

Teatime at Piazza Fujiwara in the building of the Kavli Institute for the Physics and Mathematics of the Universe (Kavli IPMU), Kashiwa, Chiba Prefecture

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NURTURING GLOBAL TALENT

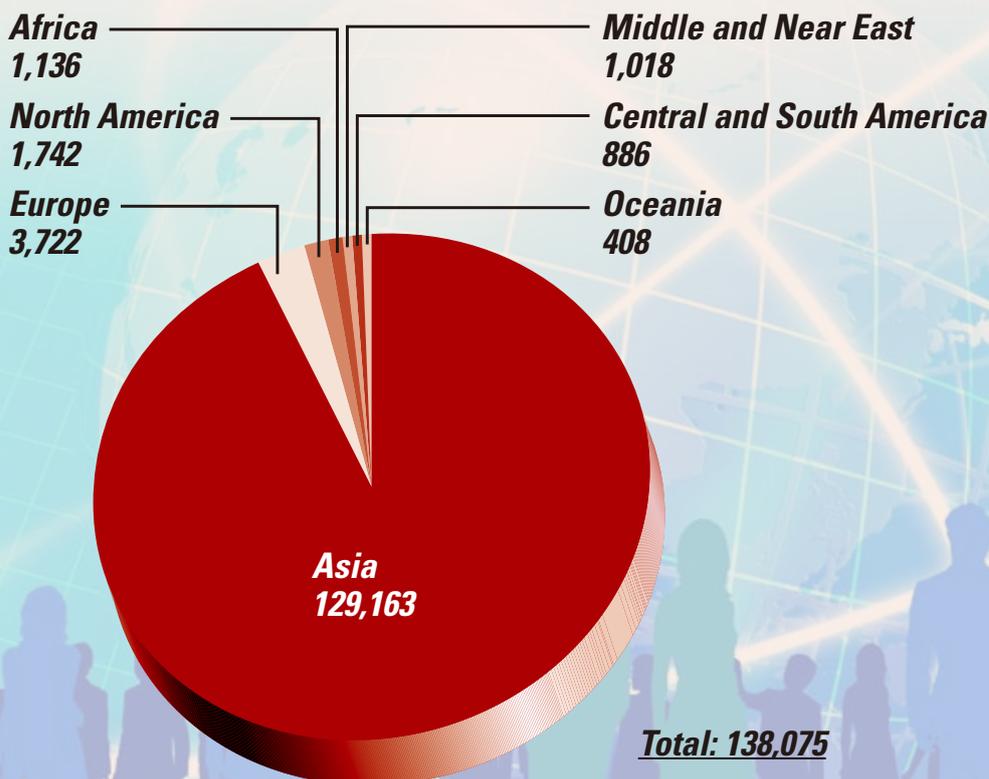


We live in an era in which people, goods, funds and information move freely across borders in all fields from politics through the economy to culture. At the same time, we face global issues connected with the population, environment, energy, natural disasters and public health. For Japan, as a developed country in this globalized world economy and society, it is essential to help develop the sort of global talent that is able to contribute to resolving the world's challenges, while sustaining economic growth.

Against these backdrops, the government, corporations and schools in Japan are implementing various initiatives to nurture such globalized human resources. Examples include enhancing English-language studies in school education, supporting studies abroad for university students and adopting mandatory training overseas for young employees. Moreover, many universities have been accepting more overseas students in recent years, and it is apparent that Japanese corporations are proactively hiring students from abroad.

In this month's Cover Story, we report on some of the programs geared to nurturing the human resources needed for international society. First up, we introduce the Kavli Institute for the Physics and Mathematics of the Universe at the University of Tokyo, which is arguably one of the most globalized institutions in Japan.

Number of International Students by Region of Origin (2011)



Source: Japan Student Services Organization