

International Students: National and Institutional Strategies,  
Student Experiences, Behaviors, & Support Needs

## International Students at Hiroshima University and Government Policies

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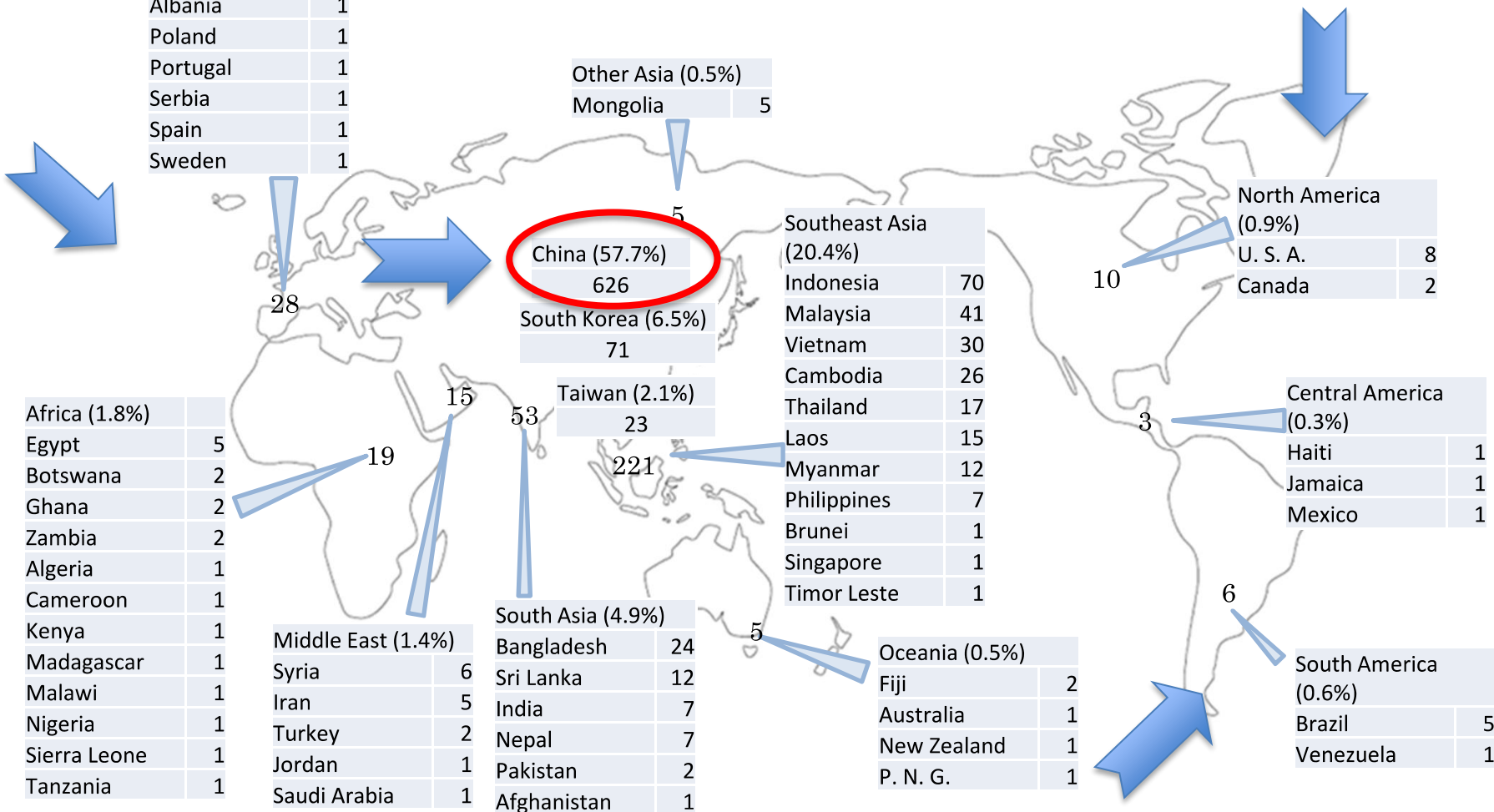
# International Students at HU

Two types of IS may be identified:

1. International Students working towards degrees (mostly graduate degrees)
    - Length of study: 2 - 5 years
  2. HUSA (Hiroshima University Study Abroad) Program
    - Length of study: A few months – 1 year
- ✓ Different student characteristics (and perhaps different needs)

# Hiroshima University International Students

1085 students from 63 Countries/Regions (As of Nov. 1, 2011)



Europe (2.6%)	
Russia	5
Germany	3
Kyrgyzstan	3
Romania	3
Bulgaria	2
France	2
Kazakhstan	2
U. K.	2
Albania	1
Poland	1
Portugal	1
Serbia	1
Spain	1
Sweden	1

Other Asia (0.5%)	
Mongolia	5

China (57.7%)	
626	
South Korea (6.5%)	
71	

Southeast Asia (20.4%)	
Indonesia	70
Malaysia	41
Vietnam	30
Cambodia	26
Thailand	17
Laos	15
Myanmar	12
Philippines	7
Brunei	1
Singapore	1
Timor Leste	1

North America (0.9%)	
U. S. A.	8
Canada	2

Central America (0.3%)	
Haiti	1
Jamaica	1
Mexico	1

Africa (1.8%)	
Egypt	5
Botswana	2
Ghana	2
Zambia	2
Algeria	1
Cameroon	1
Kenya	1
Madagascar	1
Malawi	1
Nigeria	1
Sierra Leone	1
Tanzania	1

Middle East (1.4%)	
Syria	6
Iran	5
Turkey	2
Jordan	1
Saudi Arabia	1

South Asia (4.9%)	
Bangladesh	24
Sri Lanka	12
India	7
Nepal	7
Pakistan	2
Afghanistan	1

Oceania (0.5%)	
Fiji	2
Australia	1
New Zealand	1
P. N. G.	1

South America (0.6%)	
Brazil	5
Venezuela	1

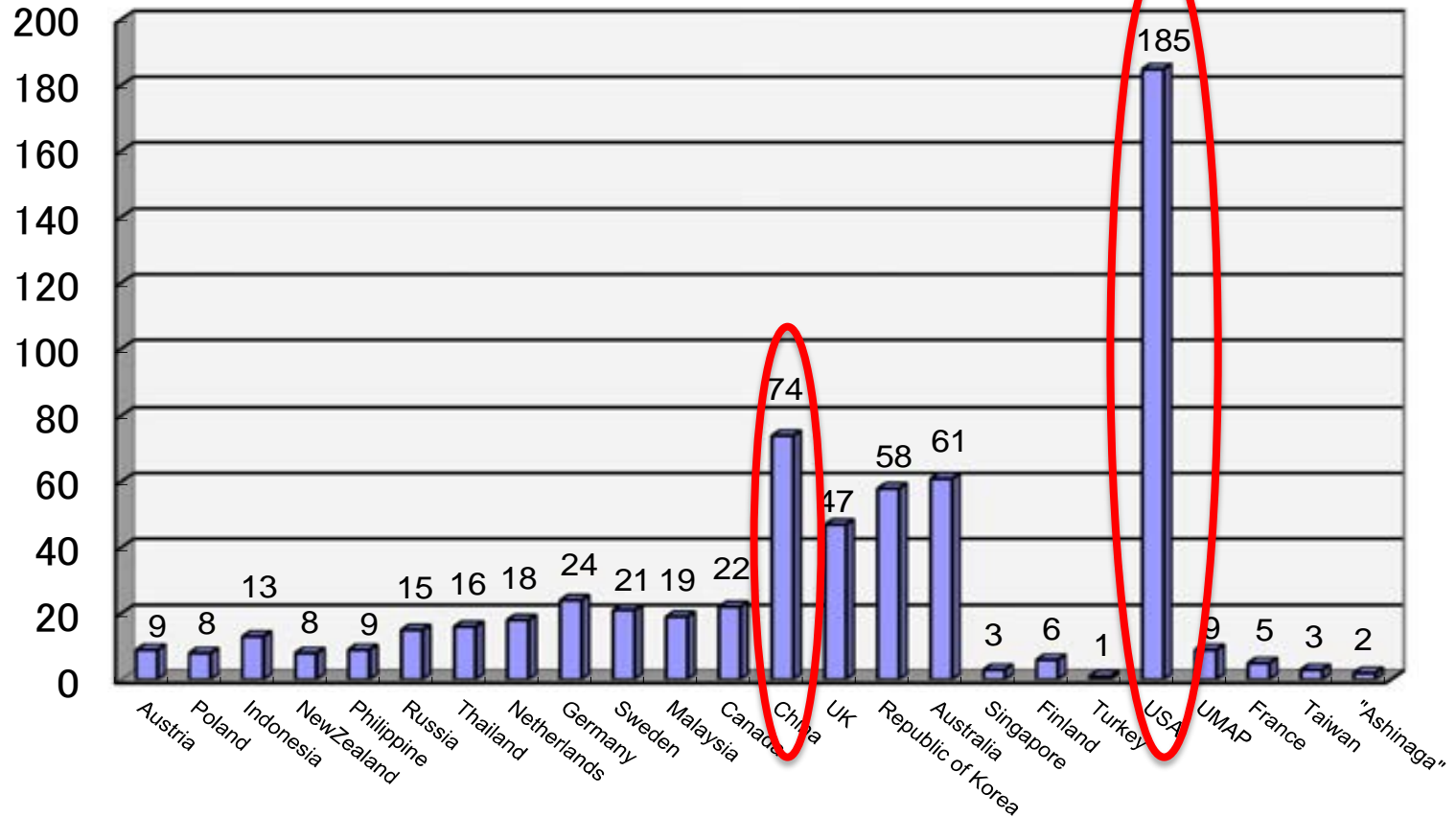
# IS in Degree Programs

- A majority (more than a half) of IS in the degree programs come from China, followed by other Southeast Asian countries
- IS from other parts of the world are relatively underrepresented



# HUSA Students by Country

Total Number of Participants from Each Country



# IS in HUSA Program

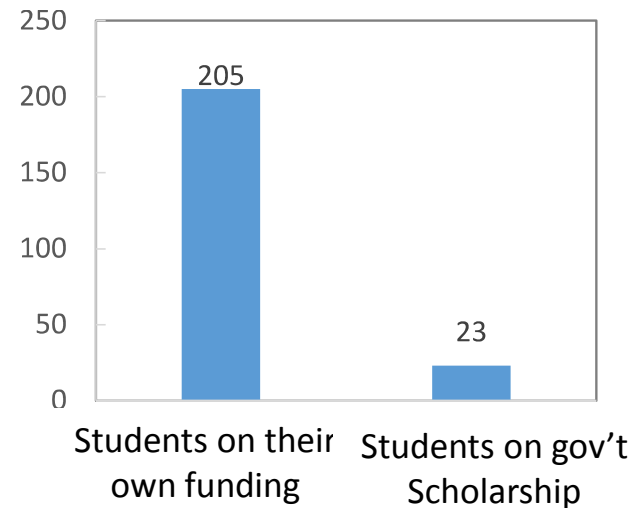
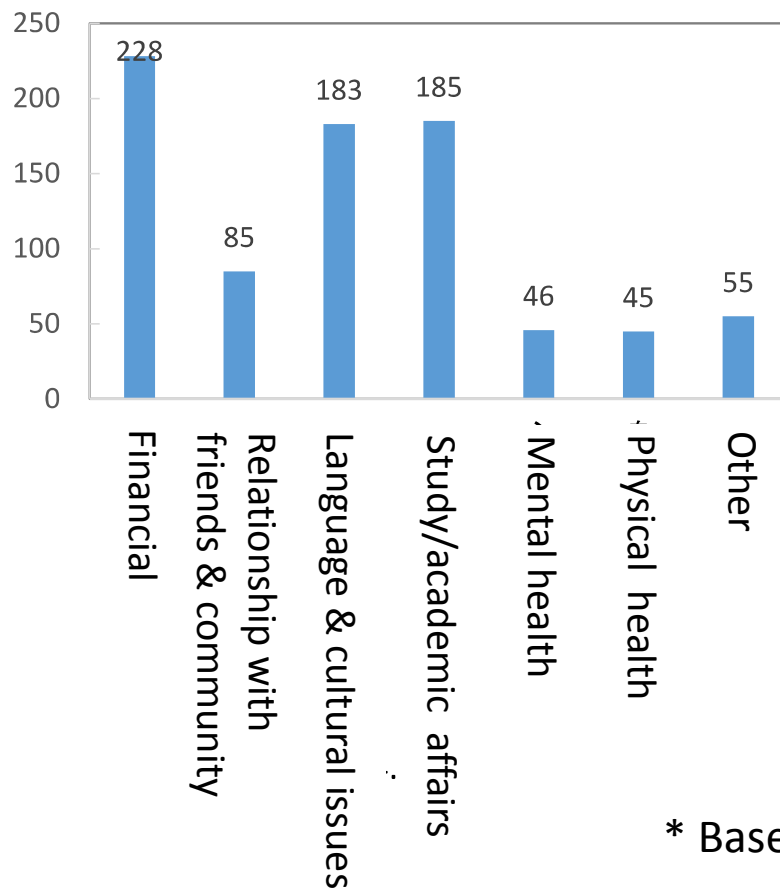
- A high demand from students (185) of US counterpart institutions
- Followed by China (74), Australia (61), South Korea (58), and UK (47)





# Support for International Students

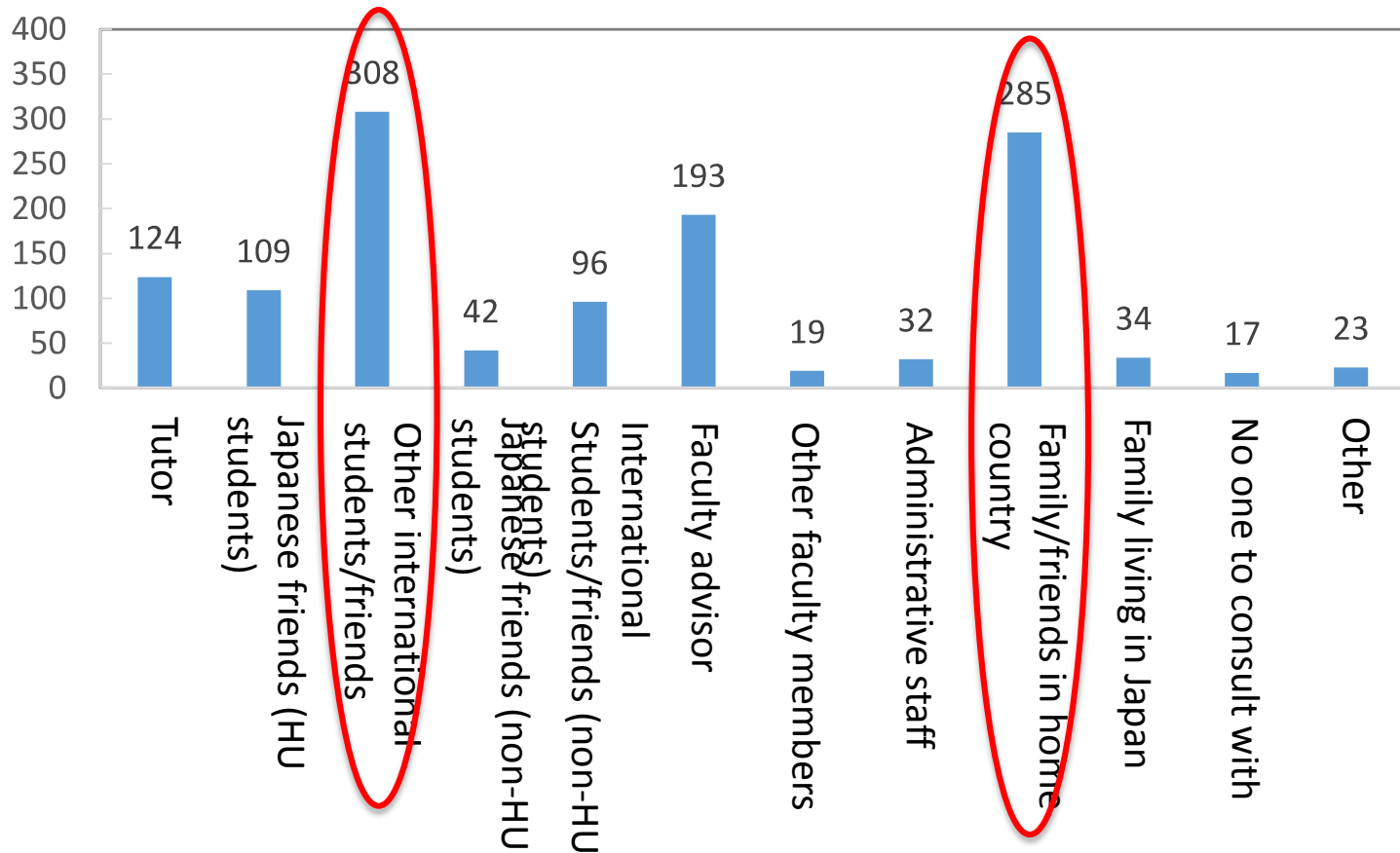
In what areas do you need support from the university?  
(multiple responses)



International Students with "need financial support" by funding source

\* Based on a HU survey conducted in December 2012

# When you are in need of support, who do you consult with? (multiple responses)



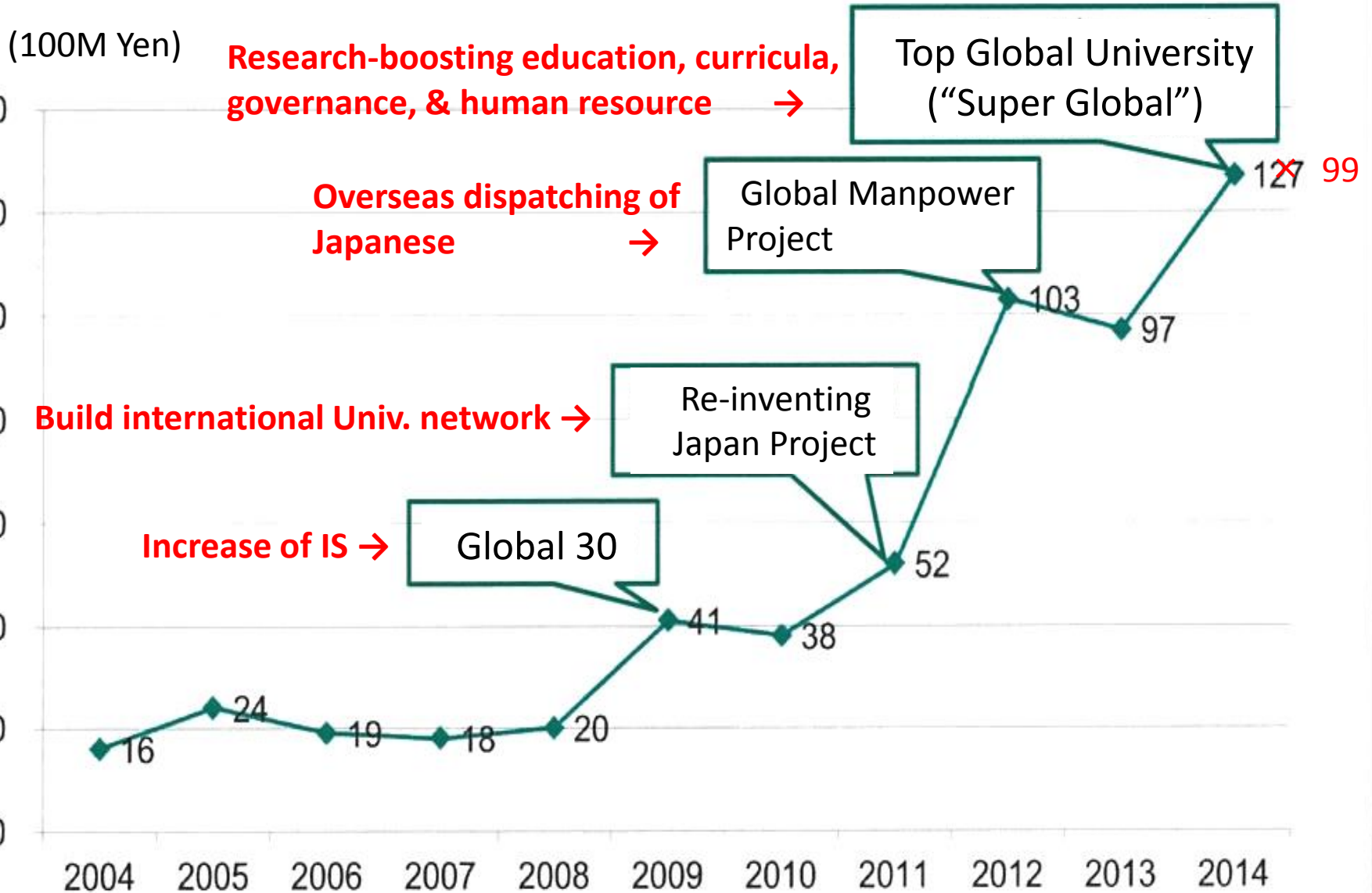


# Japanese Government Policies

- “100,000 International Students Plan” (1983)
  - ✓ to be achieved by 2000 (realized in 2003)
- “300,000 International Students Plan” (2008)
  - ✓ to be achieved by 2020 (???)



# Injection by the Japanese Government



# Japanese Government Policies

- Financial stimulus for internationalizing domestic universities
- Influence of “Projects 211/985” & “Brain Korea 21 (BK21)”
- Boosting package through “Select & Concentrate” scheme
- “Allowing a few to become rich first”?

# Hiroshima University on Youtube

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tLbPw\\_9Ca2](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tLbPw_9Ca2)

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