9. Education and Research Fields



Advancement Rate by Type of School

Source:Data from "School Basic Survey", the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology Notes:

- 1. Advancement rate of "Upper secondary education": Percentage of graduates of lower secondary school and secondary school (lower division) who enter upper secondary school and college of technology. The figure excludes graduates who enter upper secondary school-level correspondence courses.
- 2. Advancement rate of "University (undergraduate program)" and "Junior college": Percentage of university and junior college enrollments (including students who had failed the entrance exam but were accepted at a university of their choices in the following year) divided by lower secondary school graduates of three years before. The figure excludes students on university-level or junior college-level correspondence courses.
- Advancement rate of "Graduate school": Percentage of students who enter graduate school immediately after completing their undergraduate program. It also includes new Ph.D. course advancement in the case of medical and dental schools. The figure excludes graduate-level correspondence courses.

The percentage of girls who advance to higher educational institutions is increasing as a whole.



Number of Undergraduate Students by Specialization

Source:Data from "School Basic Survey", the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology Notes:Other Science-related Fields are including Physical Sciences, Agriculture, and Medicine & Dentistry. Other Fields are including Home Economics, Arts, and Others.

In 2011, 26.2% of all female students specialized in social science fields, making more than 30% of all social science students women. In engineering fields, 11.2% of students were women, compared to 66.2% of students in humanities. This shows the disparities among specializations between men and women.

Proportion of Female Full-time Teachers to the Total of Full-time Teachers (2011)



Source: "School Basic Survey(Fiscal 2011)", the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology

While more than 60% of full-time teachers at elementary school are female, the proportion of female teachers decreases as education proceeded to lower and upper secondary schools. With regard to junior college and university, while female teachers account for 50% at junior colleges, their proportion is only 20% at universities.



Although the proportion of female researchers in Japan is showing a tendency to gradually increase, it stood at 13.8% as of March 31, 2011, which is low compared to other countries.

Proportion of Female Researchers