

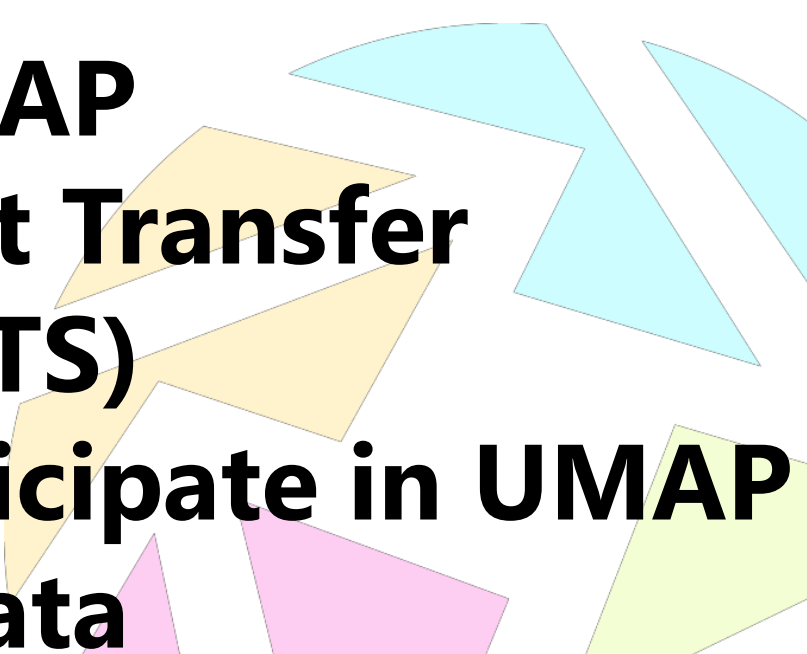
# **Promoting Student Mobility in Asia and the Pacific**

An introduction to



**UMAP International Secretariat  
(Toyo University)**

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# 1. About UMAP

## What is UMAP?

- UMAP is an acronym for the “**U**niversity **M**obility in **A**sia and the **P**acific”.
- Initiated in 1991, it is a voluntary association of government and non-government representatives of the higher education (mainly university) sector.
- UMAP currently comprises 36 eligible countries / territories with over 570 participating universities/institutions.
- The general aim of UMAP is to achieve a better understanding within each of countries and territories in the Asia and Pacific region of the cultural, economic and social systems of the other countries and territories in the region through enhanced cooperation among higher education institutions and increased mobility of university/institution students and staff.

# Conference to Discuss Higher Education Co-operation in Asia/Pacific Region (Canberra, Australia, 17-19 September 1991)

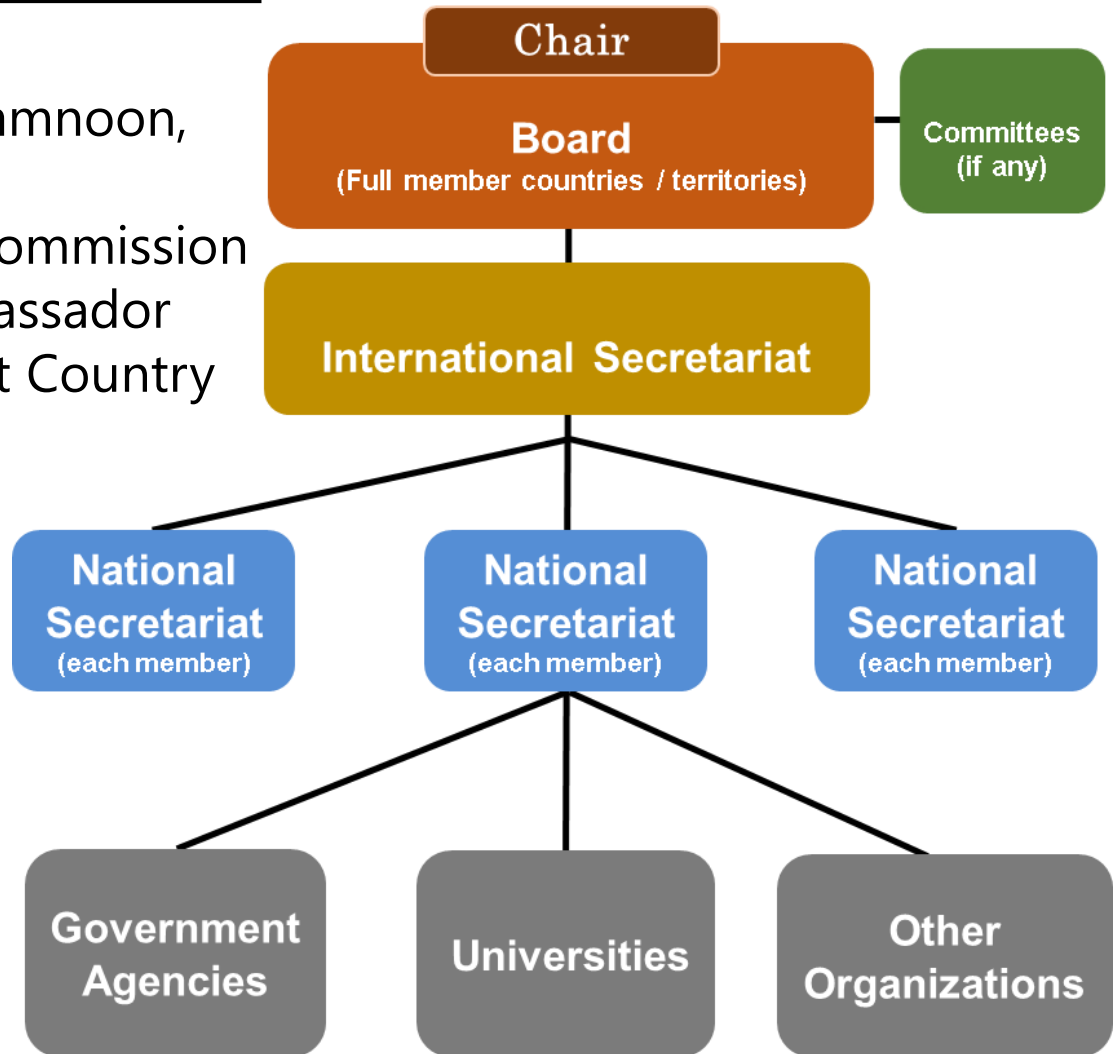


# 1. About UMAP

## Organization of UMAP

UMAP Chair is Dr. Sumate Yamnoon, Former Secretary-General for then Higher Education Commission of Thailand and UMAP Ambassador Thailand is UMAP Chair Host Country from 2019 to 2020.

Toyo University, Japan, serves as the UMAP International Secretariat (IS) for 5 years (January 2016 – December 2020).



# 1. About UMAP

## UMAP Chairs and Int'l Secretariats

### UMAP Chair

1998	Thailand
1999-2000	Korea
2001-2002	Australia
2003-2004	Malaysia
2005-2006	Taiwan
2007-2008	Mexico
2009-2010	Japan
2011-2012	Philippines
2013-2014	Japan
2015-2018	Malaysia
2019-2020	Thailand

### UMAP IS

1998-2005	Japan
2006-2010	Thailand
2011-2015	Taiwan
2016-2020	Japan <u>(Toyo University)</u>

# UMAP Chair and Secretary General



**DR. SUMATE YAMNOON**

**Chairperson, UMAP**

Former Secretary-General for Higher Education  
Commission,  
Office of the Permanent Secretary for Higher  
Education, Science, Research and Innovation,  
Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and  
Innovation, Thailand

Makio TAKEMURA  
Secretary General  
UMAP International  
Secretariat  
President, Toyo University



# New UMAP Member Country (USA)



James Madison  
University



Western Washington University

(UMAP National Secretariat as of 2020)

# New Member Country (Australia)



Curtin University

(UMAP National Secretariat as of 2020)

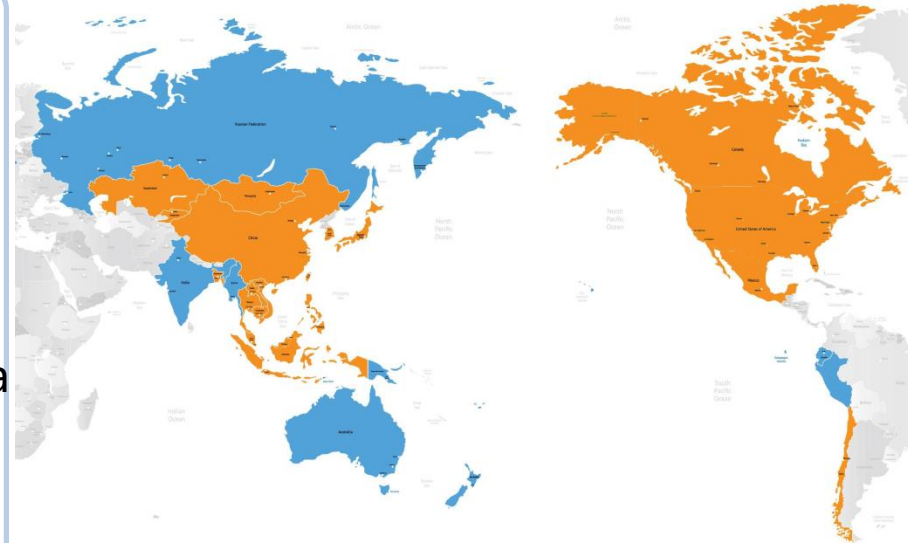


# 1. About UMAP

## Eligible countries / territories

All accredited public and private universities/institutions in following countries/territories can participate in the UMAP Exchange Programs. Other countries can also join UMAP with the approval of the governing authority of UMAP, the UMAP Board.

**Australia** as of 2020 / Bangladesh / Brunei / Cambodia / Canada / Chile / People's Republic of China / Ecuador / Fiji / Guam / Hong Kong / India / Indonesia / Japan / Kazakhstan / Republic of Korea / Kyrgyz / Laos / Macao / Malaysia / Mexico / Mongolia / Myanmar / New Zealand / Papua New Guinea / Peru / Philippines / Reunion Island / Russia / Samoa / Singapore / Taiwan / Thailand / Timor-Leste / USA / Vietnam



Note: Orange shows FULL member (21 Countries/Territories as of Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019)

# 2. What We Do

## **What we operate?**

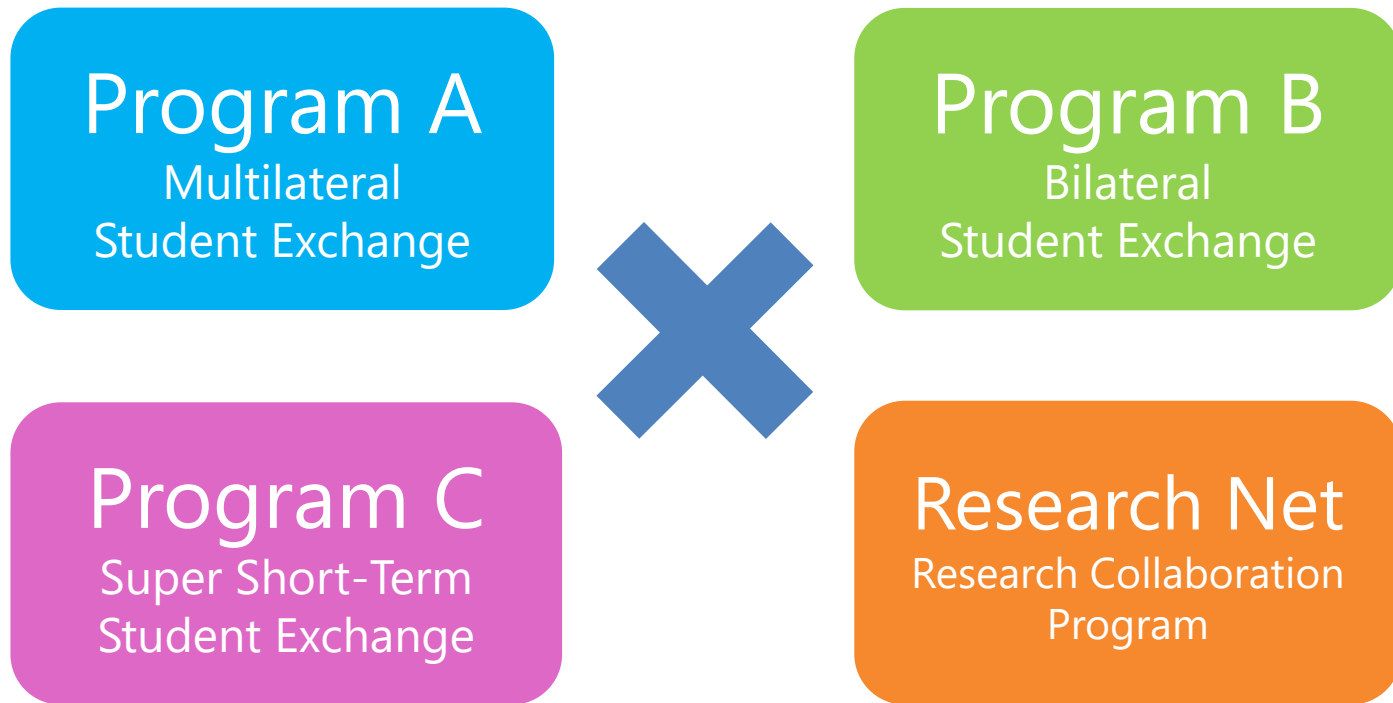
To enhance international understanding by facilitating mobility of university students and faculty members within the Asia-Pacific region.

In order to achieve its aim, UMAP is

- Operating Multilateral/Bilateral Student Exchange Programs.
- Operating the Super-Short Program and other special programs.
- Providing financial support to research relevant to the goals of UMAP.

## 2. What We Do

### Programs Offered by UMAP



**.....and more special programs  
such as UMAP Summer Program**

# 2. What We Do

## UMAP's Study Abroad Programs

### **Program A&B (UMAP Multilateral / Bilateral Student Exchange Program)**

UME is a student exchange program in which UMAP institutions can send and receive two students per semester. Exchanges are made on a tuition-waiver basis. Bilateral student exchange arrangements can also be made between two institutions wishing to exchange more than two students with tuition-waiver or non-waiver depending upon the host.

### **Program C, Super Short-Term Programs (SSTP)**

SSTP are short-term (one- to eight-week) programs offered by UMAP member institutions. Programs are generally offered between July and September. It is available in a wide range of disciplines such as cultural studies, language, and entrepreneurship, depending on the host university.

### **UMAP Summer Program**

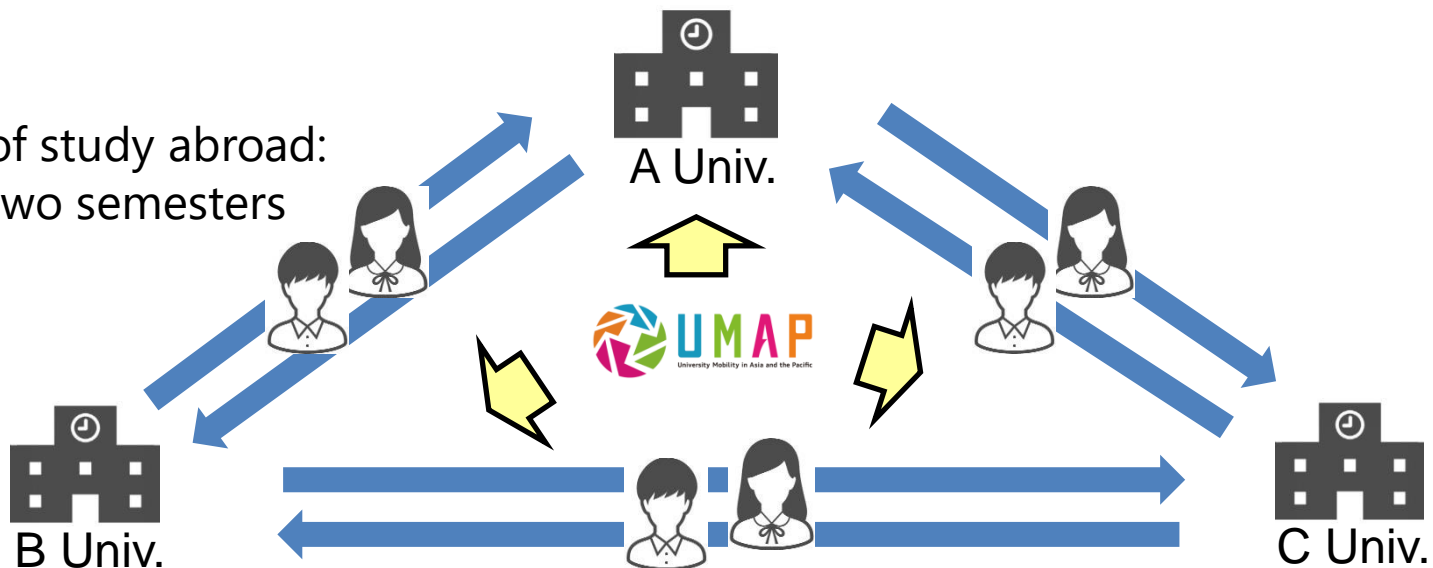
Special summer program provided by UMAP. In 2016, the first UMAP Summer Program "UMAP Discovery Camp 2016" was held in Philippines and UMAP Summer Program 2017 held in JAPAN and UMAP Discovery Camp 2018 was held in Thailand. In 2019 Taiwan has hosted UMAP Discovery Camp 2019 organized by Department of International and Cross-strait Ministry of Education and Fu Jen Catholic University.

# 2. What We Do

## How we operate Program A

- ◆ UMAP IS call for participation to Pledged institutions 4 times a year.
- ◆ Participating institutions offer their program through UMAP Student Connection Online (USCO) System. Participating institutions nominate their students to other participating institutions (two persons per semester).
- ◆ If an institution accepts more than two students, the institution is able to send an equal number of excess students from the following semester (Quota system).
- ◆ Tuition fee should be waived by host institutions.
- ◆ We recommend the use of UMAP Credit Transfer Scheme (UCTS).

Length of study abroad:  
One or two semesters



# 2. What We Do

## **UMAP Student Connection Online System**

USCO System has started its operation from Program A&B 2019-1 (Autumn 2019) and it has following functions;

1) For all Pledged Institutions\*

- Register basic information of each institution and offer their programs
- Nominate appropriate students and follow up their application status
- Check application status of host institutions and screen nominees
- Select applicants with seeing their 2nd-5th preferred institutions.

2) For students

- Find suitable programs for each student
- Submit applications and other related materials
- Trace and check application statuses.

\*Pledged institutions;  
Universities/institutions  
that signed  
“Pledge of Agreement”.

# 3. Merit of UMAP

## Merit of Joining UMAP

- For students:
  - Students will broaden opportunity of choice to study abroad in Asia and the Pacific region.
  - Japan and Taiwan provide selected inbound students with the UMAP's scholarship.
- For institutions (Economic):
  - Annual membership fee will be charged only to the country/territory. No annual fees for each institutions.
  - Institutions can offer programs with tuition-fee (Program B and Program C).

# 3. Merit of UMAP-Scholarship-

## Japanese Government Scholarship

(For short-term & semester-long)

- Approx. \$700/month for international inbound students in Japan under UMAP programs.
- Approx. \$500-\$900/month for Japanese outbound students under UMAP programs.

## Taiwanese Government Scholarship

(For semester-long only)

- Approx. \$700/month for international inbound students in Taiwan under UMAP programs.
- Approx. \$700/month for Taiwanese outbound students under UMAP programs.

# UMAP Discovery Camp 2018



## Discovery Camp 2018 Bangkok, Thailand

22 July - 4 August, 2018



# UMAP Discovery Camp 2019



 **UMAP Discovery Camp**  
**2019 @ TAIWAN**

# UMAP-COIL Honors Program 2019



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## Joint Honors Program



# UMAP-COIL Honors Program 2019



# 4. About UCTS

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- UCTS is an acronym for the “**UMAP Credit Transfer System**”.
- It **originally modeled ECTS**, but it adopted the concept of “**Asian Academic Credits**” in 2013.
- UCTS is currently used for UMAP exchange programs with **UMAP Study Plan form** and **UMAP Transcript Report**.



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# UCTS, approved by the ASEAN Plus Three (APT)-Education Ministers

**“APT Guidelines on Transcripts and Supplemental Documents Academic Records of Exchange Students,” including a “Conversion Table for Credit Transfer Systems” based upon the concept of Asian Academic Credits (AACs)=UCTS (UMAP Credit Transfer System) (November 1, 2018)**



# A Concept of UCTS (= AACs)

A proposed framework of credit system  
by Hotta;

**One UCTS (= AACs) credit point  $\approx$  38-48 hours of student workload,**

**(including 13-16 hours of teaching (academic) hours)**

**\*Student workload is the total amount of hours students spend for study, (lectures, but also homework, lab, writing term papers, etc.)**

# Comparison of Credit (Transfer) Systems

Nations & Systems	Asia (AACs) [UCTS]	USA [≐2/3 of universities]	ECTS [Europe]	CLAR (Latin America)	CATS (UK)
Credit Comparison	1 credit point	≐1credit	≐1.5 ECTS	≐1.5 CLAR	≐3 credits
Student workload	38-48 hours	≐45 hours	37.5-45 hours	37.5-45 hours	Converted from ECTS
Teaching hours*	13-16 hours	≐15~16 hours	-----	-----	-----

\*This chart requires more detailed explanations regarding each indicator

# 5. How to participate in UMAP

## General steps to be an UMAP member

### ● **Step-1: Establish National Secretariat (NS)**

NS represents the country/territory and is responsible for the promotion and development of Exchange Programs. NS should be a governmental institution of higher education (i.e. ministry of education), however, a particular university may serve as UMAP NS.

### ● **Step-2: Contact National Secretariat**

Each university/institution need to contact NS and to request an endorsement for joining UMAP. NS is required to check the institution whether it is accredited one or not and inform UMAP IS of the result.

### ● **Step-3: Contract “Pledge of Agreement”**

It is required for new members to sign the “Pledge of Agreement” in order to participate in UMAP Programs. Please contact UMAP IS by sending an email to (umap-is@umap.org).

The contents of the agreement is shown in the website below;

[http://umap.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/Revised\\_in\\_August\\_2017\\_THE\\_PLEDGE\\_OF\\_AGREEMENT\\_ON\\_UMAP\\_MULTILATERAL\\_STUDENT\\_EXCHANGE\\_PROGRAM.pdf](http://umap.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/Revised_in_August_2017_THE_PLEDGE_OF_AGREEMENT_ON_UMAP_MULTILATERAL_STUDENT_EXCHANGE_PROGRAM.pdf)

### ● **Step-4: Participate in UMAP Programs**

If you would like to send your students to other participating institutions, you need to offer your program by registering "Outline of Proposal" in USCO System when UMAP IS announces the call for programs.

# Item 6: Statistical Data of the UMAP Student Exchange Programs\*



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c/o Toyo University**

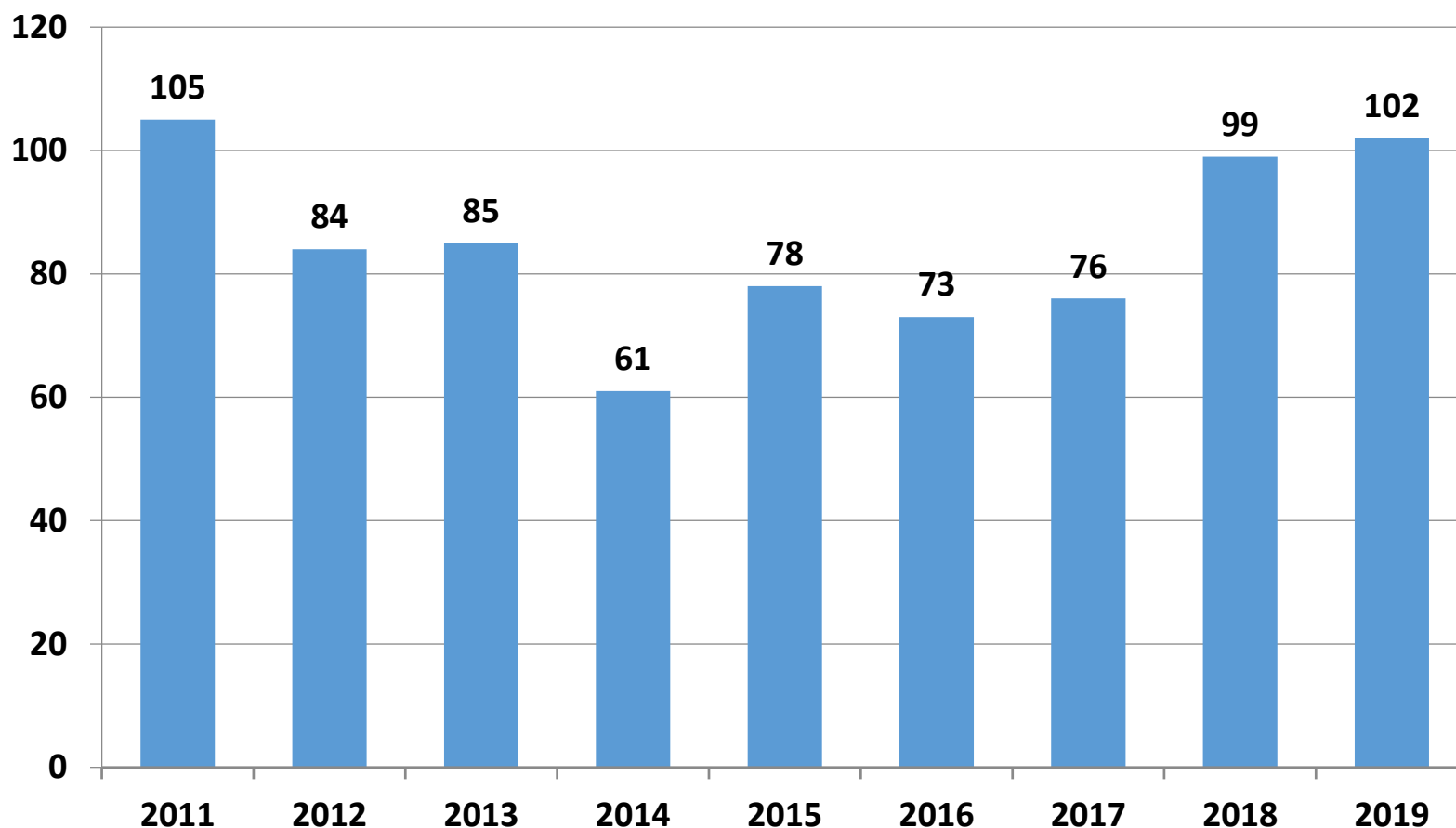
\* As of October 25th, 2019



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# **Program A&B**

# Number of Participating Institutions\* (2011-2019)



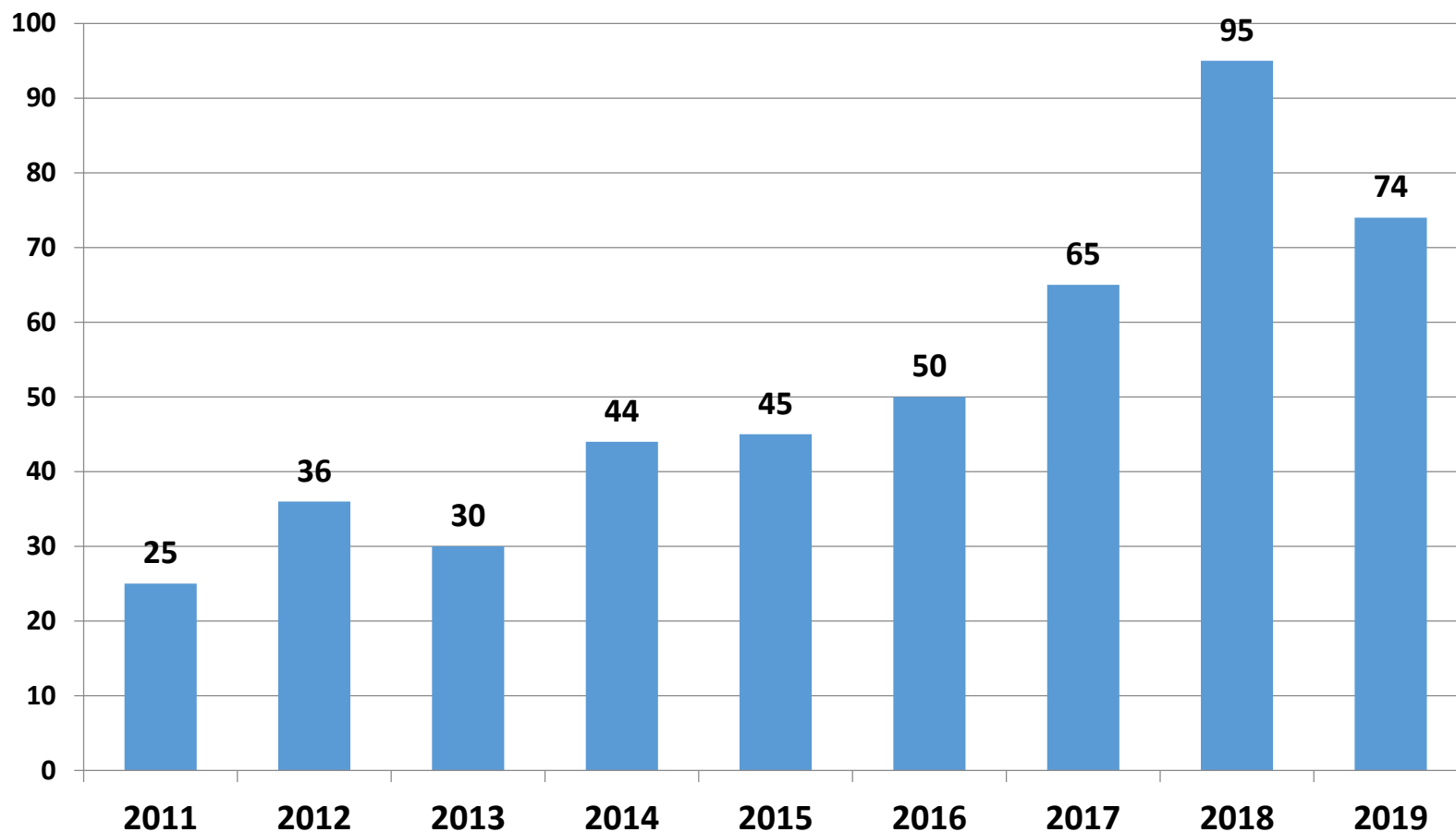
**\* Participating Institutions :**

Institutions that submitted their program information to UMAP-IS with the intention to accept exchange students.

# Number of Participating Institutions by country/territory (2011-2019)

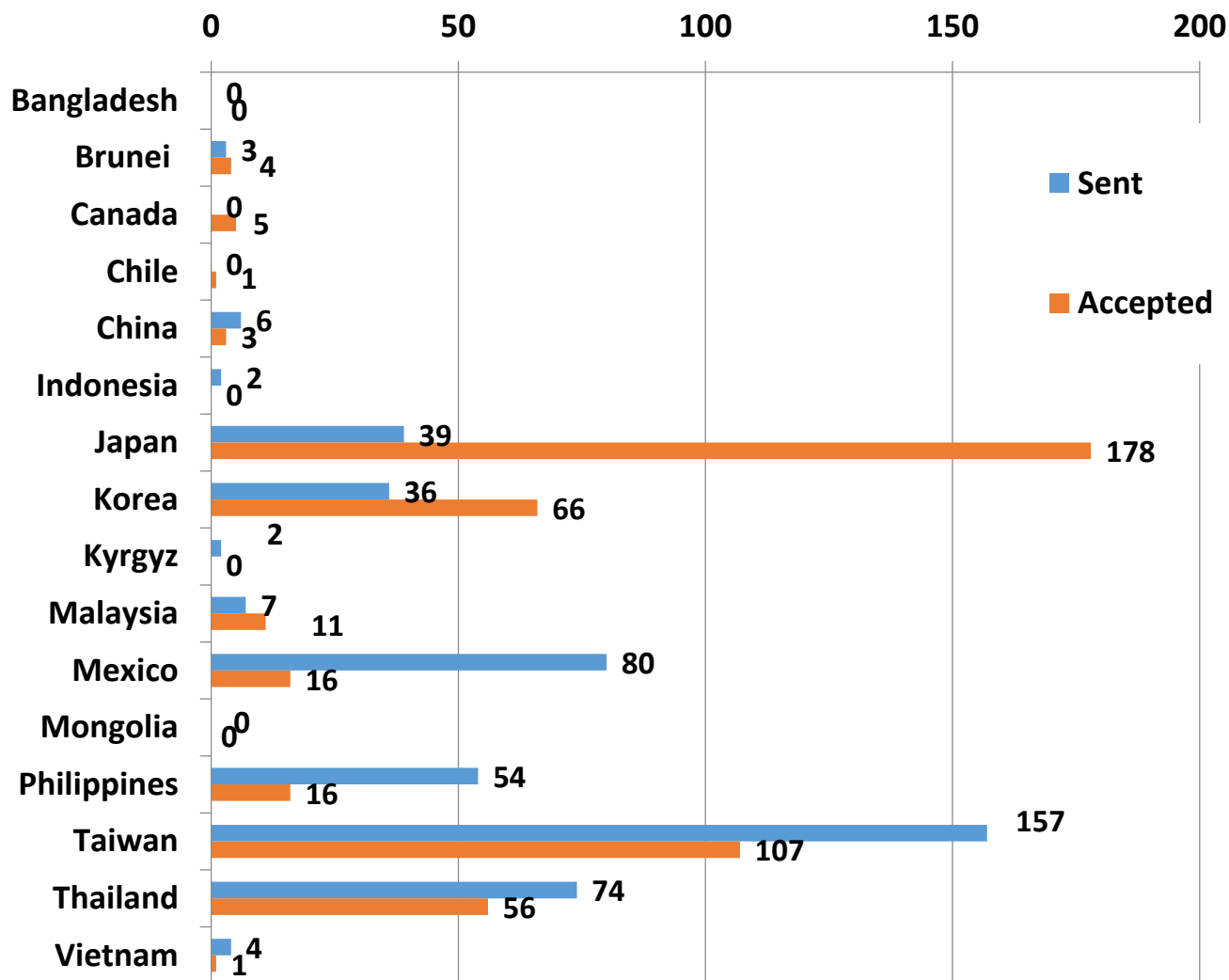
Country/Territory	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Bangladesh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Brunei	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	7
Canada	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	7
Chile	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5
China	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	4
Fiji	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Indonesia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Japan	2	3	3	4	6	7	12	15	17	69
Kazakhstan	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
Korea	4	0	1	7	5	7	5	5	7	41
Kyrgyz	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Malaysia	0	2	1	1	1	2	3	2	2	14
Mexico	18	10	5	2	2	11	8	12	13	81
Mongolia	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Philippines	30	11	7	6	8	9	11	13	9	104
Taiwan	25	34	40	22	43	17	19	27	25	252
Thailand	24	23	26	19	12	14	15	16	10	159
Vietnam	0	1	1	0	0	3	1	3	2	11
Total	105	84	85	61	78	73	76	99	102	763

# Number of Exchange Students (2011-2019)



**464 students in the past 8 and half years**

# Number of students exchanged by country/territory (2011-2019)



# Number of students sent by country/territory (2011-2019)

Country/Territory	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Bangladesh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brunei	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	3
Canada	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chile	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
China	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	6
Indonesia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Japan	0	0	0	2	1	4	7	10	15	39
Korea	2	0	0	9	4	3	4	9	5	36
Kyrgyz	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Malaysia	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	0	7
Mexico	12	7	9	6	5	10	10	18	3	80
Mongolia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Philippines	4	0	0	5	5	8	5	8	19	54
Taiwan	0	18	14	11	26	15	19	31	23	157
Thailand	7	11	7	11	4	8	11	13	2	74
Vietnam	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	4
Total	25	36	30	44	45	50	65	95	74	464

Taiwan, Mexico and Thailand are active senders

# Number of students accepted by country/territory (2011-2019)

Country/Territory	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Bangladesh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brunei	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	4
Canada	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5
Chile	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
China	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3
Indonesia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Japan	6	12	11	10	15	19	25	45	35	178
Korea	2	0	3	9	12	7	7	18	8	66
Kyrgyz	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Malaysia	0	3	0	1	0	2	2	2	1	11
Mexico	3	5	0	0	0	1	4	2	1	16
Mongolia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Philippines	3	3	1	2	0	1	2	1	3	16
Taiwan	5	10	9	15	12	11	15	17	13	107
Thailand	6	1	6	7	5	9	8	9	5	56
Vietnam	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Total	25	36	30	44	45	50	65	95	74	464

Japan, Taiwan, Korea, and Thailand are active receivers.



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# Program C

# Number of Participating Institutions and Programs

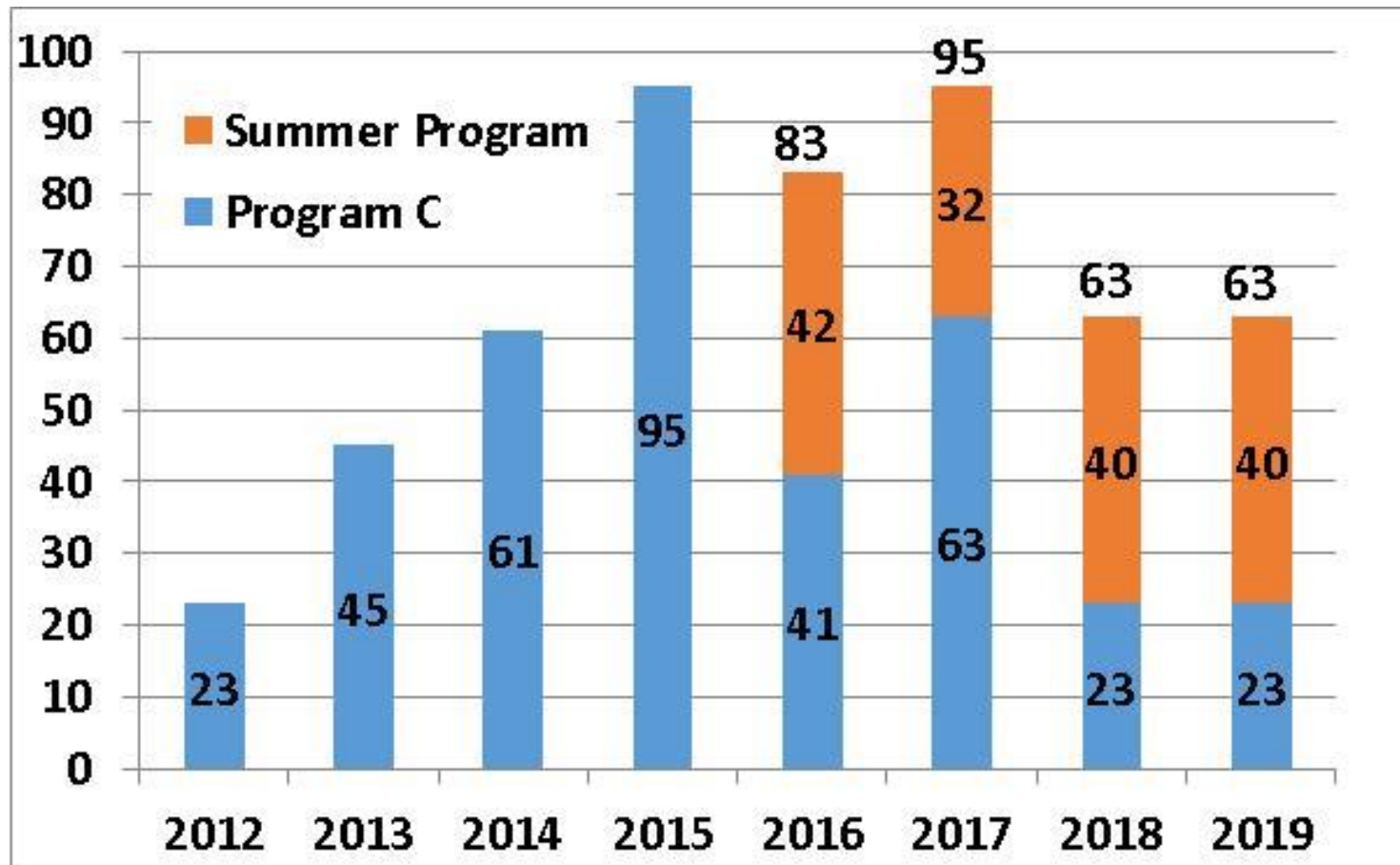
Number of  
Participating Institutions

Countries/ Territories	2016	2017	2018	2019
Brunei	0	1	1	1
Canada	0	0	0	3
China	0	0	0	2
Japan	2	1	5	2
Korea	5	3	2	3
Kyrgyz	0	0	0	1
Malaysia	2	3	3	1
Mexico	1	2	3	2
Philippines	5	5	5	5
Taiwan	9	5	7	5
Thailand	5	8	5	3
Vietnam	0	0	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>28</b>

Number of Programs offered  
by Participating Institutions

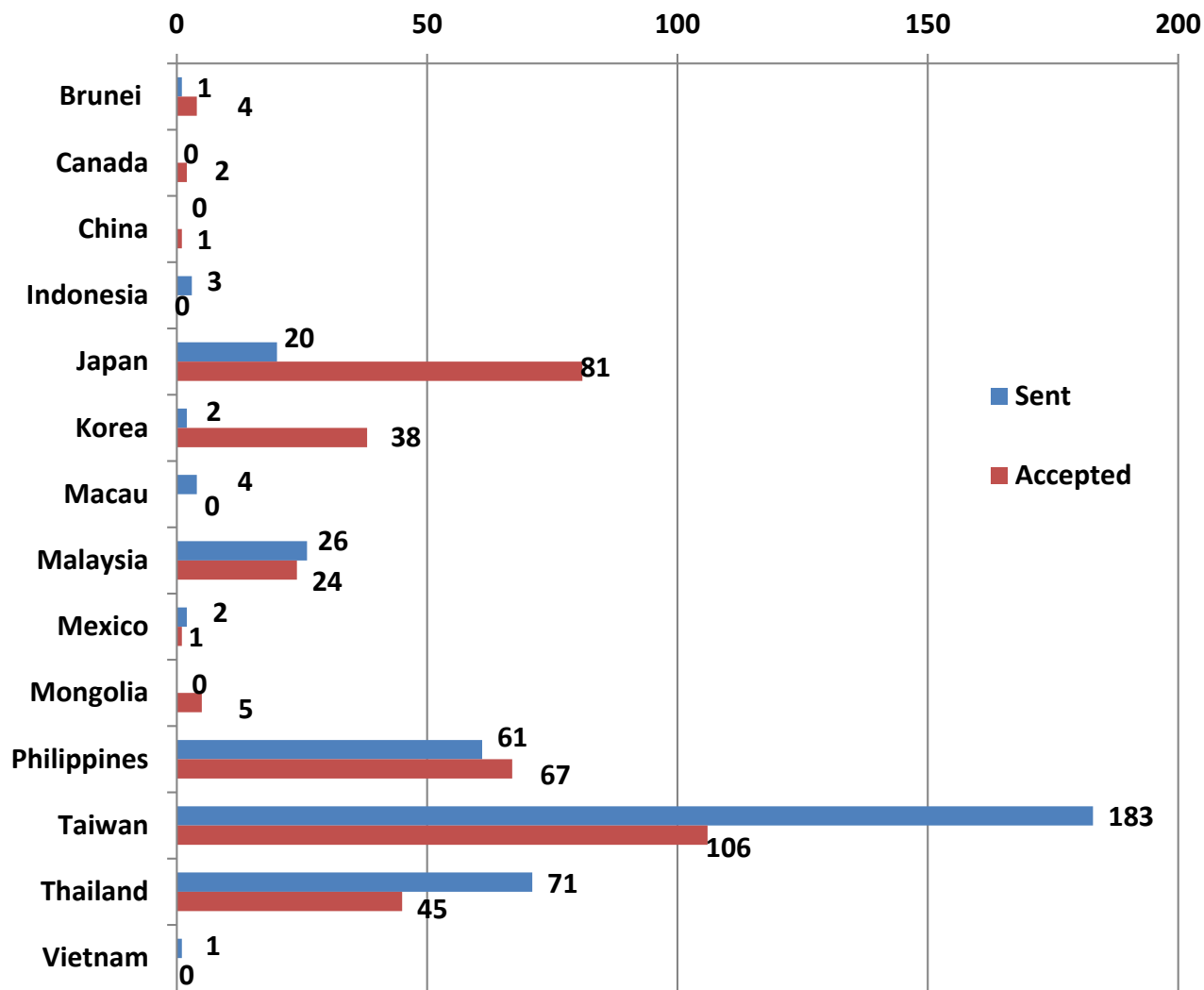
Countries/ Territories	2016	2017	2018	2019
Brunei	0	2	2	1
Canada	0	0	0	5
China	0	0	0	4
Japan	2	2	15	5
Korea	8	4	2	3
Kyrgyz	0	0	0	1
Malaysia	3	5	10	3
Mexico	3	8	12	6
Philippines	7	14	14	8
Taiwan	11	6	9	12
Thailand	6	9	9	3
Vietnam	0	0	3	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>51</b>

# Number of Exchange Students (2012-2019)



**374 (plus 154) students in the past eight years**

# Number of students exchanged by country/territory (2012-2019)



# Number of students sent by country/territory (2012-2019)

Country/Territory	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Brunei	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Canada	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
China	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Indonesia	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	3
Japan	0	0	0	0	0	15	3	2	20
Korea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Macau	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Malaysia	0	0	0	4	6	8	6	2	26
Mexico	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Mongolia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Philippines	0	8	11	6	7	13	2	14	61
Taiwan	18	28	41	60	17	9	8	2	183
Thailand	3	6	8	23	10	18	2	1	71
Vietnam	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Total	23	45	61	95	41	63	23	23	374

Taiwan, Thailand and Philippines are active senders

# Number of students accepted by country/territory (2012-2019)

Country/Territory	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Brunei	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	4
Canada	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
China	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Indonesia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Japan	11	10	8	19	18	8	7	0	81
Korea	0	0	10	12	3	3	4	6	38
Macau	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Malaysia	0	9	7	0	2	5	1	0	24
Mexico	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Mongolia	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
Philippines	10	8	15	23	0	9	2	0	67
Taiwan	1	5	8	35	12	28	8	9	106
Thailand	0	10	12	6	5	7	0	5	45
Vietnam	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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