization ~*

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- Supporting the “**300,000 International Students Plan,**” formulated in July of 2008, which aims to increase the number of international students in Japan to 300,000 by 2020
- Selecting 30 schools to function as core universities for receiving and educating international students
- Providing prioritized financial assistance of 200 to 400 million yen per annum over the next 5 years to selected schools for internationalization initiatives
- Each core university will strive to recruit 3000 to 8000 international students



## International Students in Japan as of 2009

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132,720 Total International Students – 79,082 Chinese Students

**132,720 international students in Japan as of May 1, 2009, 7.2% up from last year.**

### Number of international students by institutional type

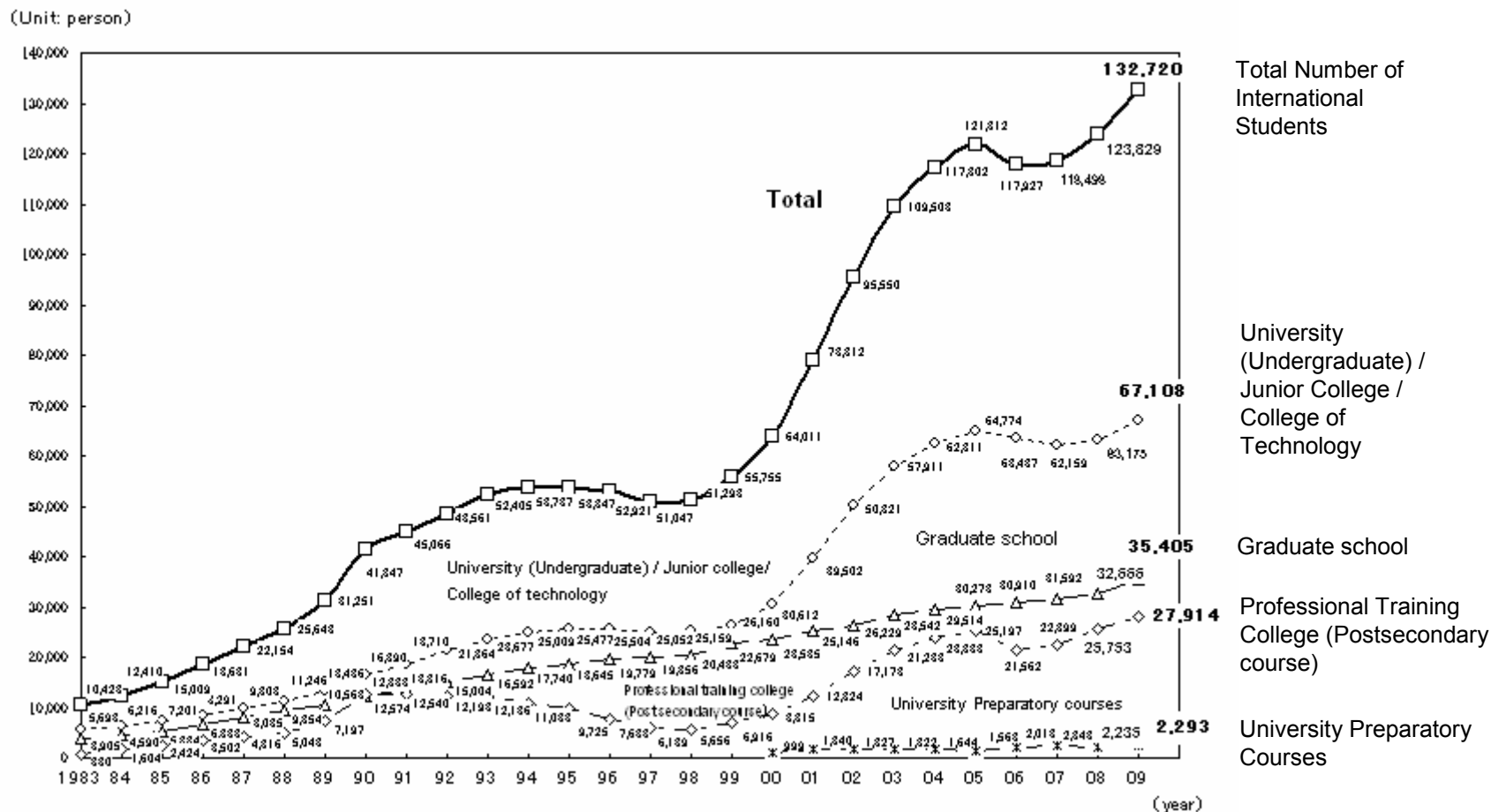
Graduate school	35,405	(8.4% up)
University (undergraduate)/Junior college/ College of technology	67,108	(6.2% up)
Professional training college	27,914	(8.4% up)
University preparatory course	2,293	(2.6% up)

### 5 major countries/regions of origin

China	79,082	(8.7% up)
Republic of Korea	19,605	(3.9% up)
Taiwan	5,332	(4.9% up)
Vietnam	3,199	(11.3% up)
Malaysia	2,395	(5.5% up)

Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) Data

## Trends in the Number of International Students in Japan by Institutional Type (as of each May 1)

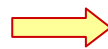


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# International Students by Nationality

## Number of International Students in Japan by Nationality

(Unit: person)



Country/region	Number of students		% of total		Country/region	Number of students		% of total	
China	79,082	(72,766)	59.6%	(58.8)	Germany	450	(479)	0.3%	(0.4)
Republic of Korea	19,605	(18,862)	14.8%	(15.2)	United Kingdom	427	(400)	0.3%	(0.3)
Taiwan	5,332	(5,082)	4.0%	(4.1)	Canada	345	(319)	0.3%	(0.3)
Vietnam	3,199	(2,873)	2.4%	(2.3)	Brazil	336	(331)	0.3%	(0.3)
Malaysia	2,395	(2,271)	1.8%	(1.8)	Australia	331	(347)	0.2%	(0.3)
Thailand	2,360	(2,203)	1.8%	(1.8)	Egypt	329	(320)	0.2%	(0.3)
U.S.A.	2,230	(2,024)	1.7%	(1.6)	Russia	304	(315)	0.2%	(0.3)
Indonesia	1,996	(1,791)	1.5%	(1.4)	Cambodia	300	(287)	0.2%	(0.2)
Bangladesh	1,683	(1,686)	1.3%	(1.4)	Laos	285	(276)	0.2%	(0.2)
Nepal	1,628	(1,476)	1.2%	(1.2)	Saudi Arabia	253	(184)	0.2%	(0.1)
Mongolia	1,215	(1,145)	0.9%	(0.9)	Uzbekistan	223	(205)	0.2%	(0.2)
Myanmar	1,012	(922)	0.8%	(0.7)	Iran	218	(216)	0.2%	(0.2)
Sri Lanka	934	(1,097)	0.7%	(0.9)	Sweden	182	(155)	0.1%	(0.1)
France	624	(574)	0.5%	(0.5)	Turkey	167	(171)	0.1%	(0.1)
India	543	(544)	0.4%	(0.4)	Others	4,204	(3,981)	3.2%	(3.2)
Philippines	528	(527)	0.4%	(0.4)	Total	132,720	(123,829)	100.0%	(100.0)

( ) indicates figures as of May 1, 2008

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# Short-term International Students in Japan

## Number of Short-term International Students by Nationality

(Unit: person)

Country/region	Number of students		% of total		Country/region	Number of students		% of total	
China	3,577	(2,636)	31.0%	(27.0)	Italy	76	(68)	0.7%	(0.7)
Republic of Korea	1,952	(1,849)	16.9%	(19.0)	Russia	71	(79)	0.6%	(0.8)
U.S.A.	1,683	(1,447)	14.6%	(14.8)	Spain	60	(47)	0.5%	(0.5)
Taiwan	729	(595)	6.3%	(6.1)	Philippines	52	(36)	0.5%	(0.4)
France	412	(359)	3.6%	(3.7)	Norway	52	(43)	0.5%	(0.4)
Germany	313	(350)	2.7%	(3.6)	Singapore	49	(38)	0.4%	(0.4)
Thailand	295	(272)	2.6%	(2.8)	Poland	49	(49)	0.4%	(0.5)
United Kingdom	256	(212)	2.2%	(2.2)	Mexico	44	(43)	0.4%	(0.4)
Australia	219	(229)	1.9%	(2.3)	Austria	44	(29)	0.4%	(0.3)
Canada	180	(137)	1.6%	(1.4)	Brazil	43	(38)	0.4%	(0.4)
Indonesia	154	(134)	1.3%	(1.4)	Malaysia	42	(37)	0.4%	(0.4)
Vietnam	129	(112)	1.1%	(1.1)	Switzerland	38	(37)	0.3%	(0.4)
Sweden	121	(114)	1.0%	(1.2)	New Zealand	36	(35)	0.3%	(0.4)
Netherlands	94	(69)	0.8%	(0.7)	Myanmar	33	(39)	0.3%	(0.4)
Mongolia	93	(47)	0.8%	(0.5)	Others	574	(508)	5.0%	(5.2)
Finland	76	(68)	0.7%	(0.7)	Total	11,546	(9,756)	100.0%	(100.0)

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## Japanese Students Studying Abroad as of 2007

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23,806 students studying abroad – 2,858 studying in China

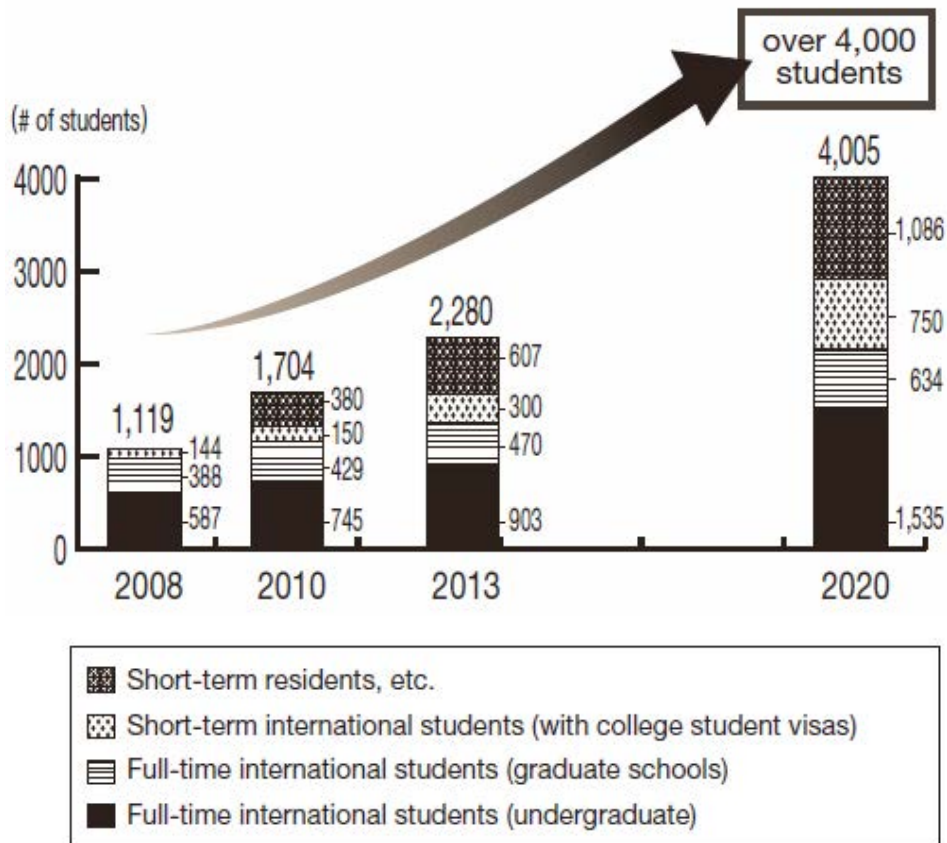
### Number of Japanese Students Studying Abroad by Country

Country	Number of Students		% of Total	
America	6,509	(6,417)	27.3	(27.2)
China	2,858	(2,530)	12.0	(10.7)
Australia	2,716	(2,752)	11.4	(11.6)
U.K.	2,394	(2,616)	10.1	(11.1)
Canada	2,114	(1,942)	8.9	(8.2)
Korea	1,399	(1,690)	5.9	(7.2)
France	876	(837)	3.7	(3.5)
New Zealand	822	(892)	3.5	(3.8)
Germany	793	(768)	3.3	(3.2)
Spain	428	(396)	1.8	(1.7)
Other	2,897	(2,793)	12.2	(11.8)
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,806</b>	<b>(23,633)</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>(100.0)</b>

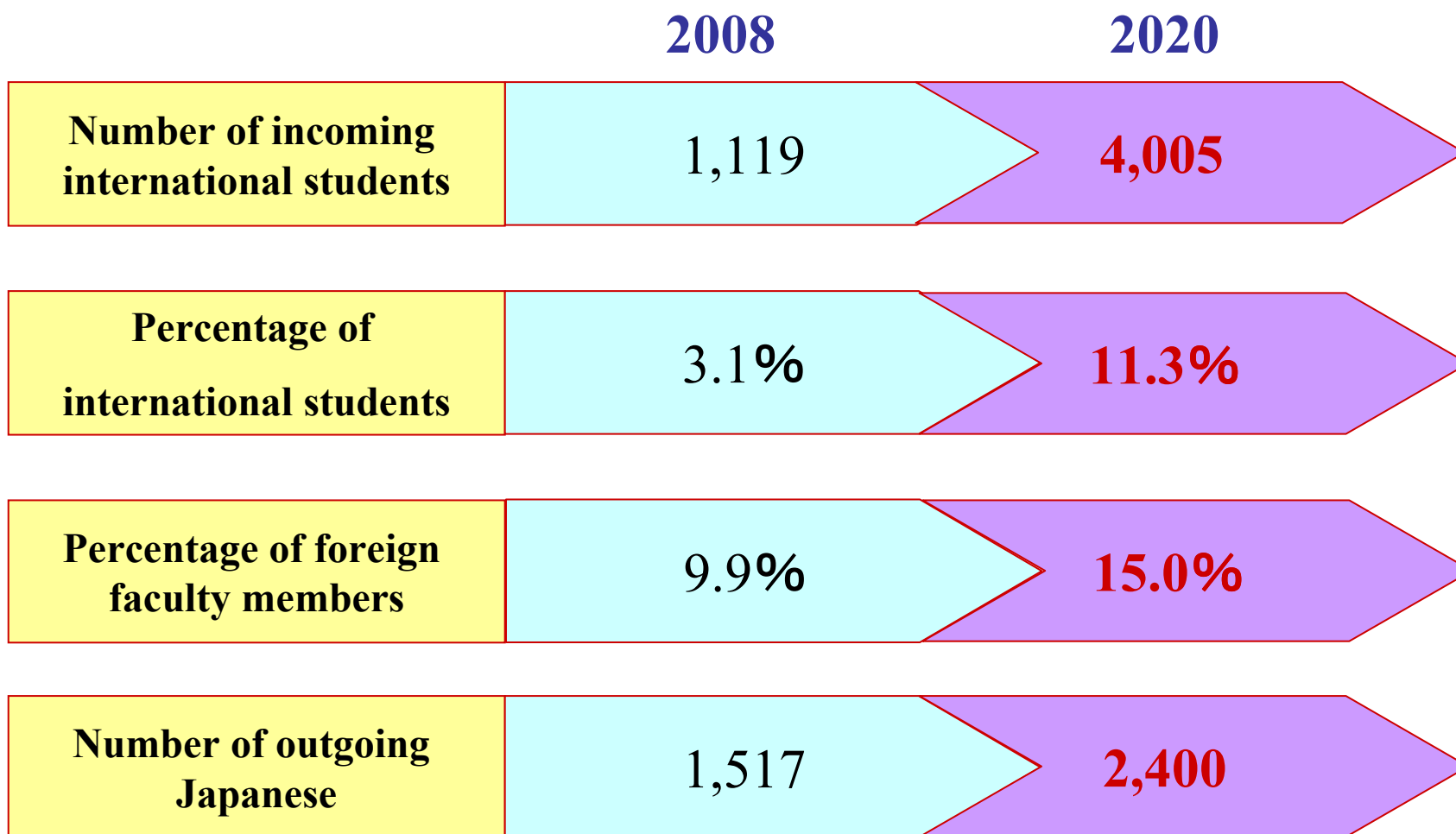
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## Ritsumeikan University's Goal for 2020 — 4,000 International Students —



# Targets for 2020





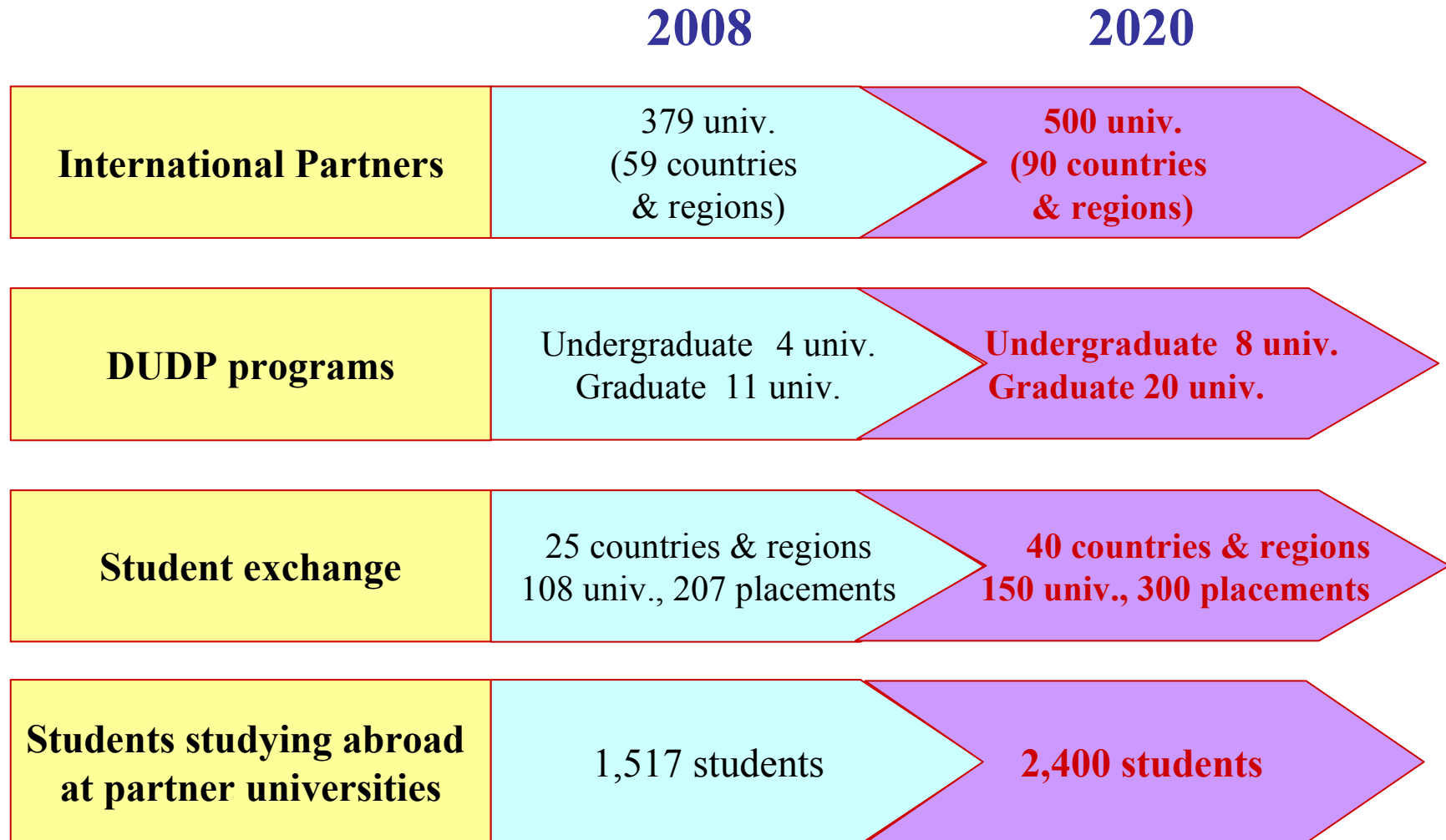
## Ritsumeikan's Global 30 Strategy

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- Expansion of Ritsumeikan's Global Network
- Enhancement of International Educational Programs
- Multicultural Campuses
- Support for Daily Life
- Financial Support
- Learning & Career Support
- Increase in the number of English-taught degree courses



# Expansion of Global Network



## International Educational Programs

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- Offer more classes taught in English
- Increase the number of combined classes of international and Japanese students
- Develop a wide variety of study abroad programs
- Provide educational support, such as multilingual textbooks
- Offer extra-curricular courses



## Expanding the number of English-Taught Degree Courses

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### New Courses

College of International Relations (Bachelors), College of Policy Science (Bachelors), Graduate School of Technology Management (Master's and PhD), Graduate School of Policy Science (PhD)

### Existing English-taught Courses

Graduate School of Economics (Master's), Graduate School of International Relations (Master's), Graduate School of Policy Science (Master's), Graduate School of Science & Engineering (2 Master's programs/1 Doctoral)

**In total, 11 degree courses will be offered in English  
(2 courses in 2 undergraduate colleges and  
9 courses in 5 graduate schools)**



## Financial Support

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- Enhance scholarships for international students
- Improve the scholarship allocation process for incoming students



## Faculty & Staff Development

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### Faculty Development

- Recruit internationally to appoint exceptional faculty members
- FD activities that meet international standards

### Staff Development

- International/Domestic graduate school study abroad system (degree acquisition)
- Executive staff training system
- Expand staff training at partner institutions
- Provide a wide variety of language training programs



## Overseas Research Organizations that have concluded faculty exchange agreements with Ritsumeikan

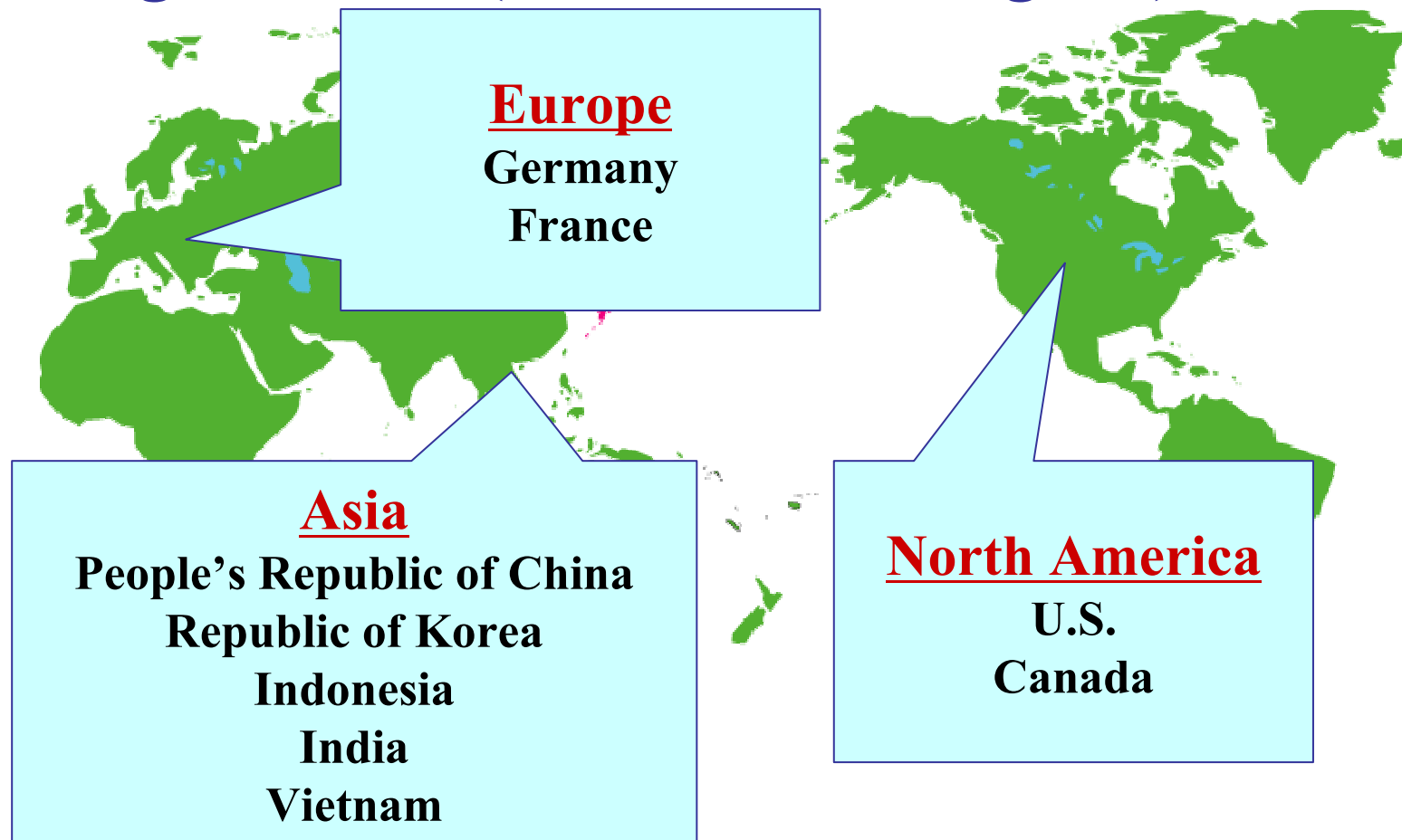
School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM)
International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS)
Faculty of Architecture, University of Sassari
Faculty of Architecture and Planning, Thammasat University
Centre for Well-being in Public Policy, Department of Geography, The University of Sheffield
Media and Graphics Interdisciplinary Centre, The University of British Columbia
Donald Keene Center of Japanese Culture, Columbia University
Honolulu Academy of Arts
Museum of Fine Arts, Boston
The United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR)
National Yunlin University of Science & Technology
Institute of Engineering, Tribhuvan University
Myongji University
Universidad Nacional De Ingenieria

University of Hawaii
Yonsei University Institute of Humanities
The Sri Lanka Institute of Nano-Technology, Sri Lanka
Ceramics Bank , Korea Institute of Ceramic Engineering and Technology
Neuromuscular Physiology Laboratory, Georgia Institute of Technology
The Department for Microsystems Engineering (IMTEK), University of Freiburg
Center for Enviroment and Development studies ,National University of Laos
Khula University of Engineering & Tecnology
Roswell Park Cancer Institute
Center for Training of Talented Students, Hanoi University of Technology
R&D and International Relations Office, Ho Chi Minh City University of Technology
Shandong University School of Information Science and Engineering
Institute of IECG, Zhejiang University
Institute of Micro/Nano Science and Technology, Shanghai Jiao Tong University
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# International students from around the world

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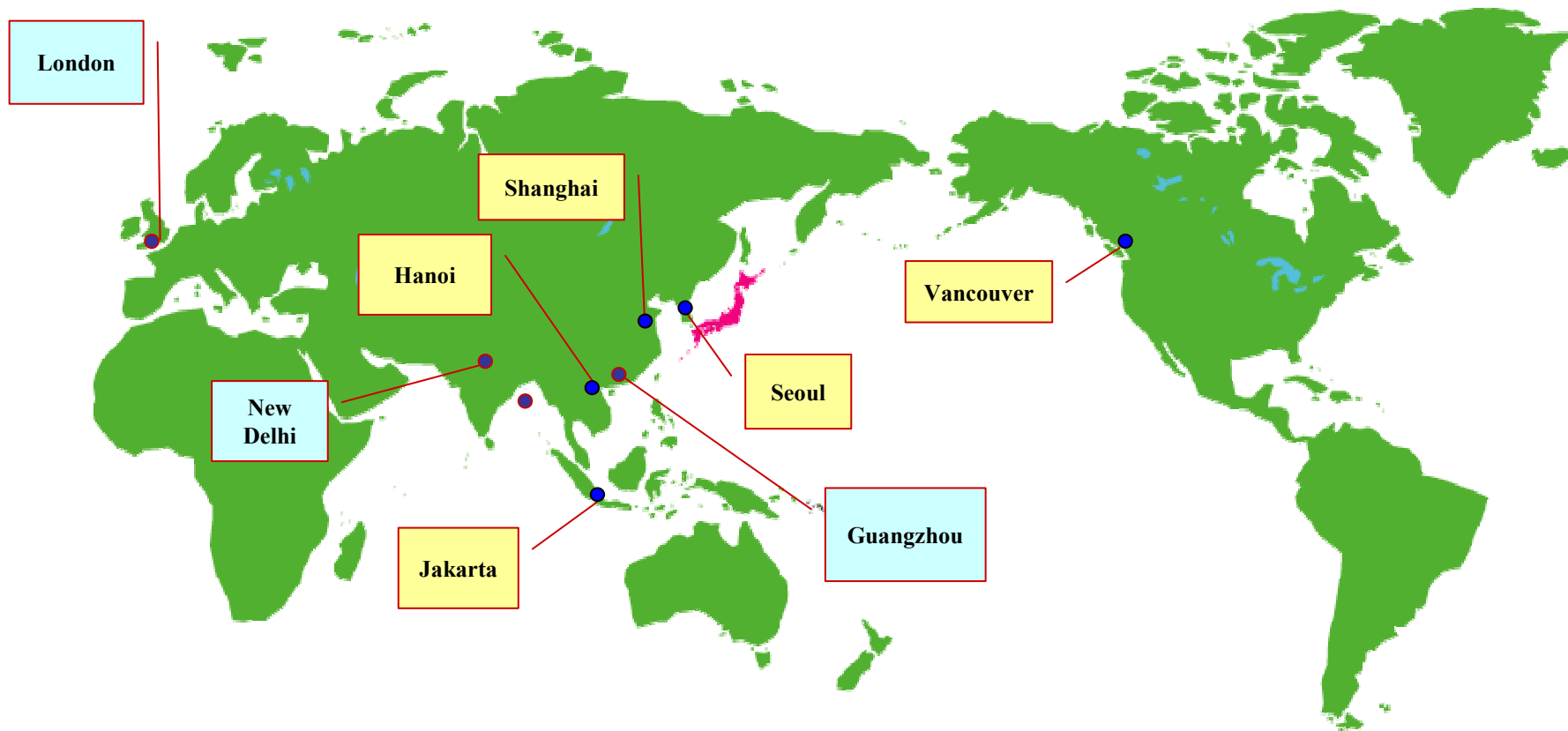
## Target Nations (10 countries & regions)





## Three New Overseas Offices

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**5 Existing Offices + 3 New Offices = 8 Centers**

## Collaboration - Support for International Students

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Collaboration between Ritsumeikan, overseas universities, foreign governments and the Japanese government to provide support for international students

- International Priority Graduate Programs
- Career Development Program for Foreign Students from Asia
- Japanese Grant Aid for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS)
- Indonesia Linkage Program
- Chinese Government Scholarship Program
- Malaysia Twinning Program
- Various scholarships provided by international organizations (World Bank, Asian Development Bank, etc.)
- Dual degree programs with overseas universities

Thank You !