

# (1) Higher Education before the pandemic

#### Mostly in-person class

Most of the courses were conducted in-person in the classroom. A limited number of courses were taught online International collaboration on online learning through joint classes and courses were being practiced.

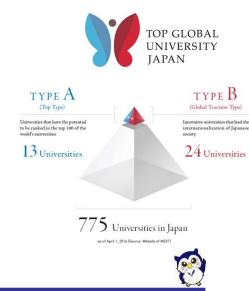
Legal requirement on online courses in Japan:

Among 124 credits for graduation, up to 60 credits may be obtained by online courses (except distance learning universities).

On-site Study abroad program Study abroad programs were planned and operated as on-site events

Most of the degree-seeking students from overseas to Japanese universities were from China and Korea.

Top Global University Project (2014-2023) aims internationalization of Japanese universities. It made international student exchange more active.





## (2) Higher Education during the pandemic

## > Online class

In 2020 most courses were conducted online. In 2021 many universities try to offer inperson or hybrid classes.

Some international students take online courses from their countries since they cannot enter in Japan.

#### Online Study Abroad Program

Some universities provides online programs for the partner universities' students.

The pros and Cons of online class and online study abroad programs from Japanese students' view (From the survey of Meiji University 2020-2021)

|                                    | Pros  | Cons  |
|------------------------------------|---|---|
| Online classes                     |   | <ul> <li>more assignments</li> <li>more concentration</li> <li>less / no opportunity for socializing</li> </ul> |
| Online study<br>abroad<br>programs | <ul> <li>less expensive</li> <li>more flexible schedule</li> <li>safer</li> </ul> | difficult to immerse life and culture   |



# (3) Higher Education for the future

Combination of online module and on-site module on study abroad programs We can deliver on-site study abroad programs together with online modules as a preparation or follow-up.

- Online joint classes or courses together with international partner universities
   We can seek further possibilities to utilize online learning
   -- in undergraduate studies (such as joint programs for cross-cultural understanding etc.)
  - -- in graduate studies (credit transfer and joint thesis advising etc.)
- New horizons on international educational collaboration

We can focus on lesser developed countries and regions on virtual exchange programs.

