

### 3. Japanese-Language Education in 20 Countries with Highest Number of Students

**Korea had the largest number of Japanese-language students at over 960,000; Indonesia showed rapid increase, ranking third compared to fourth in the 2006 survey.**

Korea (Republic of Korea) showed the highest number of Japanese-language students, at 964,014, which accounts for 26.4 percent of all Japanese-language students overseas. China came in second with 827,171, followed by Indonesia with 716,353 and Australia with 275,710.

Of the 20 countries with the highest number of students studying Japanese, five countries recorded a decrease in the number of students while 15 showed an increase. Indonesian students of Japanese rose markedly by 162.7 percent over the 2006 survey, overtaking Australia to come in third. Hong Kong showed a considerable decrease, but this is because data for the 2009 survey was not provided by large educational institutions. It has been otherwise ascertained that the actual number of Japanese-language students in Hong Kong did not change much.

Korea showed the highest number of institutions as well, at 3,799, representing 25.5 percent of the world's total, followed by Indonesia, China, and Australia in that order. Here too, Indonesia's increase was conspicuous.

Of the 20 countries with the largest number of Japanese-language education students, eight countries showed a decrease. There were three countries that showed a decrease despite an increase in the number of students: Thailand, France, and Germany.

China had the largest number of Japanese-language teachers, at 15,613, representing 31.3 percent of the world's total. Among the 20 with the highest number of students, four showed a decrease in all the three categories of students, institutions, and teachers: Australia, Malaysia, New Zealand, and Brazil. (See Table 1.)

**Table 1. Numbers of Institutions, Teachers, and Students (20 Countries with Highest Number of Students)**

Rank	Rank in 2006	Country/(District)	No. of Students			No. of Institutions			No. of Teachers		
			2009	2006	Rate of change (%)	2009	2006	Rate of change (%)	2009	2006	Rate of change (%)
1	1	Korea	964,014	910,957	5.8	3,799	3,579	6.1	6,577	7,432	▲ 11.5
2	2	China	827,171	684,366	20.9	1,708	1,544	10.6	15,613	12,907	21.0
3	4	Indonesia	716,353	272,719	162.7	1,988	1,084	83.4	4,089	2,651	54.2
4	3	Australia	275,710	366,165	▲ 24.7	1,245	1,692	▲ 26.4	2,547	2,935	▲ 13.2
5	5	Taiwan*	247,641	191,367	29.4	927	513	80.7	3,938	2,791	41.1
6	6	USA	141,244	117,969	19.7	1,206	1,092	10.4	3,541	3,217	10.1
7	7	Thailand	78,802	71,083	10.9	377	385	▲ 2.1	1,240	1,153	7.5
8	9	Vietnam	44,272	29,982	47.7	176	110	60.0	1,565	1,037	50.9
9	8	Hong Kong*	28,224	32,959	▲ 14.4	78	112	▲ 30.4	734	704	4.3
10	11	Canada	27,488	23,834	15.3	223	214	4.2	739	649	13.9
11	12	Malaysia	22,856	22,920	▲ 0.3	124	142	▲ 12.7	388	437	▲ 11.2
12	14	Philippines	22,362	18,199	22.9	156	155	0.6	422	400	5.5
13	10	New Zealand	21,875	29,904	▲ 26.8	147	251	▲ 41.4	258	449	▲ 42.5
14	13	Brazil	21,376	21,631	▲ 1.2	347	544	▲ 36.2	1,167	1,213	▲ 3.8
15	16	UK	19,673	14,928	31.8	389	277	40.4	742	617	20.3
16	20	India	18,372	11,011	66.9	170	106	60.4	484	369	31.2
17	15	France	16,010	15,534	3.1	164	193	▲ 15.0	542	502	8.0
18	18	Singapore	15,864	12,076	31.4	34	29	17.2	225	144	56.3
19	22	Sri Lanka	12,430	9,133	36.1	82	53	54.7	157	116	35.3
20	19	Germany	12,390	11,945	3.7	180	190	▲ 5.3	428	465	▲ 8.0
World's Total			3,651,232	2,979,820	22.5	14,925	13,639	9.4	49,803	44,321	12.4

Note: Figures for Taiwan\* are from the survey by the Interchange Association, Japan.