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Why the Internationalization of
Higher Education Still Matters

Insight into Japanese HEIs; notions of decision-making to facilitate post-pandemic mobility

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Introduction

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University Education and International Collaboration in the Era of the “New Normal”: Redefining Inter-institutional Student Mobility across Borders

- **Fund for the Promotion of Joint International Research (Fostering Joint International Research (B))**
- **Japan Society of Promotion of Science; 2020-2023**
 - **Osaka University / JAISE**
 - **Tokyo University of Foreign Studies / JAISE**
 - **Ochanomizu Women’s University / JAISE**
 - **Tokyo Metropolitan University / JAISE**
 - **Shinshu University / JAISE**
 - **IIE (JAFSA), DAAD, EAIE, KAIE etc.**

Research Question(1)

- Concerning inter-university programs, such as *student exchange, summer schools, double- and joint-degree programs*, we take **Physical Mobilities (PM)** for granted in the pre-pandemic period
- How HEIs could resume inter-university mobilities in the post-pandemic period
 - Conditions
 - Concerns
 - Forms of Mobilities (Physical, Virtual, Hybrid, COIL, Metaverse)

Research Question(2)

- **Inter-institutional mobility**
 - Unlike degree seeking student, HEIs need to take responsibilities
- **Forms of Mobilities (Physical, Virtual, Hybrid, COIL, Metaverse)**
 - PM; the golden rule of equal number exchange
 - VM, COIL, Metaverse; just alternatives or substitutes which will be declined in post-pandemic period?

Research Question(3)

- Surveys
 - Students
 - International (Guest) students (2020, 2021)
 - Home (Japanese) Students (2020, 2021, 2022)
 - HEIs
 - Japanese HEIs (2021)
 - Non-Japanese HEIs (2021)
 - Host Families (2020)
- Under what condition, HEIs could resume the mobilities?
- To what extent, HEIs shift their mobilities for VM

Survey outcomes and Japan Insight (1)

- Attitude of Japanese HEIs
 - Struggles for resuming international mobilities
 - Compared with US colleagues, greater emphasize on VM
 - Differences among university types
 - Prof. Sengoku

Survey outcomes and Japan Insight (2)

- **Strict Boarder Controls**
 - 2021 Summer; Summer Olympic Games ⇒ **Strict**
 - 2021 Autumn; Rules Relaxed
 - 2021 Early Winter; Omicron Variant ⇒ **Strict**
 - **US, Europe and most of the countries do not take extreme travel ban policy for foreign nationals, such as students**

Analysis of Questionnaire Survey for Japanese Universities

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Immigration Restrictions for International Students until Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020

Measures for Border Enforcement

- 2020.12.24

The First Quarantine Enforcement (UK) -> Expansion of Countries

- 2020.12.28

Stopped Accepting New Foreign Arrivals **from All over the World**

(Exception: Residence Track)

- 2021.1.13

No Exception for Residence Track

Questionnaires for Japanese Universities

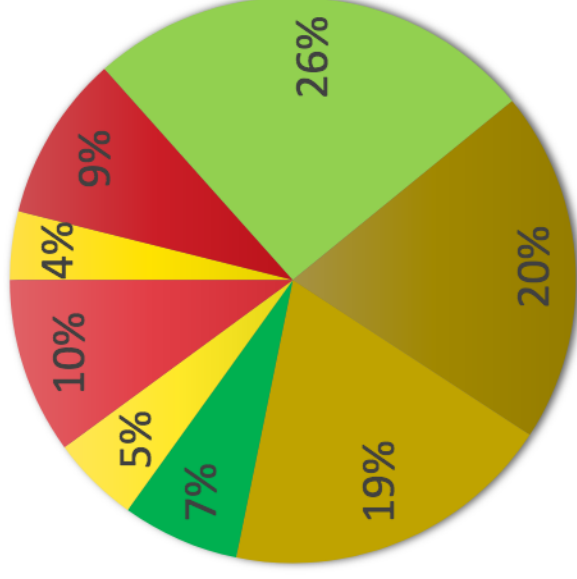
Duration: 2021.2.19 – 2021.5.31

including **2 times of “State of Emergency”** for about 10 prefectures

System: REAS (Realtime Evaluation Assistance System)

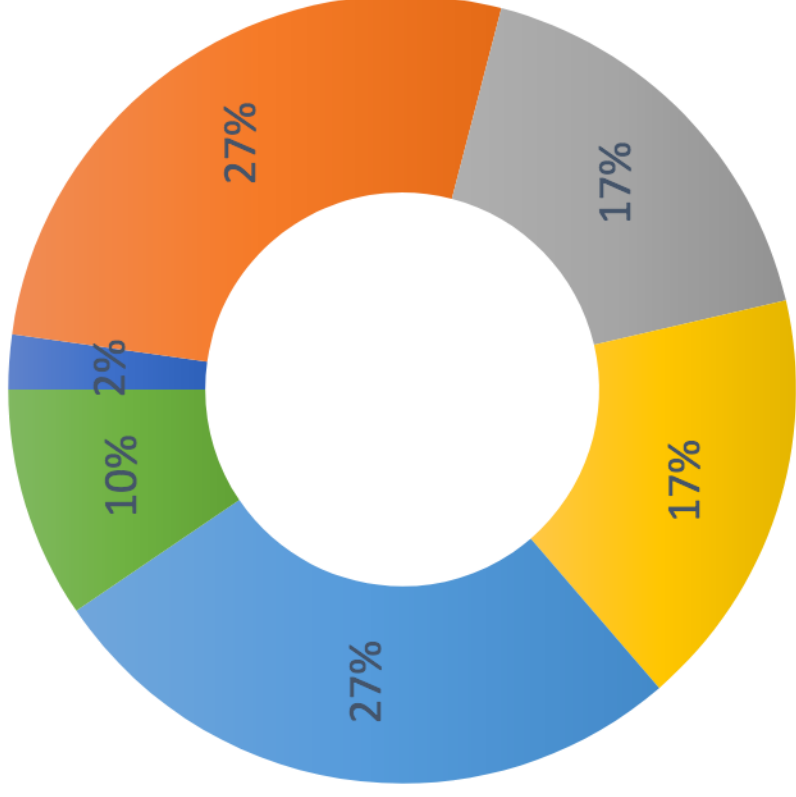
	Total
National Univ.	74
Public Univ.	50
Private Univ.	55
Total	179

■ Hokkaido
■ Tohoku
■ Kanto
■ Chubu
■ Kinki
■ Chugoku
■ Shikoku
■ Kyushu

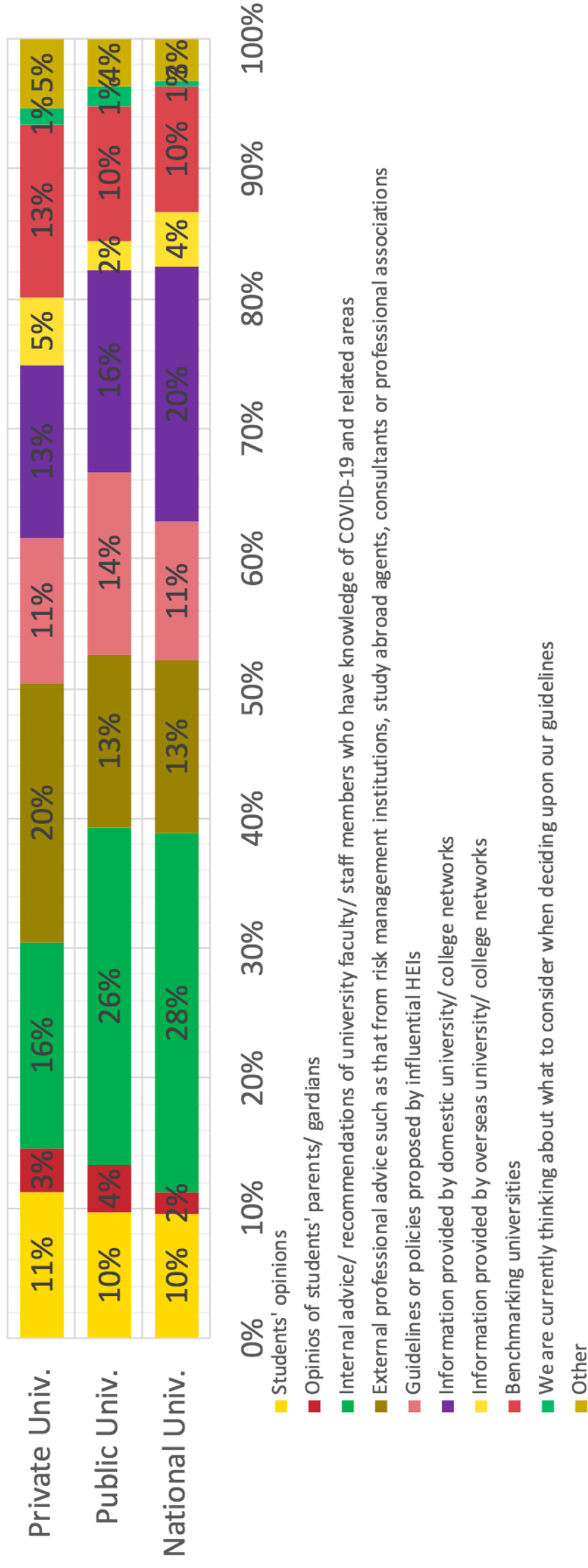


Preparations for Student Exchange after the Pandemic

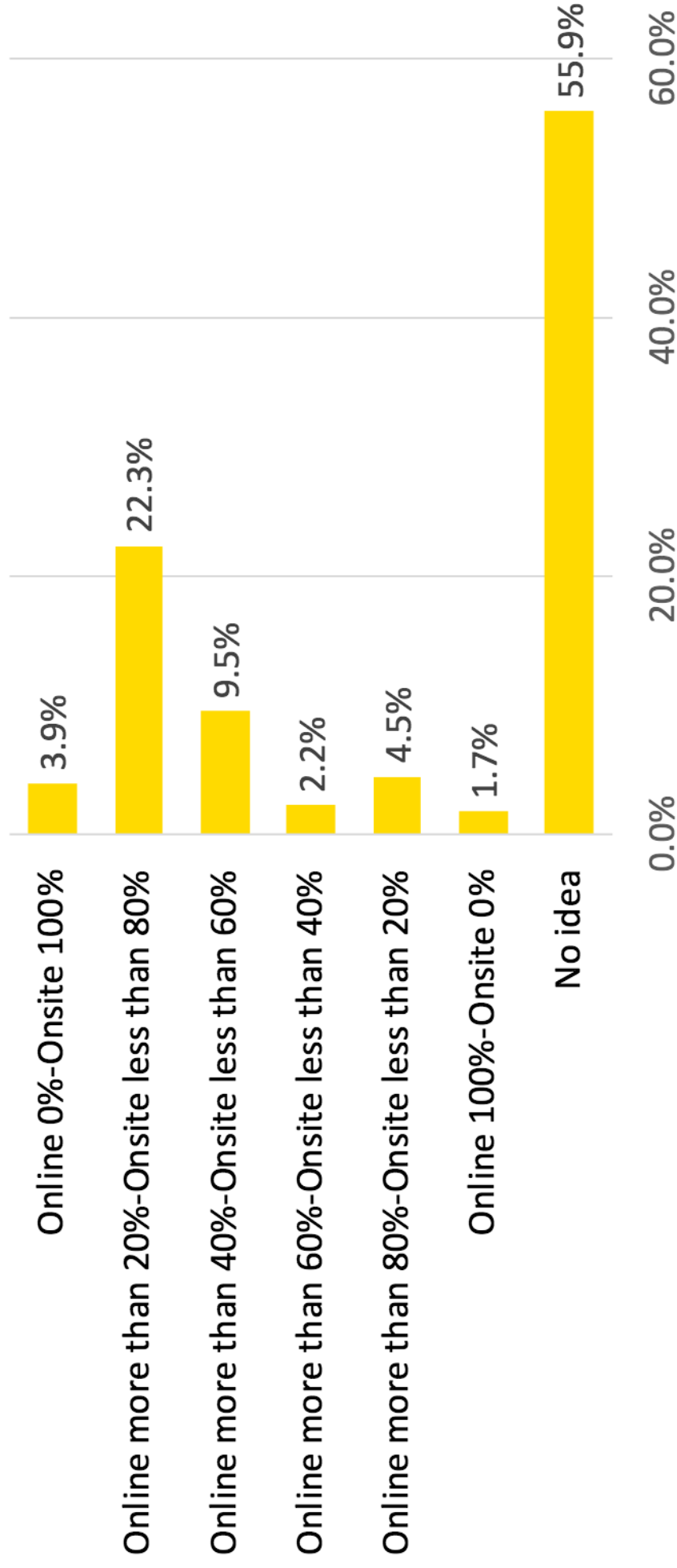
- No, it does not. We do not know where to start.
- No, it does not. However, we are collecting information/resources to help us decide on guidelines.
- No, it does not. However, we are about to start the discussion about student mobility guidelines.
- No, it does not. We will just resume the previous forms of student mobility as soon as possible.
- Yes, it does. We will issue student mobility guidelines for the period during or after COVID-19.
- Yes, it does. We have already issued student mobility guidelines for the period during or after COVID-19.



Information Referred to When Student Exchange Resumes, by Type of Institution



Ratio of On-site to Online Student Exchange after the Pandemic



Institutions' Plans for Restarting On-site International Student Mobility

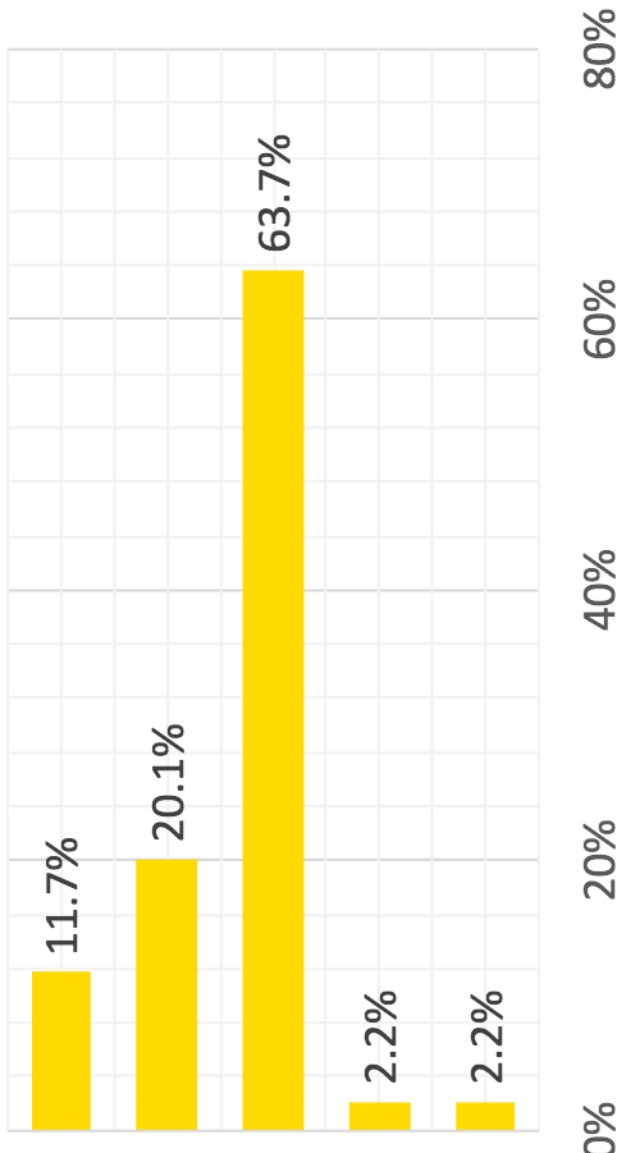
We will expand the scale of programs as soon as the conditions are satisfactory.

We will restart on-site international student mobility on the same scale as before as soon as the conditions are satisfactory.

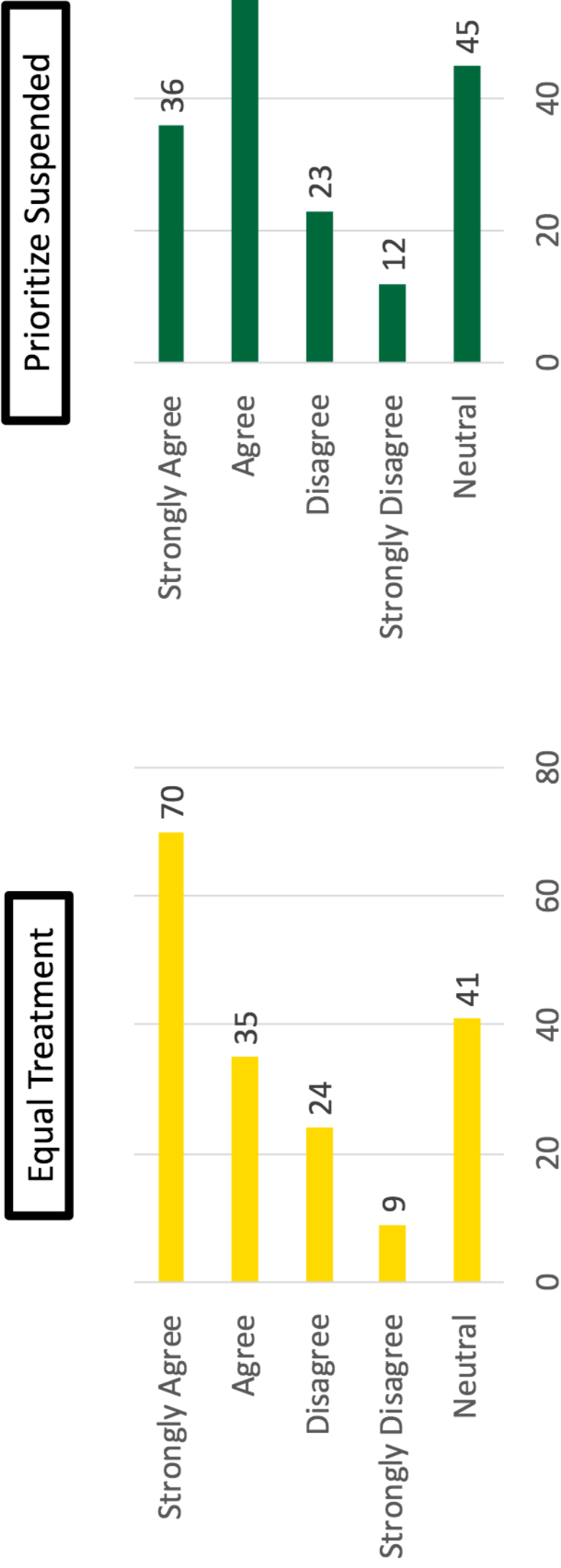
We will gradually resume on-site international student mobility.

Don't know yet.

Other

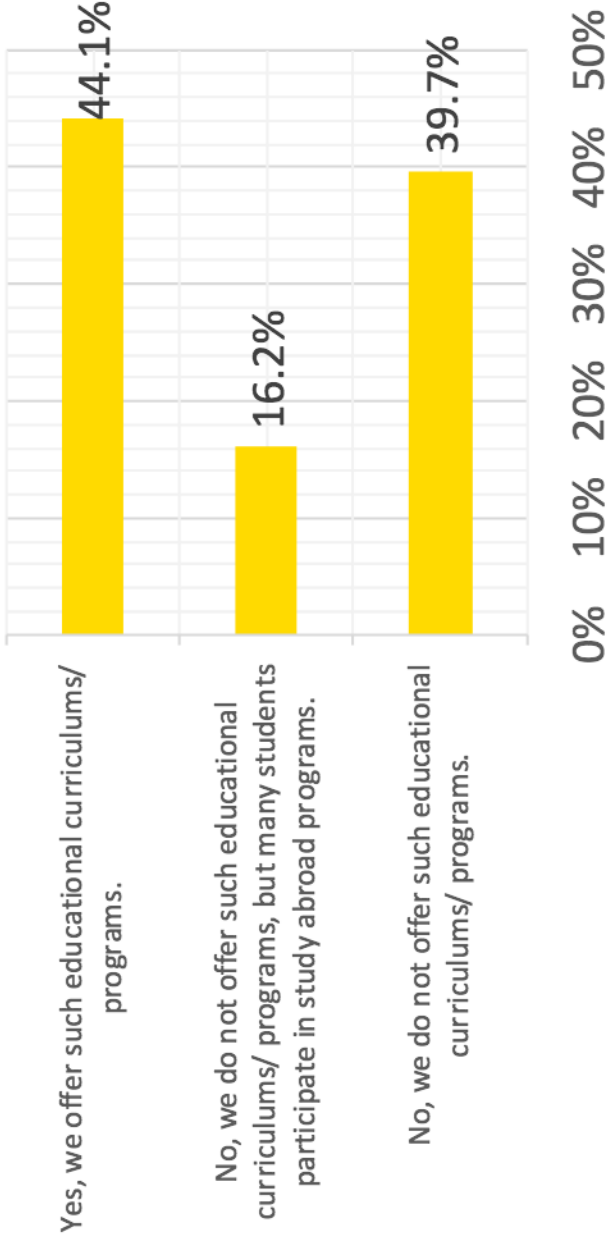


Management of Programs after the Pandemic

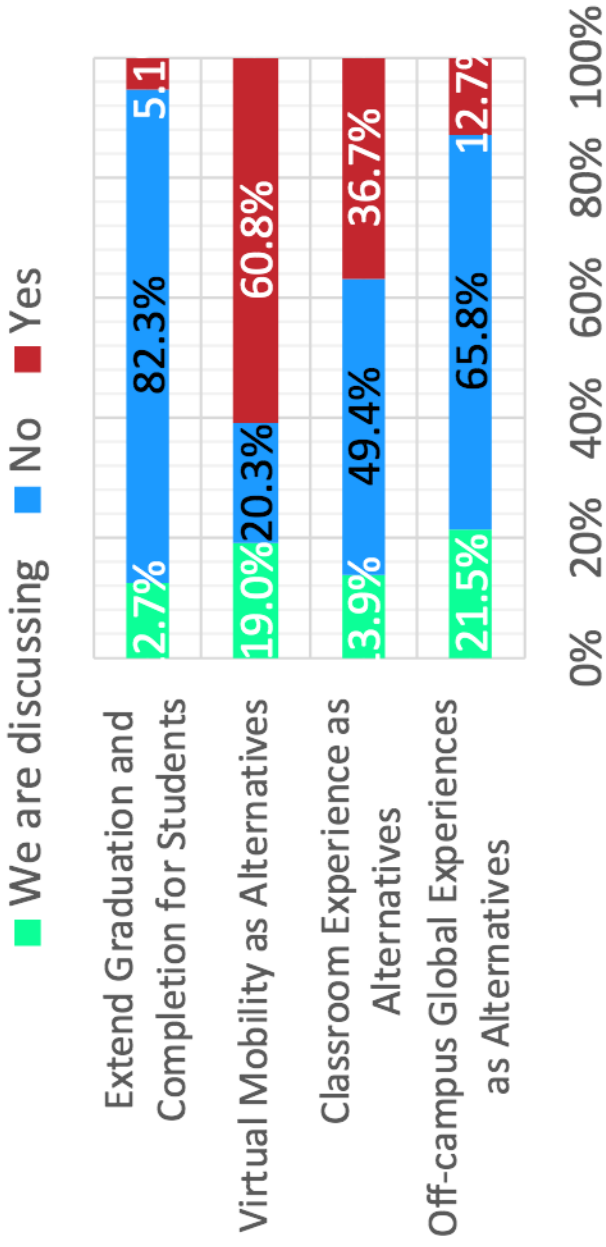


Study Abroad and Program Completion Requirements

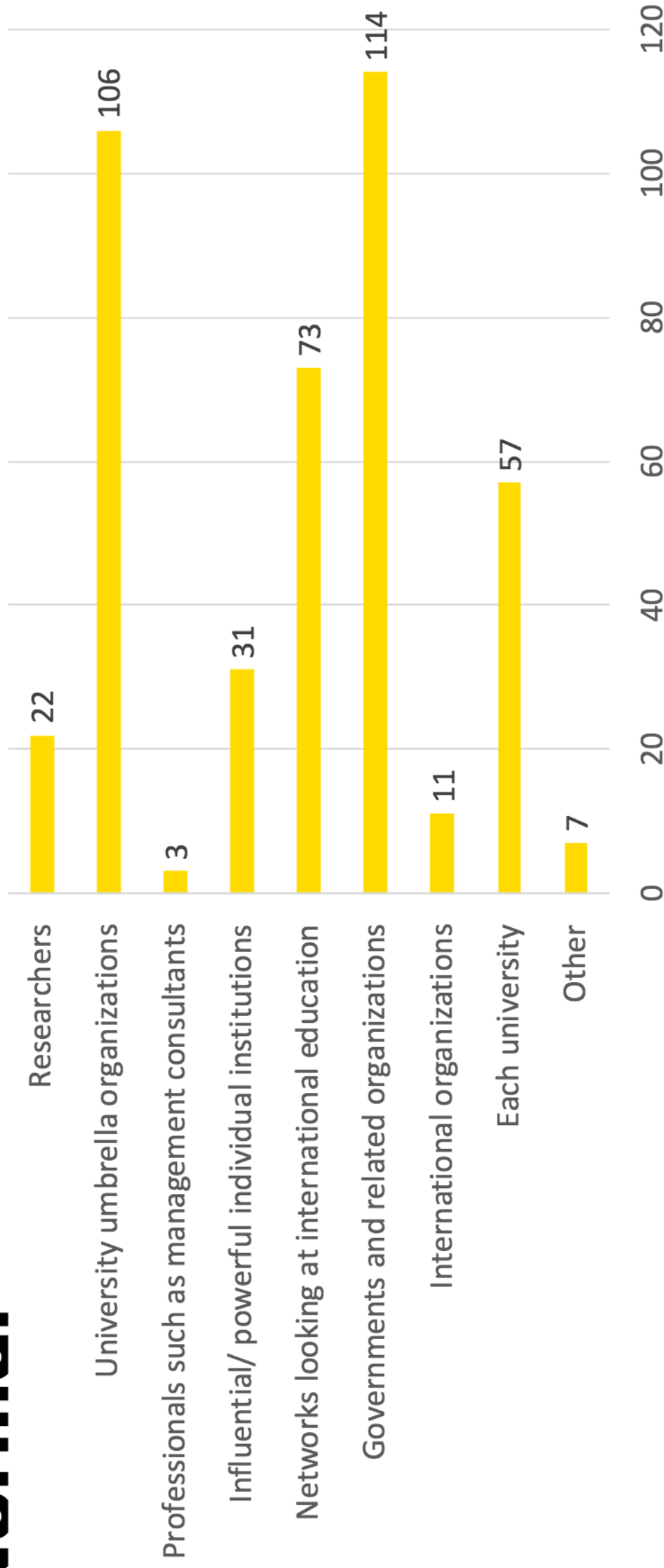
Offer of programs which require students to obtain study abroad experience for completion/graduation



Ways of dealing with an overseas study completion/graduation requirement during the pandemic



Consensus Building on Student Exchange in the Era of the “New Normal”



Comparison with US (1/2)

- Preparations for Student Exchange after the Pandemic
 - ⇒ **US** is more prepared to resume student exchange after the pandemic
 - Consensus Building on Student Exchange in the Era of the “New Normal”
 - ⇒ **Japan**…turn to what a wide range of internal and external experts say
 - US**…turn mainly to external professional advice
 - Ratio of On-site to Online Student Exchange after the Pandemic
 - ⇒ **Japan**…careful of decision of student exchange policy
 - US**…emphasize on-site student exchange
 - Institutions’ Plans for Restarting On-site International Student Mobility
 - ⇒ **Japan**…gradually resume
 - US**…restart on the same scale as before as soon as the conditions satisfactory

Comparison with US (2/2)

• Management of Programs after the Pandemic (Equal Treatment vs. Prioritize Suspended)

⇒ **Japan**...scattered in agree, disagree, and neutral

US...almost all the universities define their positions in agree or neutral

• Study Abroad and Program Completion Requirements

⇒ **Japan**...about 80% universities decided how to deal with substitute program

US...discussing virtual mobility, classroom experience, and off-campus global experiences

Japanese universities have already decided some programs as alternative, but been careful of decision of student exchange policy

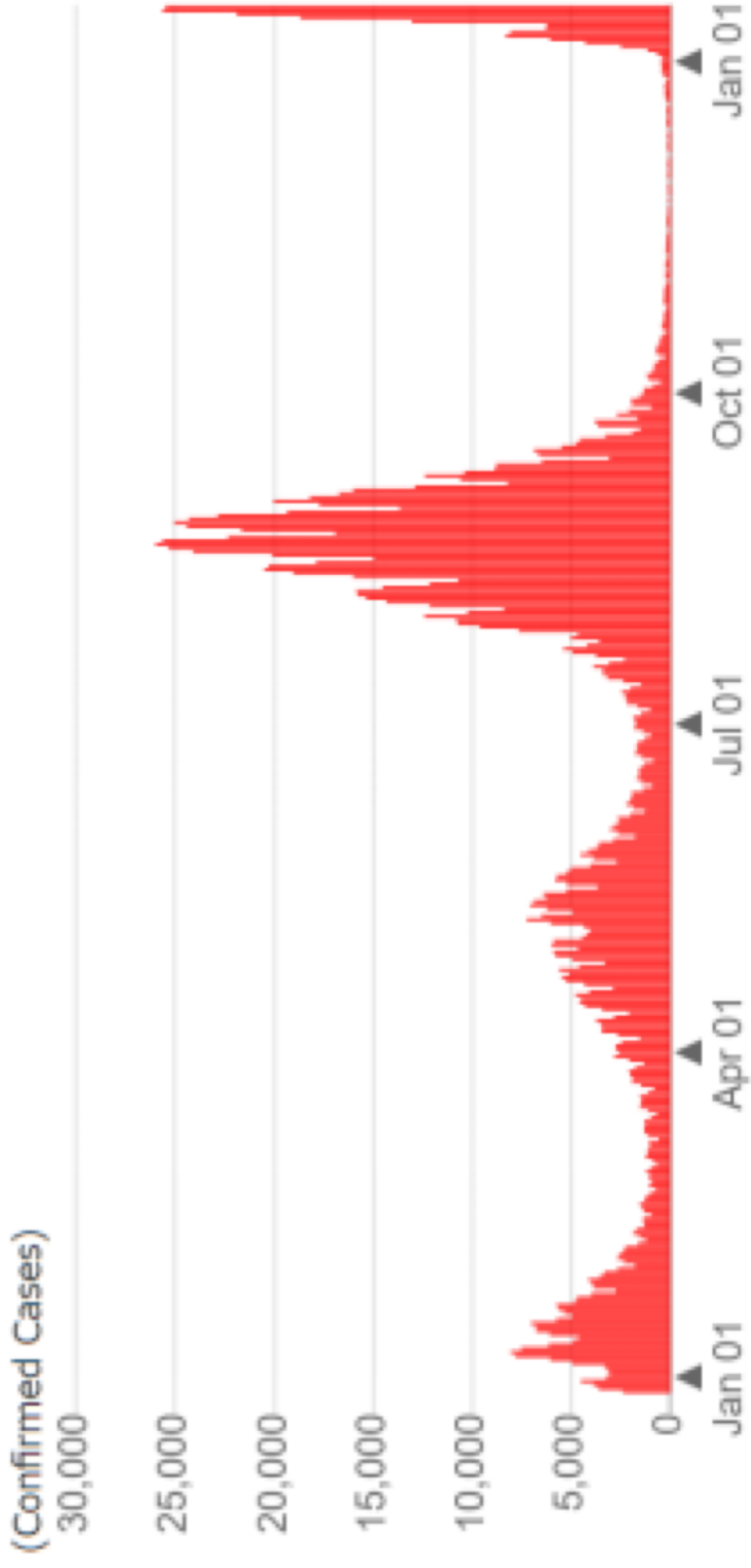
⇒ **inferior to US universities in speed**

Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Situation Report in Japan

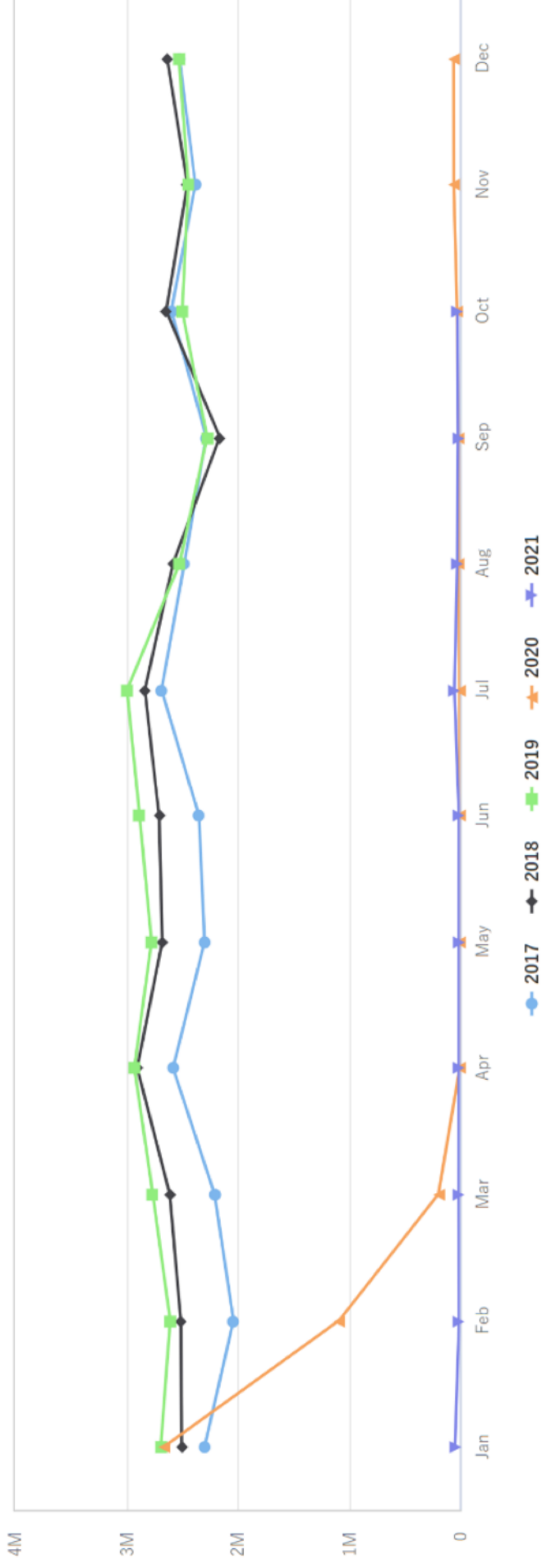
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Reported Infections Japan 2021-2022



Overseas Residents' Visits to Japan by month



Source : Japan National Tourism Organization (JNTO)

Measures taken by the Japanese government to deal with the spread of corona infection

2020

Jan 31 Novel Coronavirus Response Headquarters

2021

Jul 23-Aug 08 Tokyo Olympic

Aug 25 Declaration of a state of emergency for new coronavirus infections

Nov 29 Strengthening of Waterfront Measures against Omicron Stocks

2022

Jan 14 Strengthen waterfront measures against Omicron strains

Future Issues in International Student Education

- Crisis over the long entry bans
- Risk that top-flight students will dismiss Japan as a study-abroad destination.
- Cross-border connections being broken (lost opportunities for international joint research)
- Re-entry to Japan for international students temporarily returning to their home countries
(proof of COVID-19 testing within 72 hours, quarantine measures)

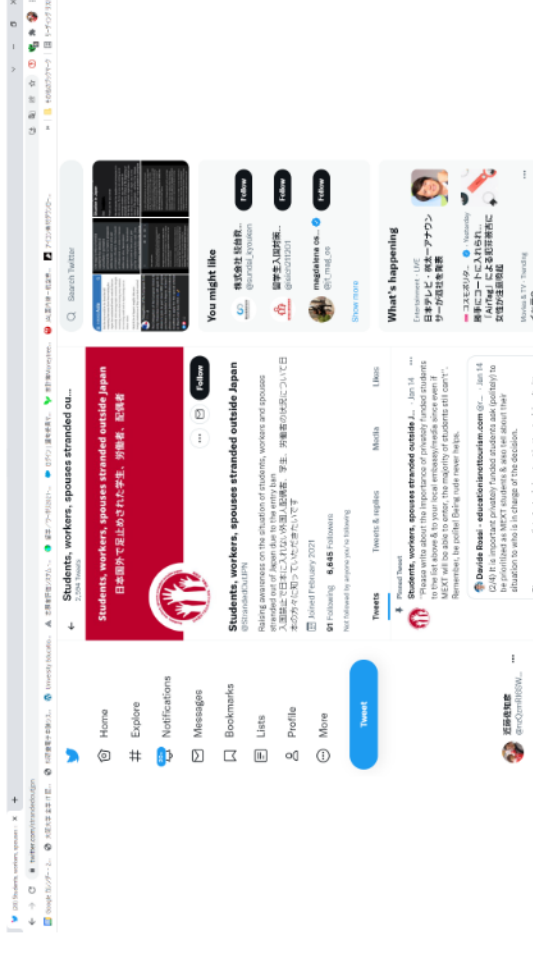
Conclusion

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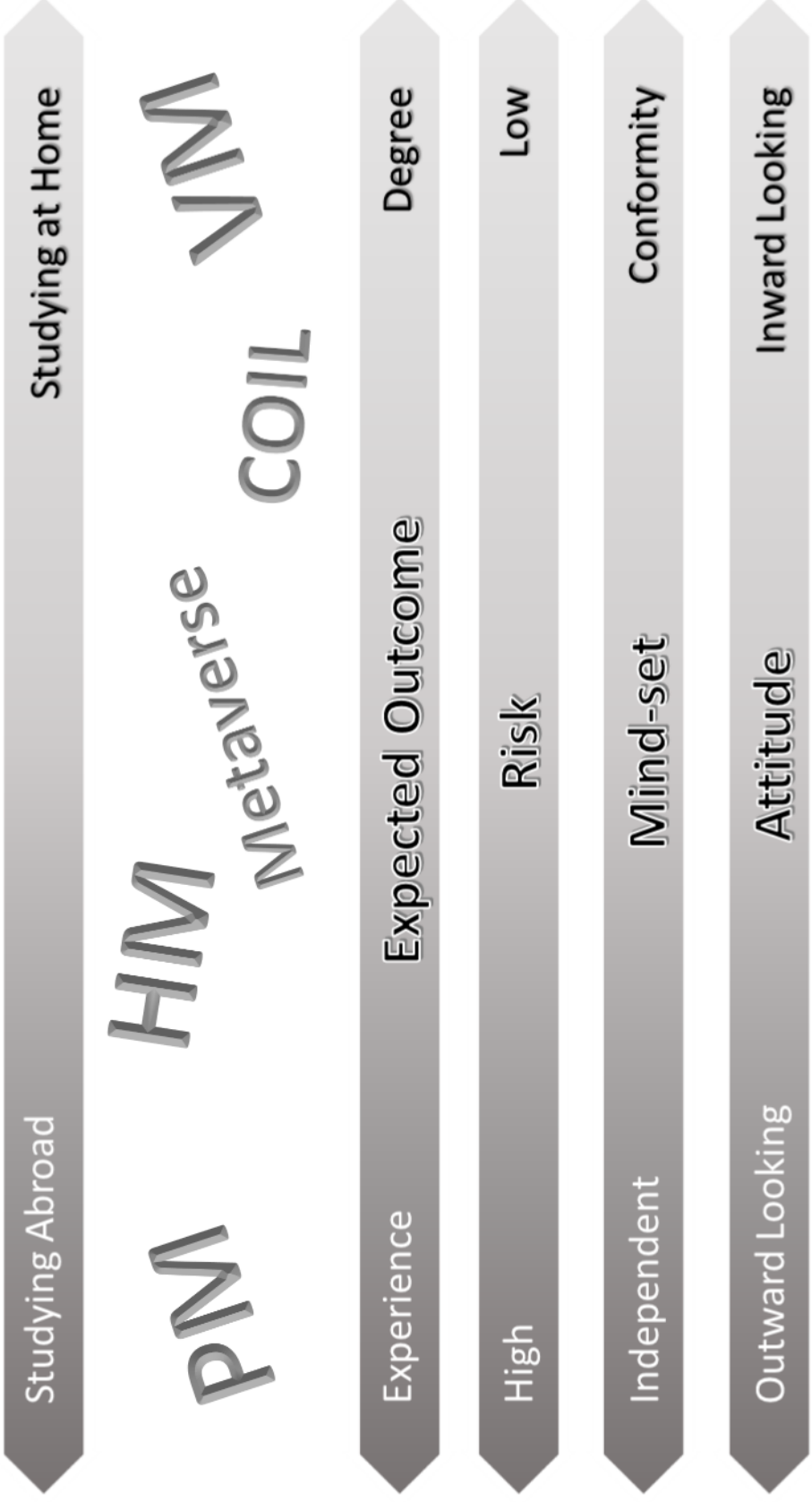
Concerns of Japan

- Negative impact for future mobility
 - Demise of system for in-coming students to Japan
 - Imbalance between in-coming and out-going students
 - Partnership between Japanese and non-Japanese HEIs
 - Cruel Japan!



Concerns of the World HEIs

- Up to date ideas for facilitating student mobility using PM, VM, HM, COLL and (if available) Metaverse
 - Renewed golden rule
- To understand (and to theorize) true pedagogical value of mobility education
 - gamification
 - planned happenstances



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- <https://newnormal-jointintlresearch.org/>

