

Diversity
Inclusion

**Center for Global Education
The University of Tokyo
Annual Report 2023**



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Dr. Kaori Hayashi
Executive Vice President

For the University of Tokyo to continue advancing, "global" and "diversity" are essential elements in its education and research.

We must cultivate a campus where individuals from across Japan and around the world can come together, inspiring the intersection of diverse values. In doing so, new ideas and greater understanding emerge, empowering everyone to collaborate toward a better world.

Under President Teruo Fujii, the University of Tokyo established the Center for Global Education (GlobE) in 2023, followed by the Center for Coproduction of Inclusion, Diversity and Equity (IncluDE) in 2024, as a university-wide center.

GlobE fosters students' global perspectives through a variety of educational opportunities, including engagement with international students both on- and off-campus, as well as short- and long-term overseas training programs. Alongside its established relationships with East Asia and the West, the center aims to strengthen exchanges with regions such as Southeast Asia, Oceania, South Asia, the Middle East, and Africa.

This report not only reflects on GlobE's impactful inaugural year but also contemplates the future direction of its activities. We hope GlobE will continue to serve as a driving force for an increasingly global University of Tokyo.



Dr. Yujin Yaguchi
Vice President
Director, Center for
Global Education

The year 2023 marked the founding of the Center for Global Education (GlobE), and this report reflects on its remarkable inaugural year.

The concept of GlobE dates back to 2021. Under the leadership of President Teruo Fujii, who assumed office in April, and Executive Vice President Kaori Hayashi (responsible for Global and Diversity Affairs), plans for a university-wide organization to promote global perspectives for all students were set into motion, ultimately culminating in its establishment two years later.

While many functions from the former Division for Global Campus Initiatives were carried over, the creation of a new university-wide center for education and research offered a fresh start. The first year involved a series of trials, as staff and faculty worked collaboratively to address various challenges and expand opportunities for global education.

Among these efforts, the introduction of Global Liberal Arts Courses for all undergraduate students was particularly groundbreaking. This program, which enables international exchange students and UTokyo students to explore topics related to the SDGs in English, significantly broadened global learning opportunities on campus.

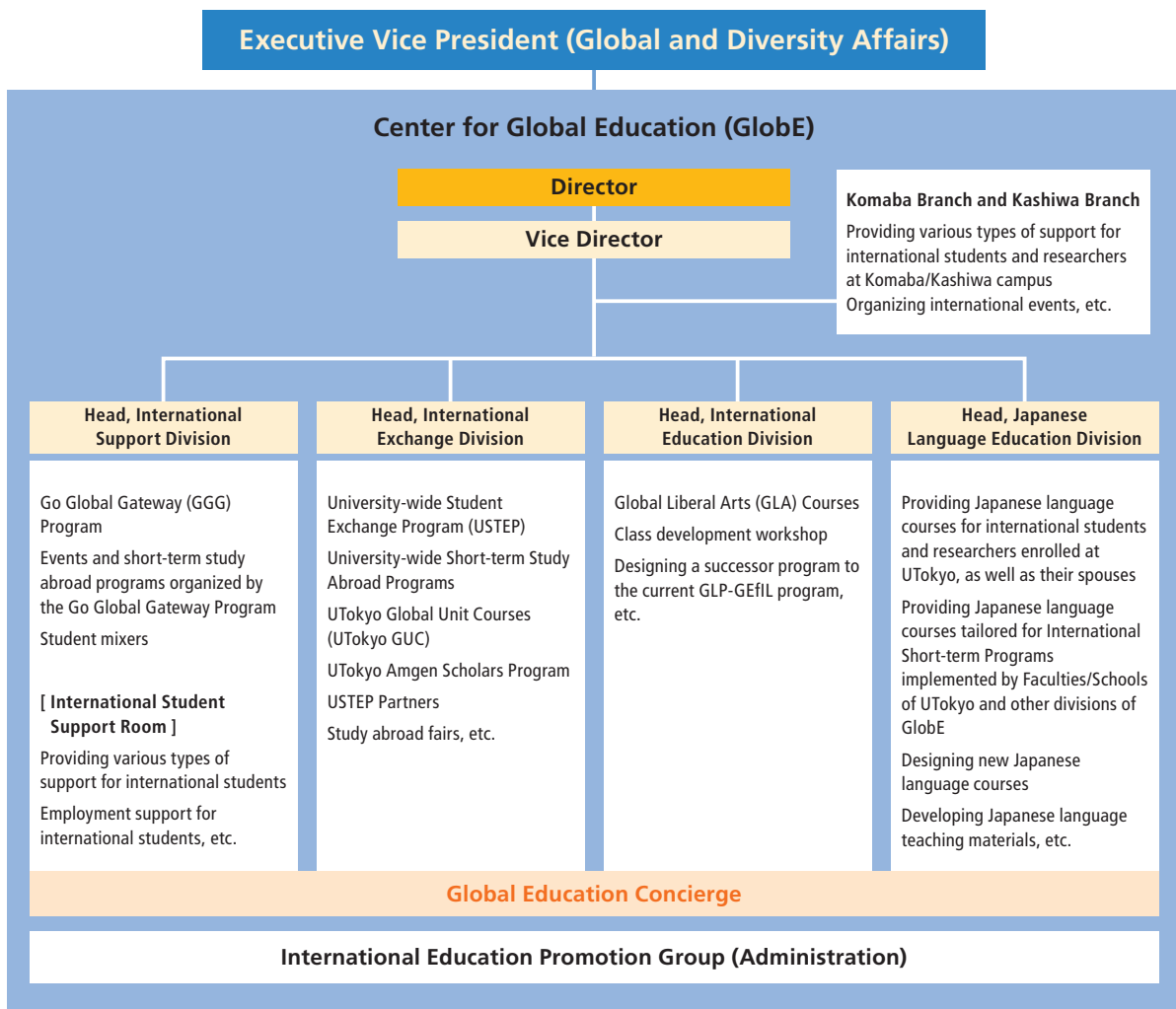
Additionally, several initiatives previously unseen at the University of Tokyo were launched, including the expansion of the Go Global Gateway, the "Dialogue at UTokyo GlobE" series—facilitating discussions between top global leaders and UTokyo's president and executive vice presidents—and the paid summer school program for international students (UTokyo Global Unit Courses). Of course, established programs like the university-wide student exchange program (USTEP) and short-term overseas study programs were also further enhanced.

A very special memory from this year was the opening ceremony held in October. JICA President Dr. Akihiko Tanaka (former UTokyo Executive Vice President for Global Affairs) delivered a keynote speech, and professional singer and former UTokyo exchange student Sarah Alainn captivated the audience with her beautiful voice. The presence of many guests reinforced the high expectations set for GlobE.

Moving forward, GlobE will continue its efforts to ensure that all students at the University of Tokyo have opportunities to encounter new values and broaden their perspectives through global experiences.

History and Organization Chart

Month Year	Event
April 2005	Division for International Relations established
April 2010	Integrated International Student Center and other related sections; Establish Division of International Affairs, International Center, and Center for Japanese Language Education within the Division
April 2012	Global Campus Initiative established within the Division of International Affairs
October 2014	Top Global University Project launched Restructured Global Campus Initiative; Global Campus Promotion Office established Under Global Campus Promotion Office, Planning and Public Relations Division, Education Promotion Division, and Student Exchange Division established
April 2017	Planning and Public Relations Division, Education Promotion Division, and Student Exchange Division were restructured to establish Planning and Strategy Division and Education and Student Division
April 2018	Restructured Division for International Affairs; Division for Global Campus Initiatives established Under Division for Global Campus Initiatives, International Planning and Strategy Office, International Education Support Office, and Center for Japanese Language Education established Go Global Gateway (GGG) Program launched
June 2021	UTokyo Global Unit Courses (UTokyo GUC) launched
April 2023	Division for Global Campus Initiatives abolished; Center for Global Education (GlobE) established International Support Division, International Exchange Division, International Education Division, Japanese Language Education Division, Komaba Branch, and Kashiwa Branch established within Center for Global Education Global Liberal Arts (GLA) Courses launched



Overview

International Support Division

The International Support Division develops the Go Global Gateway (GGG) program, which serves as the basis for the center's Global Education Concierge. It provides comprehensive support for internationalizing our students by bringing together a wide range of global educational activities both on and off campus. It also collaborates with alumni, industry, and government to secure external funding to support and expand the scope of students' global activities. The division also provides support for the rapidly increasing number of international students through the International Student Support Room. It will strengthen counseling systems for international students and expand support for students who wish to stay in Japan after graduation, such as employment support.

International Exchange Division

The International Exchange Division focuses on mid- and short-term international student exchange programs. In the 2023 academic year, it sent nearly 600 students abroad and hosted more than 450 students from outside Japan. The division offers other international programs including the UTokyo Global Unit Courses (UTokyo GUC), which is a for-fee summer program for international students. In close collaboration with the International Support Division, it also plans to launch international internship programs as part of UTokyo GUC. Additionally, the division plans to create "breakthrough international exchange," which focuses on regions with which UTokyo students have had limited encounters and interactions, such as South Asia, Eastern Europe, and Africa.

International Education Division

The International Education Division began offering Global Liberal Arts (GLA) Courses in the S semester of 2023. Each GLA is a small, interdisciplinary, interactive class that addresses SDG-related themes such as gender, diversity, health, poverty, and environment. It is taught entirely in English. The division offered a total of 31 GLA courses in the S and A semesters*. It hosts periodic meetings of GLA instructors to discuss course-related issues. The Division is coordinating with Ochanomizu University to realize the joint implementation of courses based on a comprehensive agreement with the university. The division is also responsible for the Global Leadership Program (GLP), which is a successor to the Global Education for Innovation and Leadership Program (GLP-GEFIL).

* S semester: classes are held from April to July

A semester: classes are held from October to January of the following year

Japanese Language Education Division

The Japanese Language Education Division provides Japanese language education to the university's international students, researchers, and their spouses. Approximately 80 courses were offered during the 2023 academic year, with a total of nearly 1,200 students attending. To meet the diverse needs of students across campuses, the division offers various short-term courses and special themed seminars during different time periods. All the courses are offered online. The division also offers Japanese language courses for the students of International Short-term Programs sponsored by other divisions of GlobE and other Faculties/Schools of UTokyo. In the future, the division plans to offer fee-based Japanese language courses for international students prior to their official enrollment in the university.

Komaba Branch and Kashiwa Branch

GlobE also offers support to international students and researchers on Komaba campus and Kashiwa campus through its branch offices.

Management Committees

Center for Global Education has established the following committees for its administration.

Steering Committee

for organization, faculty selection, education, budget, and other important matters concerning the operation of the Center for Global Education

● Members

Chair	Yujin Yaguchi	Vice President/Director, Center for Global Education/Professor, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
Committee Member	Kaori Hayashi	Executive Vice President (Global and Diversity Affairs)
Committee Member	Kunihiro Ohta	Executive Vice President (Education and Information)
Committee Member	Masami Nakao	Vice Director/Project Professor, Center for Global Education (in charge of Komaba Branch)
Committee Member	Akiko Onishi	Professor, International Support Division/Professor, Center for Research on Counseling and Support Services
Committee Member	Mariko Harada	Assistant Professor, International Support Division/Assistant Professor, Center for Research on Counseling and Support Services
Committee Member	Yuki Ohara	Associate Professor, International Education Division
Committee Member	Sam Bamkin	Assistant Professor, International Education Division
Committee Member	Kaoru Maehara	Assistant Professor, Japanese Language Education Division
Committee Member	Kenji Tsutsui	Professor, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
Committee Member	Kazuhiro Takanabe	Professor, Graduate School of Engineering
Committee Member	Kanichiro Omiya	Professor, Graduate School of Humanities and Sociology
Committee Member	Jeongyun Lee	Professor, Graduate School of Education
Committee Member	Koichi Ito	Professor, Graduate School of Frontier Sciences (in charge of Kashiwa Branch)
Committee Member	Satoshi Watanabe	Deputy Director, International Strategic Planning Office/Professor, Graduate School of Engineering
Committee Member	Tsuyoshi Kimizuka	General Manager, Education and Student Support Department

Academic Affairs Committee

for Global Liberal Arts Courses, Go Global Gateway Program, short-term student exchange, Japanese language education, matters referred by the Steering Committee, and other issues related to international education for the entire university

● Members

Chair	Masami Nakao	Vice Director/Project Professor, Center for Global Education (in charge of Komaba Branch)
Committee Member	Yuki Ohara	Associate Professor, International Education Division
Committee Member	Sam Bamkin	Assistant Professor, International Education Division
Committee Member	Kaoru Maehara	Assistant Professor, Japanese Language Education Division
Committee Member	Kenji Tsutsui	Professor, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
Committee Member	Kazuhiro Takanabe	Professor, Graduate School of Engineering
Committee Member	Kanichiro Omiya	Professor, Graduate School of Humanities and Sociology
Committee Member	Jeongyun Lee	Professor, Graduate School of Education
Committee Member	Koichi Ito	Professor, Graduate School of Frontier Sciences (in charge of Kashiwa Branch)
Committee Member	Tsuyoshi Kimizuka	General Manager, Education and Student Support Department

Members

Affiliation	Title	Name
Center for Global Education	Director	Yujin Yaguchi
	Vice Director/ Project Professor	Masami Nakao
	Project Researcher	Minami Kifune
International Support Division/ Center for Research on Counseling and Support Services	Professor	Akiko Onishi
	Assistant Professor	Mariko Harada
	Project Assistant Professor	Keiko Ito
International Support Division	Project Lecturer	Sho Shimoyamada
International Support Division/ Center for Research on Counseling and Support Services	Project Assistant Professor	Zhiyuan Jiang
International Education Division	Project Professor	Tom Gally
	Associate Professor	Yuki Ohara
	Assistant Professor	Sam Bamkin
	Project Assistant Professor	Tito Akindele
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		Ian Wash
		Sylwia Ejmont
		Tomoko Kamishima
		Isaac Tyrone Ghampson
		John Quayle
		Aurora Tsai
		Liz Shek-Noble
Dennis Stromback		
Manuel Senna		

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		Doris Zhang
		Greg Dalziel
		Richard Dietz
		Alexandra Terashima
		Erika D'Souza
		Christopher Nicklin
		Naomi Berman
		John Pazdziora
		Catherine Hansen
		Graham Peebles
		Alex Bueno
		Natsuno Funada
		Jesús Alberto Pulido Arcas
		Simon Perry
		Candler Hallman
Anna Bordilovskaya		
Stefanie Mack		
John Solomon Maninang		
Raquel Moreno- Penaranda		
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	Research Associate	Yoshiko Serikawa
		Weiwei Zhang

As of March 31, 2024

Highlights of Activities in the 2023 Academic Year



Opening Ceremony

The Center for Global Education (GlobE) held its opening ceremony on October 11, 2023, at Yasuda Auditorium on Hongo campus, followed by a reception at Ito Hall. In addition to the UTokyo faculty, staff, and students, the event welcomed approximately 160 guests from outside the university who support GlobE's mission.

The ceremony featured a keynote speech by Dr. Akihiko Tanaka, President of Japan International Cooperation Agency, and a screening of the documentary about the UTokyo – Asian University for Women (AUW) Joint Summer Program, one of GlobE's key programs.

At the reception, several students delivered speeches sharing their study abroad experiences. The reception also featured a beautiful and inspiring performance by singer and violinist Sarah Àlainn, who had previously studied at UTokyo as an exchange student from Australia.

GlobE launched its journey amidst the event's warm, engaging, forward-looking atmosphere and the enthusiasm of all the attendees.



Keynote speech by Dr. Akihiko Tanaka, President of Japan International Cooperation Agency



Performance by special guest Sarah Àlainn

Dialogue at UTokyo GlobE

Dialogue at UTokyo GlobE is a series of conversations through which students deepen their understanding of and broaden their perspectives on the world through interactions with global leaders from various fields and industries. Students are active participants in the conversations led by UTokyo President and Executive Vice President. In the 2023 academic year, the series hosted six speakers from diverse backgrounds, experience, and expertise.

	Date	Title	Speaker (Affiliation)*
1	May 27, 2023	Be the Change You Want to See: How Diversity of Perspectives Leads to Prosperity	Miwa Kato (Director of the Division for Operations at the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime)
2	July 27, 2023	The New Politics of Sustainable Development	Jeffrey D. Sachs (Director of the Center for Sustainable Development at Columbia University/ President of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network)
3	October 19, 2023	Explore Possibilities: How to Create Your Own Career Path	Yoshiko Mito (Adjunct Assistant Professor at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai)
4	November 9, 2023	Empowered —Frame Your Narrative, Own Your Power—	Serena Sacks-Mandel (The Global CTO for Education at Microsoft)
5	January 15, 2024	Emotional Intelligence in the Lab, Workplace, and Classroom	Peter Salovey (President of Yale University)
6	February 16, 2024	Start-ups and Higher Education	Ben Nelson (Founder of Minerva University)

*Affiliation at the time of the event



No. 4 | Empowered—Frame Your Narrative, Own Your Power—



No. 2 | The New Politics of Sustainable Development



No. 6 | Start-ups and Higher Education

Introduction of the Global Liberal Arts (GLA) Courses



In the 2023 academic year, GlobE launched Global Liberal Arts (GLA) Courses, open to all undergraduate students in Senior Division (third- and fourth-year) as well as graduate students and University-wide Student Exchange Program (USTEP) students.

All GLA courses are conducted in English and stress interactive learning. All courses explore pressing global issues, particularly related to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and cover topics such as gender, diversity, health, and poverty.

In the 2023 academic year, seven courses were offered in the S semester and 24 courses in the A semester, enrolling a total of 294 students, approximately half of whom were USTEP students. GLA courses are an important forum for students across fields and backgrounds to learn and think collaboratively.

GlobE aims to bring many more students to GLA courses by expanding the course offerings across topics and class days/times. GLA courses are at the core of GlobE's educational mission to foster global perspectives and critical thinking skills.

▶ See details on pp. 20-21

Experience Excellence at UTokyo

—Graduates Discuss UTokyo at UTokyo NY Office

In the 2021 academic year, UTokyo New York Office launched an event featuring UTokyo alumni and bringing high school, undergraduate, and graduate students from around the world. The event aims to promote what UTokyo offers and to attract talented students to come study at the university.

In the 2021 and 2022 academic years, the events were streamed via Zoom webinars, connecting the UTokyo New York Office with speakers in Japan. Following the conversation with UTokyo alumni, the attendees participated in individual consultation sessions with the staff of the International Exchange Group (currently the International Education Promotion Group) as well as various departments and offices of the university.

In the 2023 academic year, the conversation held at the New York Office was videorecorded, edited, and released online.



Watch the Promotional Video

https://globe.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/news/news_240304.html

In-person UTokyo Global Unit Courses (UTokyo GUC)

In 2021, as part of the Division for Global Campus Initiatives (currently Globe), UTokyo launched Global Unit Courses (UTokyo GUC). UTokyo GUC is an intensive, short-term (one to two weeks) program of courses in June and July, taught by UTokyo faculty and conducted in English. UTokyo GUC is open to fee-paying students from around the world.

Initially begun as an online program, in 2023 the program started offering in-person courses on UTokyo campus, bringing approximately 300 students from around the globe. UTokyo GUC fosters diverse learning on UTokyo campus as well as promotes the university to talented, motivated students of the world.



▶ [See details on p. 18](#)

Short-term Joint Programs with Asian University for Women

In the 2021 academic year, UTokyo inaugurated a groundbreaking partnership with Asian University for Women (AUW), a liberal arts university in Chittagong, Bangladesh, that offers higher education for women in South Asia and other parts of the Global South. This joint program brings together students from both universities for two weeks to learn together and from each other. Each year,



participating students engage in a series of lectures, workshops, and other activities related to gender, immigration, refugees, and displaced people.

The 2023 academic year was the first time in which the program was conducted in person at both universities. For the summer program, AUW students traveled to Japan to spend two weeks in UTokyo; for the winter program, UTokyo students visited the AUW campus in Chittagong for two weeks.

▶ [See details on p. 23](#)

GO GLOBAL UTokyo Study Abroad Fair 2023

For the first time in four years since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, GO GLOBAL UTokyo Study Abroad Fair was held in person on May 27, 2023, on Komaba campus. The fair brought a total of 1,700 attendees, illustrating the strong demand and enthusiasm for the event.

In addition to a general information session, individual consultations, and summer program information session, the fair featured two special lectures: one by Dr. Makoto Suwa from the World Bank and a JAXA astronaut candidate and another by Dr. Miwa Kato, Director of the Division for Operations at the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.



Aimed primarily at students in the early stages of their undergraduate studies, the fair appeals the significance of study abroad and international exchange programs as well as provides information about the range of opportunities and programs available at UTokyo. The fair aims to cultivate students' interest early in their university life so that they can begin planning for study abroad as part of their undergraduate experience.

List of Partner Universities for the University-wide Student Exchange Program (USTEP)

The University-wide Student Exchange Program is a student exchange program between UTokyo and its partner universities through which students are sent and hosted between universities. For details, please see page 14 (USTEP [Outbound from UTokyo to partner universities]) and page 16 (USTEP [Inbound from partner universities to UTokyo]).

Asia

- Taiwan** National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University,
National Taiwan University
- Bangladesh** Asian University for Women
- China** Fudan University, Nankai University,
Nanjing University, Peking University,
Shanghai Jiao Tong University,
Tsinghua University, Zhejiang University
- Hong Kong** The Hong Kong University of Science and
Technology,
The University of Hong Kong
- Indonesia** Gadjah Mada University,
University of Indonesia
- South Korea** Korea University,
Pohang University of Science and Technology,
Seoul National University, Yonsei University
- Malaysia** University of Malaya
- Philippines** University of the Philippines
- Singapore** Nanyang Technological University,
National University of Singapore
- Thailand** Chulalongkorn University

Middle East

- Turkey** Bogazici University
- Israel** The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

North America

- Canada** McGill University,
University of British Columbia,
University of Toronto, University of Victoria
- United States** Johns Hopkins University,
Northeastern University,
Northwestern University,
Princeton University (Graduate),
Princeton University (Undergraduate),
Swarthmore College, UC Santa Cruz,
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign,
University of Washington,
Yale University (Fox International Fellowship
Program)

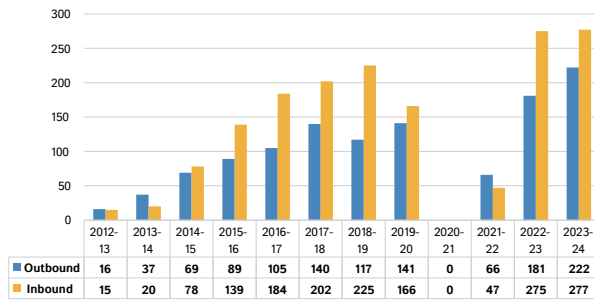
Central and South America

- Brazil** University of São Paulo
- Chile** The Pontifical Catholic University of Chile,
The University of Chile
- Mexico** El Colegio de México,
The National Autonomous University of Mexico

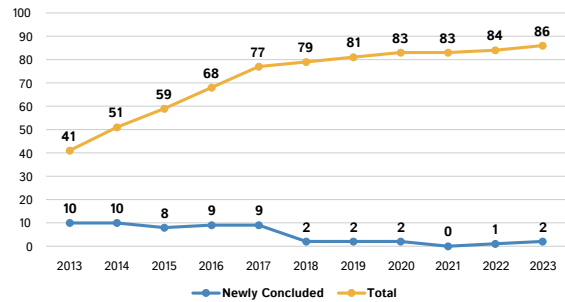
Oceania

- Australia** Australian National University, Monash University,
The University of Adelaide,
The University of Melbourne,
The University of Queensland,
The University of Sydney,
The University of New South Wales
- New Zealand** The University of Auckland, University of Otago

■ Trends in Student Mobility



■ Number of Partner Universities for USTEP



Europe

Denmark

University of Copenhagen

Finland

University of Helsinki

France

École des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS),
École Polytechnique, Institut d'études politiques de Paris (SciencesPo)
The Université Grenoble Alpes, University of Strasbourg

Germany

Free University of Berlin, Ludwig-Maximilians-University of Munich,
University of Cologne

Ireland

Trinity College Dublin, The University of Dublin., University College Dublin

Italy

Sapienza University of Rome

Netherlands

Leiden University, University of Groningen

Russia

Saint Petersburg State University

Spain

Autonomous University of Madrid

Sweden

KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Lund University,
Stockholm University, Uppsala University

Switzerland

Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich,
University of Geneva, University of Zurich

United Kingdom

Durham University, London School of Economics and Political Science,
SOAS University of London (School of Oriental and African Studies),
The University of Glasgow, The University of Manchester,
The University of Sheffield, The University of Warwick,
University College London, University of Exeter, University of Southampton

International Exchange Division

Outbound

USTEP (Outbound from UTokyo to partner universities)

Students from any undergraduate faculty or graduate school can apply to USTEP. In the 2023 academic year, a total of 222 students were sent in the autumn and spring semesters.

Students sent abroad in the 2023 Academic Year

■ Autumn Semester (depart in August - October 2023)

Country/Region	University	Number of Students
Taiwan	National Taiwan University	2
China	Zhejiang University	1
China	Peking University	3
Hong Kong	The University of Hong Kong	2
Hong Kong	The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	1
South Korea	Seoul National University	4
South Korea	Yonsei University	1
Singapore	National University of Singapore	6
Singapore	Nanyang Technological University	2
Brazil	University of São Paulo	1
Turkey	Bogazici University	1
Canada	University of Toronto	5
Canada	University of Victoria	1
Canada	University of British Columbia	6
Canada	McGill University	5
United States	Yale University (Fox International Fellowship Program)	1
United States	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	6
United States	UC Santa Cruz	3
United States	Johns Hopkins University	2
United States	Swarthmore College	2
United States	Northeastern University	3
United States	Princeton University (Undergraduate)	3
United States	Princeton University (Graduate)	1
United States	University of Washington	3
Australia	The University of Adelaide	1
Australia	The University of Queensland	3
Australia	The University of Sydney	2
Australia	The University of New South Wales	5
Australia	The University of Melbourne	2
Australia	Monash University	3
New Zealand	The University of Auckland	2
Denmark	University of Copenhagen	6
Finland	University of Helsinki	3
France	École Polytechnique	2
France	The Université Grenoble Alpes	2
France	École des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS)	2
France	University of Strasbourg	3
France	Institut d'études politiques de Paris (SciencesPo)	4
Germany	University of Cologne	3
Germany	Free University of Berlin	1
Germany	Ludwig-Maximilians-University of Munich	3
Ireland	University College Dublin	1
Italy	Sapienza University of Rome	1
Netherlands	University of Groningen	1

Country/Region	University	Number of Students
Netherlands	Leiden University	4
Sweden	Uppsala University	4
Sweden	KTH Royal Institute of Technology	6
Sweden	Stockholm University	2
Sweden	Lund University	4
Switzerland	University of Geneva	4
Switzerland	Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich	9
Switzerland	University of Zurich	3
United Kingdom	The University of Warwick	4
United Kingdom	University of Exeter	1
United Kingdom	The University of Glasgow	2
United Kingdom	University of Southampton	1
United Kingdom	The University of Sheffield	4
United Kingdom	Durham University	5
United Kingdom	The University of Manchester	4
United Kingdom	University College London	6
United Kingdom	SOAS University of London (School of Oriental and African Studies)	3
United Kingdom	London School of Economics and Political Science	2
Total		183

■ Spring Semester (depart in January - February 2024)

Country/Region	University	Number of Students
Taiwan	National Taiwan University	1
China	Peking University	1
South Korea	Korea University	1
Philippines	University of the Philippines	1
Singapore	Nanyang Technological University	2
United States	University of Washington	1
Australia	The University of Adelaide	4
Australia	Australian National University	2
Australia	The University of Sydney	1
Australia	The University of New South Wales	2
Australia	The University of Melbourne	2
Australia	Monash University	2
New Zealand	The University of Auckland	1
New Zealand	University of Otago	3
France	University of Strasbourg	1
Germany	University of Cologne	2
Sweden	KTH Royal Institute of Technology	3
Sweden	Lund University	2
Switzerland	University of Geneva	2
United Kingdom	University of Southampton	2
United Kingdom	The University of Sheffield	2
United Kingdom	University College London	1
Total		39

USTEP Events

Panel Discussion on Study Abroad and Job Hunting

The event organized by past USTEP students was held on June 21, 2023. The event provided an opportunity for students considering participating in USTEP to interact with and learn from students about USTEP and job searching experience.



IN PERSON EXCHANGE MEETING between outbound students and inbound students for USTEP 2023-24

The event organized by past USTEP students was held on June 23 and 27, 2023. The meeting was designed to provide a networking opportunity between outbound students about to leave for study abroad and inbound students from partner universities currently studying at UTokyo.

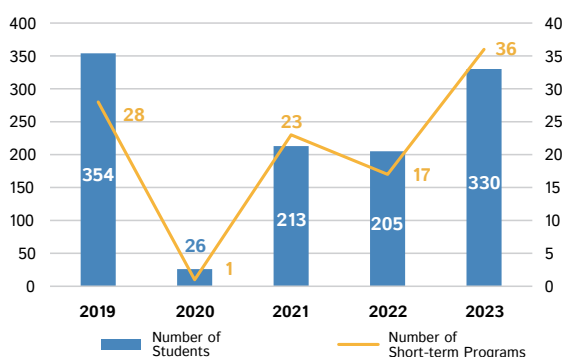
USTEP In-person Exchange Gathering

The event organized by past USTEP students was held on November 30, 2023. Students who have studied abroad, students about to leave for study abroad, and students interested in studying abroad gathered to hear about and share experiences and information.

University-wide Short-term Study Abroad Programs

The University-wide Short-term Study Abroad Program is offered for two to four weeks. The Summer Program is offered during the summer break and the Winter Program during the spring break. Scholarships are provided to students who meet the requirements. The program provides students opportunities to experience study abroad and aims to motivate them to consider longer-term, more specialized international programs in the future. Some programs are designed and run by UTokyo in cooperation with overseas universities, while others are tailored by partner universities for UTokyo students. Those programs include a variety of activities such as language study, lectures, fieldwork, exchange with local students, and cultural experiences. In addition, many students are sent to programs conducted by partner universities and university alliances with which UTokyo is affiliated.

■ Trends in the Number of Short-term Programs and the Number of Students participating in the Programs offered by GlobE*



*offered by the Division for Global Campus Initiatives before the 2022 Academic Year

Academic Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
In-person Programs	28	0	0	8	29
Online Programs	0	1	23	9	7

■ Number of Participants in Summer/Winter Programs organized by GlobE in the 2023 Academic Year

Program Type	University	Number of Participants
Summer Program	The University of Sheffield	39
	The University of Warwick	40
	Chulalongkorn University	25
	King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi	7
Winter Program	University of California San Diego	33
	The University of Adelaide	40
	University of Otago	34
	Zhejiang University	23
	Institut d'etudes politiques de Paris (SciencesPo)	13
Total		254

International Exchange Division

Inbound

USTEP (Inbound from partner universities to UTokyo)

There are two types of USTEP students: Type U for undergraduate students and Type G for graduate students. Type U students belong to the Center for Global Education and can take Global Liberal Arts Courses and various courses offered by other Faculties/Schools. Type G students are affiliated with graduate schools and take classes or conduct research in laboratories. 280 students in total were accepted in the S and A semesters in the 2023 academic year.

Students accepted in the 2023 Academic Year

■ S Semester (arrive in April 2023)

Country/Region	University	Number of Students		Subtotal
		Type U	Type G	
Taiwan	National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University		1	1
China	Nanjing University	2		2
China	Tsinghua University	1		1
Hong Kong	The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	4		4
Indonesia	Gajah Mada University	3		3
Indonesia	University of Indonesia	1		1
South Korea	Pohang University of Science and Technology	1		1
South Korea	Seoul National University	1		1
Malaysia	University of Malaya	1		1
Singapore	Nanyang Technological University	3		3
Singapore	National University of Singapore	8		8
Chile	The Pontifical Catholic University of Chile	2		2
Mexico	El Colegio de México	1		1
Canada	McGill University	1		1
Canada	University of British Columbia	5		5
Canada	University of Toronto	3		3
Canada	University of Victoria	1		1
United States	Northeastern University	6		6
United States	Princeton University		1	1
United States	Swarthmore College	1		1
United States	UC Santa Cruz	1		1
United States	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	5		5
United States	University of Washington	3		3
Australia	Australian National University	2		2
Australia	Monash University	3		3
Australia	The University of Adelaide	2		2
Australia	The University of Melbourne	4		4
Australia	The University of Queensland	3		3
Australia	The University of Sydney	2		2
Australia	The University of New South Wales	1		1
New Zealand	The University of Auckland	1		1
Turkey	Bogazici University	2	1	3
Denmark	University of Copenhagen	2	3	5
Finland	University of Helsinki	1		1
Germany	University of Cologne		1	1
Ireland	Trinity College Dublin, The University of Dublin	2		2
Ireland	University College Dublin	3		3
Netherlands	University of Groningen	1		1
Russia	Saint Petersburg State University		2	2
Sweden	KTH Royal Institute of Technology		4	4
Sweden	Lund University	1		1
Sweden	Stockholm University	3		3
Switzerland	Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich	2	6	8
Switzerland	University of Geneva	1	1	2
Switzerland	University of Zurich	1		1
United Kingdom	The University of Manchester	1		1
Total		92	20	112

■ A Semester (arrive in September/October 2023)

Country/Region	University	Number of Students		Subtotal
		Type U	Type G	
Taiwan	National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University	1		1
Taiwan	National Taiwan University	2		2
China	Fudan University	4		4
China	Nanjing University	2		2
China	Peking University	1	2	3

Country/Region	University	Number of Students		Subtotal
		Type U	Type G	
China	Shanghai Jiao Tong University	3		3
China	Tsinghua University	2	1	3
China	Zhejiang University	5	1	6
Hong Kong	The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	3		3
Hong Kong	The University of Hong Kong	2		2
South Korea	Korea University	2		2
South Korea	Seoul National University	2		2
South Korea	Yonsei University	4		4
Malaysia	University of Malaya	3		3
Singapore	National University of Singapore	3		3
Chile	The University of Chile	3		3
Canada	McGill University	2		2
Canada	University of British Columbia	2		2
Canada	University of Toronto	2		2
United States	Johns Hopkins University	2		2
United States	Princeton University	1	1	2
United States	Swarthmore College	3		3
United States	UC Santa Cruz	2		2
United States	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	1		1
United States	University of Washington	5		5
Australia	Australian National University	3		3
Australia	Monash University	2		2
Australia	The University of Adelaide	2		2
Australia	The University of Melbourne	5		5
Australia	The University of Queensland	3		3
Australia	The University of Sydney	2		2
Australia	The University of New South Wales	2		2
New Zealand	The University of Auckland	2		2
New Zealand	University of Otago	1		1
Trukey	Bogazici University	1		1
Denmark	University of Copenhagen	5		5
Finland	University of Helsinki	4		4
France	École des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS)		1	1
France	École Polytechnique	1		1
France	The Université Grenoble Alpes	1		1
France	University of Strasbourg	1		1
Germany	Free University of Berlin	1		1
Germany	Ludwig-Maximilians-University of Munich	2		2
Germany	University of Cologne		1	1
Ireland	Trinity College Dublin, The University of Dublin	2		2
Ireland	University College Dublin	2		2
Italy	Sapienza University of Rome	1		1
Netherlands	Leiden University	2	1	3
Netherlands	University of Groningen	4		4
Spain	Autonomous University of Madrid	2		2
Sweden	KTH Royal Institute of Technology	1	1	2
Sweden	Lund University		4	4
Sweden	Stockholm University	1		1
Sweden	Uppsala University	4		4
Switzerland	Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich	1	6	7
Switzerland	University of Geneva	2	1	3
Switzerland	University of Zurich	1		1
United Kingdom	Durham University	5		5
United Kingdom	London School of Economics and Political Science	3		3
United Kingdom	The University of Glasgow	2		2
United Kingdom	The University of Warwick	2		2
United Kingdom	University College London	7		7
United Kingdom	University of Exeter	2		2
United Kingdom	University of Southampton	4		4
Total		148	20	168

USTEP Partners

USTEP Partners is a new initiative that began in the A semester in the 2023 academic year with the aim of providing opportunities for UTokyo students to be more actively involved in international exchanges. UTokyo students become partners for USTEP students coming from abroad to help them get accustomed to student life in Japan. They also plan various activities to welcome the exchange students.



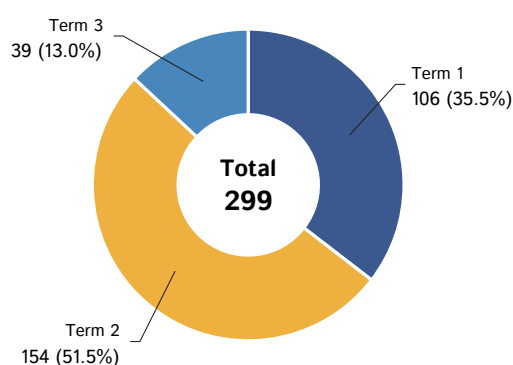
UTokyo Global Unit Courses (UTokyo GUC)

UTokyo GUC is for-fee summer courses for international students.

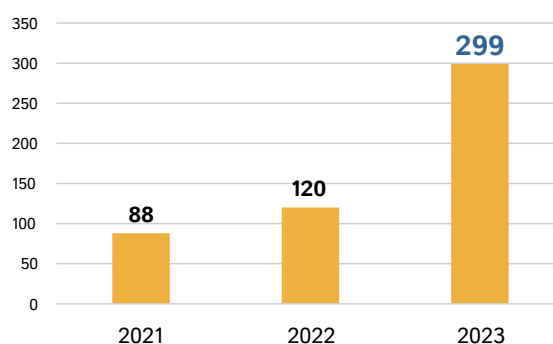
List of Courses in the 2023 Academic Year

Term	Course Title	Instructor
Term 1	AI for Understanding Human Intelligence	Project Prof. Yukie Nagai
	Early Language Acquisition: How Human Infants Learn Language Within Their Social Environment	Asst. Prof. Sho Tsuji
	Sustainability, Social Justice and Resource Management	Assoc. Prof. Hiroe Ishihara
	Survival Japanese (Beginner Level)	Asst. Prof. Kaoru Maehara (Coordinator)
	Communication Strategy in Japanese Conversation (Advanced Level)	Asst. Prof. Kaoru Maehara (Coordinator)
Term 2	Capitalism and the Senses	Assoc. Prof. Ai Hisano
	Contemporary Japanese Politics	Prof. Kenneth Mori McElwain
	Dilemmas of Development in Asia	Prof. Jin Sato
	Group Theory and Its Applications: Introduction to Beautiful Modern Mathematics	Prof. Yukari Ito
	Sustainable Urban Management	Assoc. Prof. Kiyoko Kurisu
	AI and Social Justice	Prof. Yuko Itatsu
	Survival Japanese (Beginner Level)	Asst. Prof. Kaoru Maehara (Coordinator)
Term 3	Japanese Kanji for Kanji Background Students (Intermediate to Advanced Level)	Asst. Prof. Kaoru Maehara (Coordinator)
	Law in Transnational East Asia	Prof. Kentaro Matsubara
	Science of Light: From Fundamentals to Advanced Technologies	Prof. Satoshi Iwamoto
	Writings About Japan: Analyzing Cultural Representations, From Orientalism to Artificial Intelligence	Prof. Yujin Yaguchi

Aggregate Number of Students in the 2023 Academic Year



Aggregate Number of Students per Academic Year



Country/Region of Participants' Home Universities (2023 Academic Year)

Asia	China, Singapore, Taiwan, Japan, South Korea, India, Thailand
Central and South America	Brazil
North America	United States, Canada
Oceania	Australia, New Zealand
Middle East	Turkey
Europe	United Kingdom, Germany, Denmark, Romania, Netherlands, Belgium



UTokyo Amgen Scholars Program

The UTokyo Amgen Scholars Program, funded by the Amgen Foundation (U.S.), is an eight-week summer internship program for undergraduate students majoring in science and biotechnology, providing research experience at 25 universities and institutions around the world, with the aim of developing future scientists and innovators.

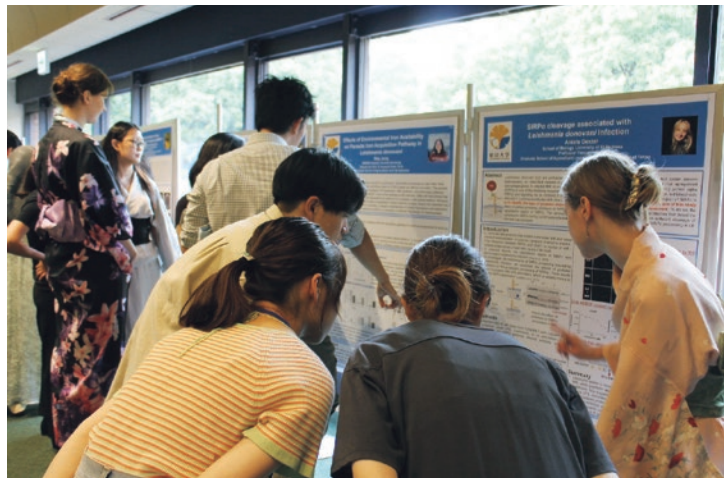
All participants in the program at UTokyo stay in the same accommodation during the program, engage in cutting-edge research in the laboratories of graduate schools/institutes of science, and take part in research presentations and excursions. In the 2023 academic year, 39 students participated in the program at UTokyo.

Host Graduate School	Host Laboratory
Graduate School of Medicine	Prof. Haruhiko Bito (2), Prof. Kenzo Hirose (1), Prof. Meng Ling Moi (1), Prof. Yasushi Okada (2), Prof. Makoto Takeda (1), Prof. Hiroki R. Ueda (1)
Graduate School of Engineering	Assoc. Prof. Horacio Cabral (1), Assoc. Prof. Katsuko S Furukawa (1), Prof. Kouhei Tsumoto (1), Lect. Keiichi Nakagawa (1), Prof. Akimitsu Okamoto (1), Prof. Kazuhiro Takanabe (3)
Graduate School of Science	Prof. Robert Campbell (1), Prof. Keisuke Goda (1), Prof. Hiroyuki Isobe (1), Prof. Shu Kobayashi (1), Prof. Yasushi Okada (1)
Graduate School of Agricultural and Life Sciences	Prof. Toru Fujiwara (1), Prof. Yasuyuki Goto (2), Assoc. Prof. Naoyuki Kataoka (1), Prof. Koji Nagata (2), Prof. Shin-Ichiro Takahashi (1), Prof. Keitaro Tanoi (2), Prof. Keitaro Yamanouchi (2)
Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences	Prof. Koh Takeuchi (2)
Institute of Industrial Science	Assoc. Prof. Yoshio Ikeuchi (1), Lect. Soo Hyeon Kim (2), Prof. Yukiko Matsunaga (1), Assoc. Prof. Tsuyoshi Minami (1)

Number in bracket signifies students accepted.

Breakdown of Participating Students (2023 Academic Year)

Country/Region of Participants' Home Universities	Number of Students
United States	13
India	6
United Kingdom	6
Singapore	2
Japan	2
Canada	2
China	1
South Korea	1
Vietnam	1
Kazakhstan	1
Malaysia	1
Ukraine	1
Brazil	1
Mexico	1
Total	39



International Education Division

Global Liberal Arts (GLA) Courses

GlobE began offering GLA Courses in the 2023 academic year. Seven courses were offered in the S semester and 24 in the A semester, with a total of 294 students (approximately half of whom were USTEP students) enrolled. In the 2023 academic year, GLA Courses were also made available to students from Ukraine who were enrolled under the “Emergency Relief Program for Scholars and Students at Risk Following the Invasion of Ukraine by Russia”, with a total of seven students taking courses.

Faculty members met in the “International Education Division Meeting” four times during the 2023 academic year to discuss issues such as course themes, grading, and ways to increase future enrollment. They also held voluntary course development workshops.

Number of Courses offered in the 2023 Academic Year

31

S Semester: 7 Courses

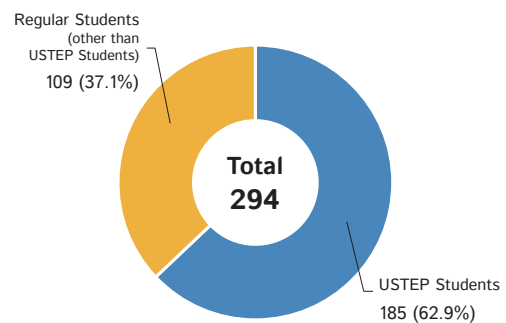
A Semester: 24 Courses

Total Number of Students enrolled in the 2023 Academic Year

294



Ratio of Students Enrolled



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List of Courses in the 2023 Academic Year

Semester	Number	Instructor	Course Title
S Semester	1	Tito Akindele	Chemistry for a Sustainable World
	2	Tomoko Kamishima	Allocating Resources in Health Care Fairly
	3	Anna Bordilovskaya	Diversity in Japanese Culture and Language
	4	James Ellinger	DIY and Open Science
	5	Manuel Senna	Underground and Clandestine Media
	6	Raquel Moreno-Penaranda	The “SDGs” Contested
	7	Tom Gally	The Problems of English in Today’s World
A Semester	1	Naomi Berman	Research and Inquiry for Social Change
	2	Aurora Tsai	Racial and Linguistic Diversity and Inclusion
	3	Sylwia Ejmont	Invisible Connections
	4	Stefanie Mack	Climate Repair
	5	John Quayle	A Post-Mortem of the COVID-19 Crisis
	6	Tom Gally	The Meaning of Language in the Age of AI
	7	Incoronata (Nadia) Inserra	Material Culture, Public History, and Social Change: Current Debates on Monuments Around the World
	8	John Solomon Maninang	Bioactive Components in Food—Implications on Food Safety and Public Health in a Changing Environment
	9	Ian Wash	Introduction to Poverty and International Development
	10	Alex Bueno	What is Nature?: Humanity and the Landscape
	11	John Pazdziora	Reading Children, Reading Childhood
	12	Isaac Tyrone Ghampson	Catalytic Processes for a Sustainable World
	13	Natsuno Funada	Globalisation and English as an International Language: Exploring the Plurality of Englishes
	14	Eric Vanden Bussche	Maps, Border Disputes, and Conflict in East Asia
	15	Alexandra Terashima	Model Organisms in Biomedical Research
	16	Graham Peebles	The Later Wittgenstein: Language & Meaning
	17	Doris Zhang	Intercultural Communication
	18	Dennis Stromback	Engaging Japanese Philosophy for Today’s Global World
	19	Simon Perry	Sociolinguistics in a Global Society
	20	Catherine Hansen	Writing About Gaming: Game Studies as Social Practice
	21	Candler Hallman	A Critical History of Terrorism
	22	Christopher Nicklin	Language Acquisition
	23	Greg Dalziel	The Attention Economy: Social & Political Perspectives
	24	Richard Dietz	Poverty and Famines: Perspectives from Psychology, Economics, History, and Philosophy

International Support Division

Go Global Gateway (GGG) Program



The Go Global Gateway (GGG) program encourages all UTokyo undergraduate students to participate in international learning and exchange opportunities. At UTokyo, the term “global competence” is used to refer to “the ability to live and work together with all kinds of people across the world” and students are urged to develop this ability throughout their time at the university. The GGG program encourages students to gain international experience and learning. Students who complete the GGG requirements are awarded a Certificate of Global Competence by the university.

GGG sponsors events for students throughout the year, including the following.

Interactive Event with Rutgers University Students

UTokyo students welcomed students from Rutgers University in the U.S. on July 13, 2023. They met over lunch and then attended a lecture and discussion led by Professor Yaguchi (GlobE director) on the politics of war memories and museum representations. Afterwards, UTokyo students gave a tour of the campus and the city.



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go-gateway.adm@gs.mail.u-tokyo.ac.jp

Activity Report Writing Workshop

A writing workshop for registered GGG students was held on Komaba and Hongo campuses in October 2023. Dr. Shimoyamada (GlobE Project Lecturer) gave a lecture on how to write activity reports to meet the GGG accreditation requirements. Participants then each drafted their reports, and GGG faculty and staff members reviewed them and provided feedback.

*Activity reports are short reports written by a student after participating in various international activities (e.g., classes taught in foreign languages, study abroad programs, international exchange events, etc.). To receive a GGG certificate, students must submit and receive approval for three or more activity reports.

Short-term Study Abroad Programs

Short-term Joint Programs with Asian University for Women (AUW)

● Summer Program

Ten students from AUW and 11 students from UTokyo came together to study “Immigration, Migration, and Refugees” from August 1 to 10, 2023. While the students came from widely different social, cultural, political, and economic backgrounds, they shared their passion for learning together and exchanging ideas to address today’s global refugee crises. The lectures and extracurricular activities culminated in a symposium in which Ms. Kaneko Doi, the director of Human Rights Watch Japan, gave an inspiring keynote address. This program, supported by the Fast Retailing Foundation, signaled a direction for GlobE’s future global activities—a strong emphasis on collaborative learning among students of different backgrounds and focus on areas in the Global South.



the scholars and activists in Bangladesh, which has hosted a large number of refugees in recent years. In addition to the lectures, the participants visited various sites, including religious institutions and a garment factory to learn about the culture and industry of the nation. Students from both institutions formed a strong bond through class discussions and after-class activities, fostering mutual understanding and friendship across cultures.

● Winter Program

Following the success of the summer program in Tokyo and with the continuing support of the Fast Retailing Foundation, UTokyo students visited AUW in Chittagong, Bangladesh, from February 24 to March 3, 2024. The students—15 from UTokyo and 16 from AUW—participated in the program that, once again, focused on “Immigration, Migration, and Refugees.”

The students learned about this theme from

UTokyo - Princeton University Joint Program

UTokyo and Princeton University held a joint program from March 9 to 19, 2024, under the theme, “People and Culture of Japan and the United States: Past, Present, and Future.” Eight GGG-certified undergraduate students from UTokyo and five undergraduate students from Princeton University studied together at the UTokyo New York Office as well as on the campuses of Rutgers University and Princeton University.



The students listened to lectures on the significance and image of Japan in the United States from lecturers of different disciplines and backgrounds, including Ambassador/Consul-General Mikio Mori of New York's Consulate General of Japan, President Joshua Walker of Japan Society and Dr. Haruko Wakabayashi of Rutgers University. They also spent time together visiting such places as Japan Society's Gallery and enjoying the campus of Princeton University, forming a strong friendship.

Student Mixers



GlobE hosts a range of mixer events and activities to promote interactions between international students and local students. These events nurture social networks for both international and local students and help international students adjust to life in Japan and on campus.



Evening Gathering at UTokyo GlobE Student Plaza #1

On July 5, 2023, a student mixer event was held at GlobE Student Plaza. Eleven Ukrainian students and researchers hosted through the “Emergency Relief Program for Scholars and Students at Risk Following the Invasion of Ukraine by Russia” and 28 students registered for the GGG program gathered together, dressed in yukata robes.

Lunch Gathering at UTokyo GlobE Student Plaza #1

On October 31, 2023, six international students and seven undergraduate students registered for GGG gathered to make Halloween-themed origami together.



UTokyo GlobE Excursion at Hama-rikyu Gardens

On November 29, 2023, GlobE organized an excursion at Hama-rikyu Gardens in the heart of Tokyo. Five Ukrainian students, including those who came through the "Emergency Relief Program for Scholars and Students at Risk Following the Invasion of Ukraine by Russia" and eight UTokyo undergraduate students registered for GGG strolled through the garden together and experienced a traditional tea ceremony.



Peng Ao "Under the Ginkgo Tree"
("Under the Table" Award)

The 1st GlobE Photo Contest

The first GlobE Photo Contest was held in 2023. Open to all students, faculty, and staff at UTokyo, the contest invited entries under two themes: "Embrace Differences" and "A Day in UTokyo." Out of 54 entries, five winners were selected: two for the "Embrace Differences" Award, one for the "Into the Sea of Diversity" Award, one for the "Under the Table" Award, and one for the "Breakthrough" Award.

Talk & Share! ~ What is your favorite XXX? "Ep.1 Manga"

On December 13, 2023, international students and local students gathered for the Talk & Share event to share stories about their favorite manga. Ten international students and five local students brought their favorite manga and engaged in lively conversations, mostly in Japanese.



International Student Support Room

We provide various support and networking opportunities to help international students adjust to life in Japan and enjoy a fulfilling student life.

① Providing various consultations, information, and responding to inquiries from international students and faculty/staff members

We provide support in Japanese, English, and Chinese for cross-cultural/psychological adjustment, academics/research, career/employment in Japan, personal relationships, problems in daily life, and procedures related to daily living. For psychological support, we also collaborate with the counseling offices within the university, such as the Center for Research on Counseling and Support Services.

② Organizing interactive programs

We organize Language Exchange Programs, Chinese Conversation Club, social gatherings with domestic students, and Japanese language exchange events with people from local companies. These events enable international students to meet with local people on and off campus and deepen their connection with Japanese society.

● Orientation for New International Students at Hongo Campus (April/October), Follow-up Orientation, and Hongo Campus Tour

During the spring and autumn enrollment periods, we provide information about life on and off campus in Japanese, English, and Chinese. After the enrollment periods, with the help of current students, we also follow up with them to respond to any new questions or information they may have. In the 2023 academic year, 139 students in the S semester and 188 students in the A semester participated in the orientation and follow-up orientation.



● Language Exchange Program (S Semester and A Semester)

This program enables students to deepen exchanges while learning each other's language. Students search for partners through an online bulletin board based on their preferred language, campus, hobbies, etc. Many international students choose Japanese as their preferred language of exchange, while English is a popular choice among domestic

students. In the 2023 academic year, the program gathered a total of 575 students (281 international students and 294 domestic students).

● Chinese Conversation Club (Year-round)

This gathering is organized every other week on Hongo Campus and once a month on Kashiwa Campus as a place for students to interact. They discuss a wide range of topics such as student life, hobbies, and career paths in Chinese, Japanese, and English to deepen exchanges. In the 2023 academic year, the gathering was held 26 times, with a total of 137 participants (108 international students and 29 domestic students).



③ Employment support for international students

From large-scale events such as job fairs with company booths to small- to medium-scale online seminars and guidance, we offer a variety of opportunities to help international students demonstrate their abilities as global talent. For large-scale events, we also collaborate with UTokyo's Career Support Office.

We also provide individual consultations, support for international students who have concerns about job hunting in Japanese, and information on issues that are unique to international students when seeking employment in Japan.



● Large-scale Events

Job Fair for UTokyo International Students

(January 22 and 23, 2024/co-organized by the Career Support Office)

This event was held for international students and researchers seeking employment in Japan. A total of 17 companies and 201 students and researchers gathered at Student Plaza in the Center for Global Education.

UTokyo Global Career Fair "Link to the World—Exploring Your Career Path with Global Companies"

(October 24, 2023, and January 24, 2024/co-organized by the Career Support Office)

The fair was held both in person and online. A total of 19 companies exhibited, and 242 students and researchers participated to deepen their understanding of the actual situation in each country/region and the abilities and talents that global companies look for.

Career Development Symposium for International Students: "Working in Japan—Open Discussion with HR staff from Japanese Companies"

(November 16, 2023)

An interactive workshop symposium with international students looking for jobs, human resource professionals from companies, and former international students who graduated from UTokyo and other universities. 54 international students listened to the voices of 27 managers and junior employees from 10 companies.

● Interactive Seminars

UTokyo Career Seminar: "Listen to International Alumni—Sharing Job-hunting Experiences & Exchange Meet-up"

(September 12, 2023)

For international students seeking employment in Japan or working globally, or those unsure about their careers, UTokyo invited international student alumni who received job offers to provide an opportunity to think about their own career plans.

Global Career Workshop—Create Your Own Toolkit—

(February 9, 2024)

Workshop-type seminar for self-analysis, self-promotion, and career building.

● Knowledge-providing Guidance/Seminars

Career Guidance for International Students—Job Hunting/Internship—

(Year-round)

Seminars on learning job hunting activities in Japan from scratch, including an overview of job hunting activities, critical issues such as visa status, and how to find internship programs.

Key Skills for Career Success 2023

(October 3, 2023)

An online seminar to learn about self-promotion and branding.

Seminars with Companies across the Industry

(Year-round/In-person and Online)

Japanese Language Education Division

The Japanese Language Education Division (commonly known as the Center for Japanese Language Education) offers Japanese language courses to all international students and international researchers at UTokyo, regardless of their affiliation to a faculty, graduate school, or research institute. There are also courses available for their spouses.

Courses are designed and administered with full consideration of needs, learning styles, efficiency, and goals, with a wide range of levels from introductory to advanced, and a variety of study periods, etc. All classes are conducted online for ease of access from all campuses.

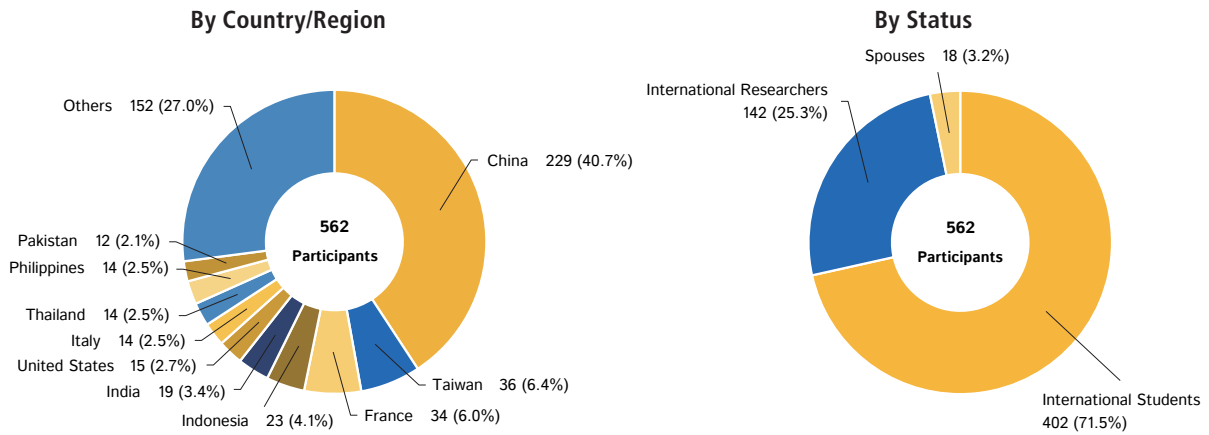
We also offer Japanese language courses to students participating in the International Short-term Programs, primarily organized for students enrolled at universities overseas.

■ List of Courses and the Number of Course Participants in the 2023 Academic Year

Eligibility	Course Title	S Semester		A Semester		Total	
		Participants	Courses	Participants	Courses	Participants	Courses
Members of UTokyo	General Course	358	20	388	22	746	42
	Intensive Japanese Course	32	4	21	3	53	7
	Short-term Japanese Course	73	8	68	5	141	13
	Special Themed Seminar	99	9	130	10	229	19
	Individual Tutoring Sessions	89	—	102	—	191	—
Others	Courses for International Short-term Programs	82	8	0	0	82	8

- **General Course** : A course for busy international students to learn Japanese several times a week. In addition to each class from introductory to advanced level, classes focusing on “Kanji” and “Intermediate Japanese for Communication” are offered.
- **Intensive Japanese Course** : This course is designed for international students who wish to study Japanese intensively in a short period of time. Classes from introductory to intermediate/advanced levels are available. Students efficiently learn key content at each level.
- **Short-term Japanese Course** : This is a one- to two-week course for those who cannot attend weekly classes or for those who arrive in Japan on a different schedule. Classes from introductory to advanced levels are available.
- **Special Themed Seminar** : A course offered for one to several days on a specific theme.
- **Individual Tutoring Sessions** : Instructors from the Center for Japanese Language Education provide individual 30-minute Japanese language lessons by appointment. They offer consultation on Japanese language study and conversation practice.
- **Courses for International Short-term Programs** : The Center for Japanese Language Education offers Japanese language courses to students participating in the International Short-term Programs. In the 2023 academic year, we delivered courses to participants in UTokyo Global Unit Courses (UTokyo GUC), UTokyo Amgen Scholars Program, and the University of Tokyo Research Internship Program (UTRIP, organized by the Graduate School of Science).

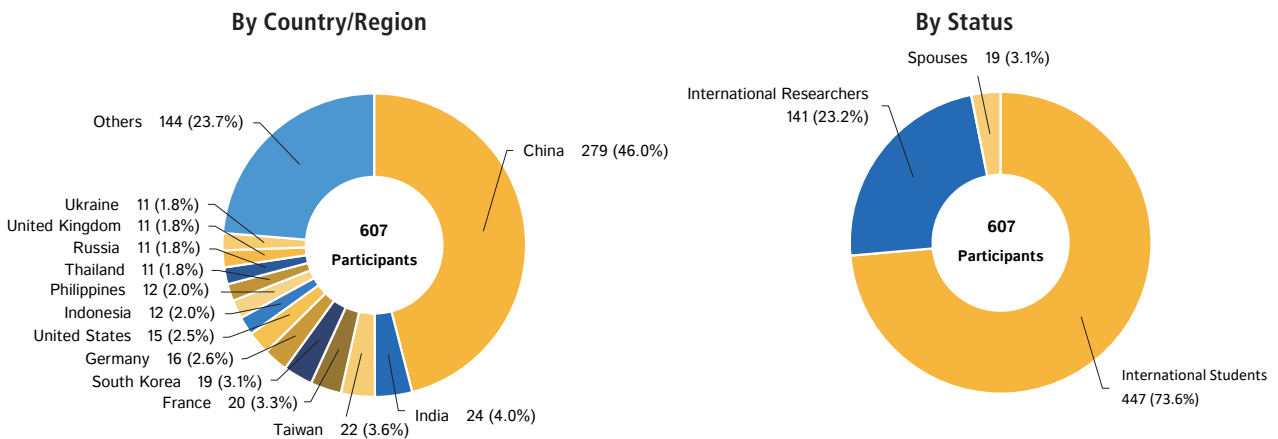
Breakdown of Participants in the S Semester



Total Number of Participants in the Japanese Language Courses provided for Members of UTokyo (2023 Academic Year)

1,169

Breakdown of Participants in the A Semester



Japanese Sounds and Hiragana

a	i	u	e	o
あ	い	う	え	お
k	か	き	く	こ
s	さ	し	す	そ
t	た	ち	つ	と
n	な	に	ぬ	の
h	は	ひ	ふ	ほ
m	ま	み	む	も
y	や	ゆ	よ	
r	ら	り	る	
w	わ			

As you can see here, Japanese sound system and the hiragana chart is organized systematically.

- Basic unit of Japanese sound = 1 consonant + 1 vowel (typical case)
Consonant: k, s, t, n ...
Vowel: a, i, u, e, o
e.g. k+a, s+i, t+e ...
- Each Hiragana corresponds to this unit.
e.g. こ = ko, さ = so, て = te

So far, we've studied how the hiragana chart matches up with Japanese sounds.
Next, we'll take a look at the shape of the hiragana letters themselves.

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Komaba Branch

Globe's Komaba Branch provides support for international students and researchers affiliated with the Komaba campus (Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, Graduate School of Mathematical Sciences, Institute of Industrial Science, and Research Center for Advanced Science and Technology) as well as students who come to the university under the University-wide Student Exchange Program (USTEP) and study at the Komaba campus. Activities include orientation sessions for new international students and student-led campus tours. Assistance is provided for PEAK*¹ students on logistical matters such as residence registration and opening a bank account. Counseling services in English are available on campus. A variety of student mixer events are held throughout the year to facilitate interactions of international students, international researchers, and other students through intercultural exchange and experience.

*1 PEAK : Programs in English at Komaba (Bachelor's degree programs in English)

Events organized in the 2023 Academic Year

Orientation for New International Students & Komaba Campus Tour (April/September/October 2023)

In April 2023, the Komaba Branch hosted an English-language orientation and campus tour for GPEAK*², KOMSTEP*³, and USTEP students. The orientation was attended by 76 participants, who then split into small groups for a campus tour led by 18 students. Additional orientation sessions and campus tours were held in September and October for PEAK, GPEAK, KOMSTEP, and USTEP students, bringing a total of 184 participants and 30 student tour guides.

*2 GPEAK (Graduate Programs in English at Komaba): Master's and doctoral degree programs in English

*3 KOMSTEP (Graduate School of Arts and Sciences/College of Arts and Sciences Student Exchange Programs): Interdepartmental level student exchange programs between the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences/the College of Arts and Sciences and overseas universities



Dodgebee Games & Party (May/October 2023)

Every semester, the Dodgebee Games & Party brings students from different backgrounds to play, sweat, laugh, and talk together.

The event in May 2023 attracted 65 participants; the October event brought 77 participants. This is a popular event that allows participants to exercise, destress, have fun, and create new networks.

Discover KABUKI at National Theatre (June 2023)

This trip to the National Theatre is a popular event that introduces participants to the world of kabuki through the performance preceded by a lecture on the show's highlights. Although the program was suspended during the COVID-19 pandemic, it was resumed in the 2023 academic year, with careful measures taken to protect participants from infection. The 50 participants learned about and experienced an exciting live kabuki performance in the company of each other.



Bon Dance & Tanabata Party (July 2023)

Every July, the Komaba Branch hosts a bon dance and tanabata party for participants to experience a piece of traditional Japanese culture. For the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic, 76 participants danced to “Tokyo Ondo,” “Tanko Bushi,” and other Japanese songs, then enjoyed the evening with snacks and food in the style of a traditional Japanese summer festival.



Qigong & Taichi Workshop (July 2023/February 2024) [Hybrid]

The Komaba Branch offers events to promote mental health in a hybrid format to allow for flexibility in the mode of participation. In the qigong and taichi workshop held in July 2023, the instructor led 33 participants both online and in person. The February 2024 workshop brought 31 participants. By the end of the workshop, participants had mastered the movements enough to go through the movements to the music on their own.

Discover BUNRAKU at THEATRE 1010 (December 2023)

The event is designed to introduce the participants to the world of bunraku puppet theatre, which a lay audience often finds rather intimidating and difficult. As the National Theatre of Japan, the regular venue for bunraku, is under renovation, the December 2023 event was held at THEATRE 1010 in Kita-Senju. Many of the total of 47 participants traveled together from the Komaba campus to the theatre and enjoyed the rare opportunity to learn about and watch a bunraku performance.

Mindfulness Workshop (December 2023) [Hybrid]

A total of 42 participants attended a mindfulness workshop in December 2023, engaging in various exercises to enhance their physical and mental well-being.



Kashiwa Branch

Committed to creating an environment conducive to excellence in research and education, the branch at Kashiwa campus (Graduate School of Frontier Sciences and six research institutes) carries out a variety of activities to ensure safe and comfortable campus life for its diverse members, including international students, international researchers, faculty, and staff.

The branch provides assistance with housing and other aspects of daily life; hosts events featuring Japanese culture and intercultural exchange; offers English-language support for learning; organizes study sessions for staff members; and hosts an English Discussion Club.

The Japanese Culture Experience and Exchange Program works with local volunteer groups to host events and programs on and off campus, promoting a diverse, dynamic campus and serving as a liaison for local community relations.

Events organized in the 2023 Academic Year

Free Recycling Bazaar (April/October 2023)

At the beginning of each semester, the Kashiwa Branch hosts a recycling bazaar where new international students and researchers can obtain everyday living items for free. Donations are given by UTokyo students and staff, volunteer organizations outside the university, and local residents. Popular items such as bicycles and cooking appliances are given away by lottery, while others are offered with no restrictions. There were 37 participants in April and 39 in October.



1to1 Cultural Exchange Program Lunch Party (June 2023)

This is a program for international students, international researchers, faculty, staff, their families, and volunteers to engage in one-on-one cultural exchange. In June 2023, a networking event for new members was held with 32 participants, who created new friendships through games, refreshments, and conversations.

Discover KABUKI at National Theatre (June 2023)

This is a kabuki appreciation session for non-Japanese participants to experience this important Japanese art form at the National Theatre of Japan. There were 40 participants in the 2023 academic year. With the help of five local student volunteers, optional tours were held before and after the performance for further learning and interactions.





Rakugo in English (November 2023)

The event was held at the UTokyo Kashiwa Library with the cooperation of off-campus volunteer groups and brought 54 participants, including many international students. The traditional Japanese storytelling was delivered in junior high-level English. Using only a folding fan and a hand towel, the performers enthralled the audience.

Japanese Culture Tour (March 2024)

Forty participants took the one-day bus tour to World Heritage Sites, including Nikko Toshogu Shrine. At these historical and cultural sites, they witnessed the long-standing coexistence of humans and nature as well as the interweaving of faith and art. The tour enhanced the interaction among international students and local students across laboratories and departments.



Japanese Drums “Wadaiko” Workshop (March 2024)

In this 60-minute Japanese taiko drum workshop held in March 2024, the instructor led 24 participants in “Tokyo Ondo” dance and other Bon Odori performances. Due to rain, the event was held in the Kashiwa Library Media Hall instead of outdoors, but the participants expressed their deep satisfaction and excitement in the experience.

English Discussion Club (Year-round)

The sessions of the English Discussion Club are held every Tuesday (online) and Thursday (in person) throughout the year. A total of 114 students participated in the 2023 academic year.



“You Teach, We Learn!” (Year-round) [Online/In-person]

Five lunchtime events were held in the 2023 academic year, both online and in person. The presenters are mainly international students and international researchers who talk about the language and culture of their home country and engage in conversations with the participants.

Chinese Conversation Club

Organized by the International Student Support Room and the Kashiwa Branch to facilitate interactions among students, five events related to annual Chinese events and holidays were held in the 2023 academic year.

Other Events:

- In collaboration with Kashiwa Library: “Visual of Japan”
- You Teach, We Learn!—Bicycle: Check-Up, Maintenance & (Maybe) Repair
- Casual mixer for young researchers: “Kashiwa Connect and Share”

International Mobility of Students at the University of Tokyo

The number of students sent abroad/the number of students accepted from abroad

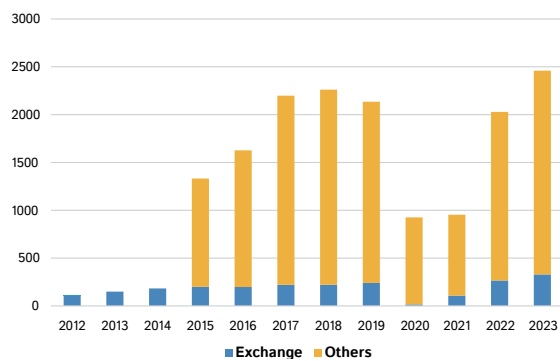
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Outbound students: Students sent abroad for a short period of time (one year or less) from UTokyo for exchange programs, summer programs, etc.

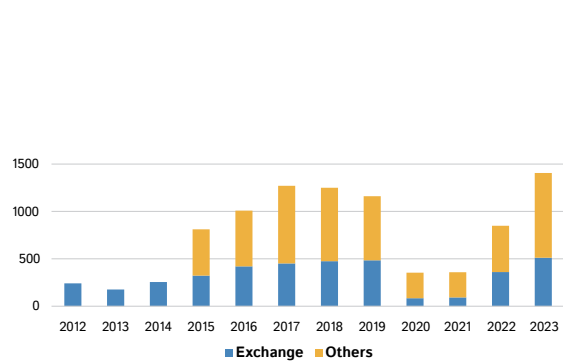
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Outbound Students	Exchange	112	149	182	199	197	220	221	240	15	107	266	329
	Others (Summer Programs, etc.)	—	—	—	1,133	1,430	1,978	2,040	1,895	910	846	1,762	2,131
	Total	112	149	182	1,332	1,627	2,198	2,261	2,135	925	953	2,028	2,460
Inbound Students	Exchange	241	176	255	323	420	451	475	484	84	92	360	511
	Others (Summer Programs, etc.)	—	—	—	488	589	820	775	677	270	266	489	895
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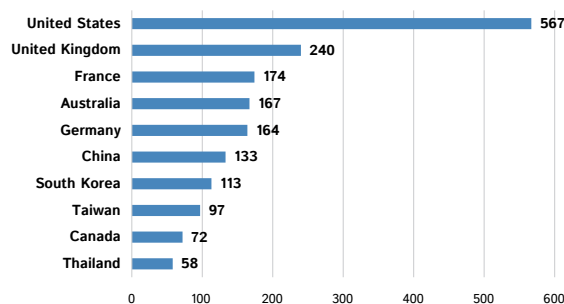
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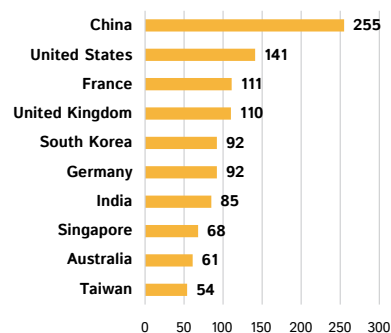
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■ Top 10 Countries and Regions for Outbound Students (2023 Academic Year)



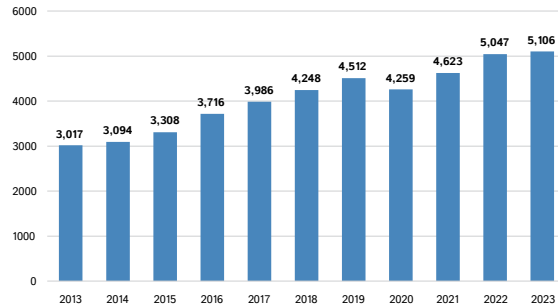
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Total Number of International Students at the University of Tokyo

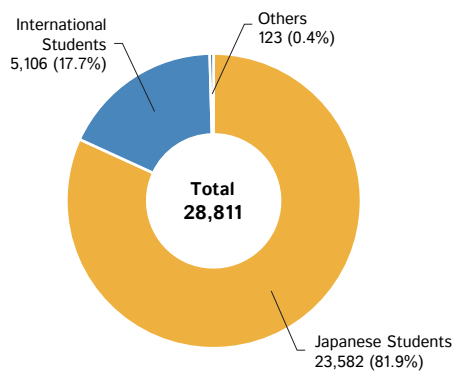
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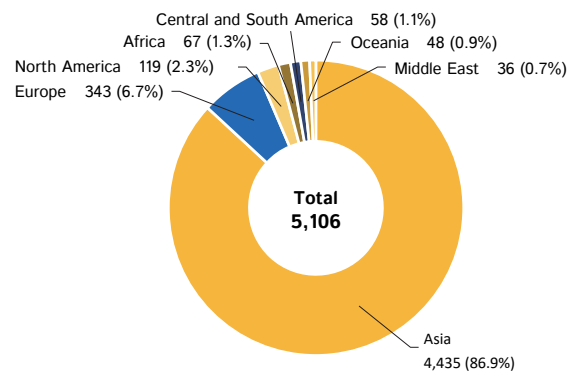


*International Students include research students, special auditors, etc. in addition to regular students.

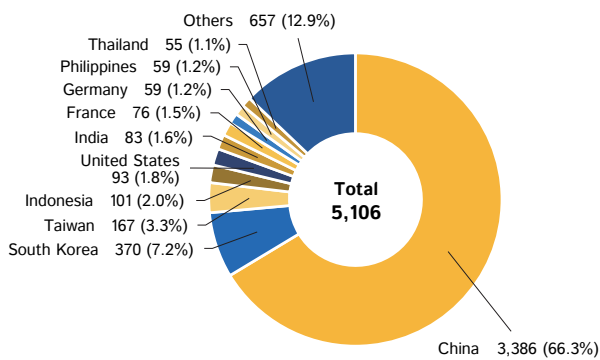
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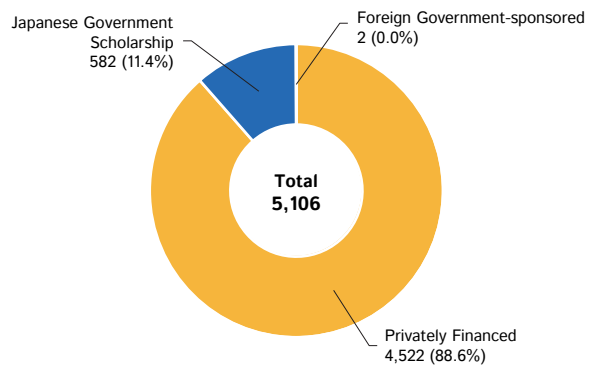
■ International Students by Region



■ International Students by Country/Region



■ International Students by Type



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