

平成 23 年度（2011 年度）第 1 学年 4 月入学・第 2 学年 4 月編入学選抜検査
Spring Entrance Examination 2011 for 1st and 2nd Grade Applicants

外国語作文（英語）
Foreign Language Essay (English)

平成 23 年（2011 年）2 月 3 日（木）実施
Thursday, February 3, 2011

Attention

1. Keep your test booklet closed until you are instructed to open this booklet.
2. You may freely use blank space in the booklet. Any marks in this booklet will not be scored.
3. There is a separate answer sheet. All answers should be written within the space provided on the answer sheet **in English**.
4. You will be given 45 minutes to complete Foreign Language Essay.
5. Remain silent during test time.
6. Write your name and registration number clearly on the test booklet. Write your registration number only on your answer sheet.
7. No questions concerning the test content will be answered.
8. Both your test booklet and your answer sheet will be collected after the test.

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Read the text and charts below and answer the following question.

Japan again spent the least on education in 2007 among the 28 member countries of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in terms of the ratio of such state spending to gross domestic product, according to an OECD report.

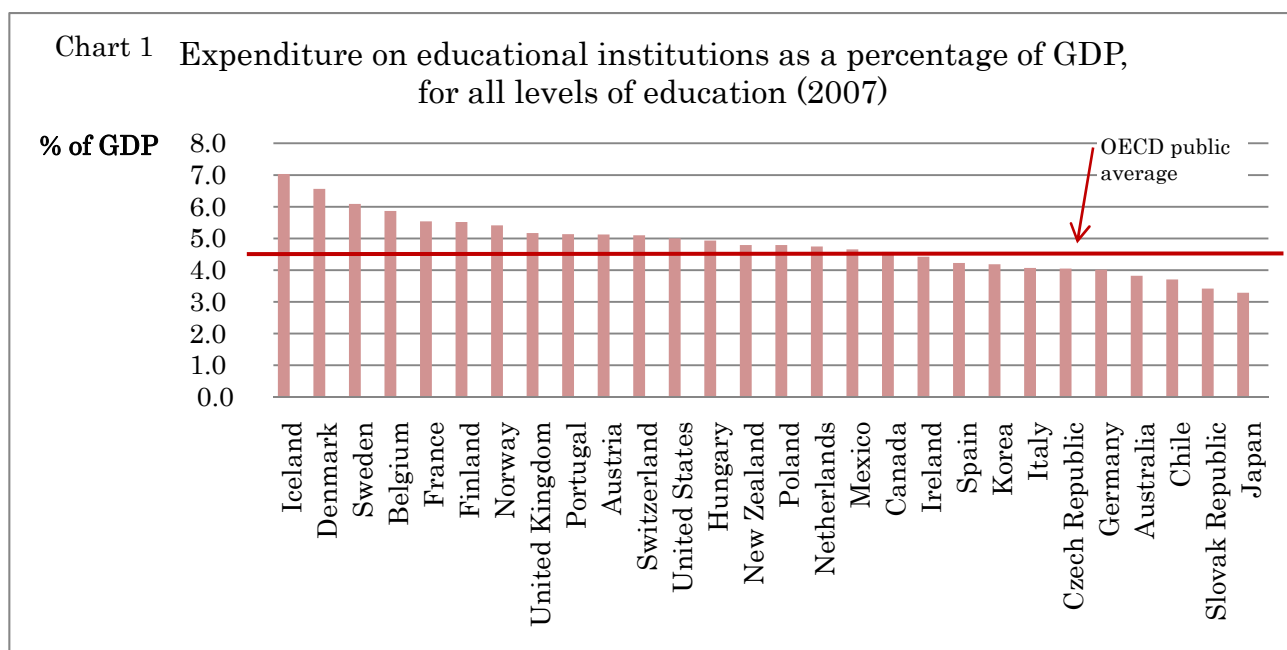
The nation's 2007 ratio, 3.3 percent, was the third-lowest, following 2003 and 2005. Japan was also the second-lowest in 2004 and 2006 in the annual OECD studies. For the latest ranking, comparable data were available among the 28 nations out of the OECD's 32 members.

In a press briefing, an OECD official said there is a possibility that Japan's spending ratio may improve, but that it is unclear how far it could rise in the rankings as other countries have also increased their respective public spending.

At the elementary and junior high school levels, Japan's spending-to-GDP ratio came to 2.5 percent — tied for second-lowest with the Czech Republic, while the ratio at the high school levels was 0.5 percent, also the second-lowest.

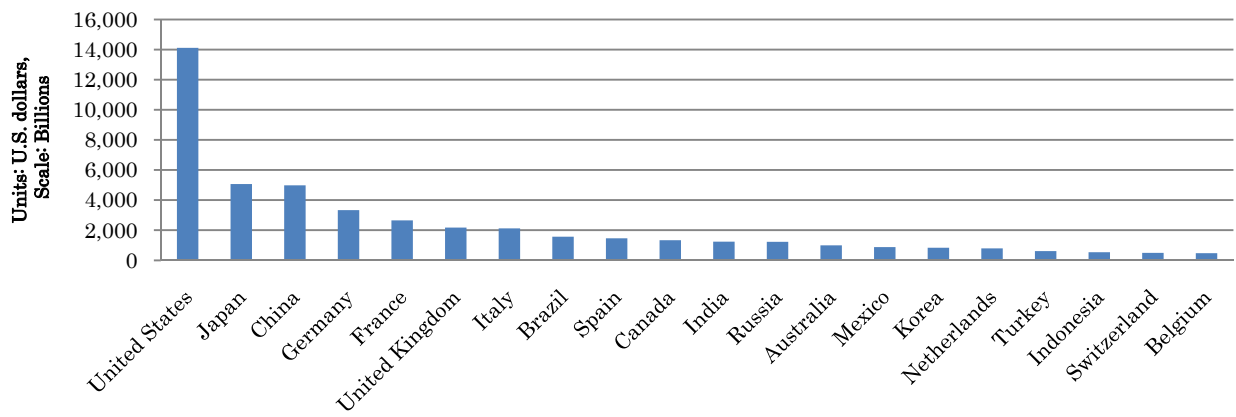
The OECD also said the number of students per class at Japanese junior high schools was 33.0, the second-largest number among 23 member nations.

(Modified from Japan Times, 9 September, 2010)



(Source from Education at a Glance 2010: OECD)

Chart 2 Top 20 Highest Gross domestic product (2009)



(Source from International Monetary Fund (IMF) World Economic Outlook Database, October 2010)

Question

What do you think about this situation? Express your opinions and reasoning about this issue.

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Answer Sheet

The main body of the page is a large rectangle with a thick black border. Inside this rectangle, there are 20 horizontal ruling lines spaced evenly down the page, providing a space for the student to write their answer to the essay question.

