

Promoting Student Mobility Between Germany and Rep. of Korea



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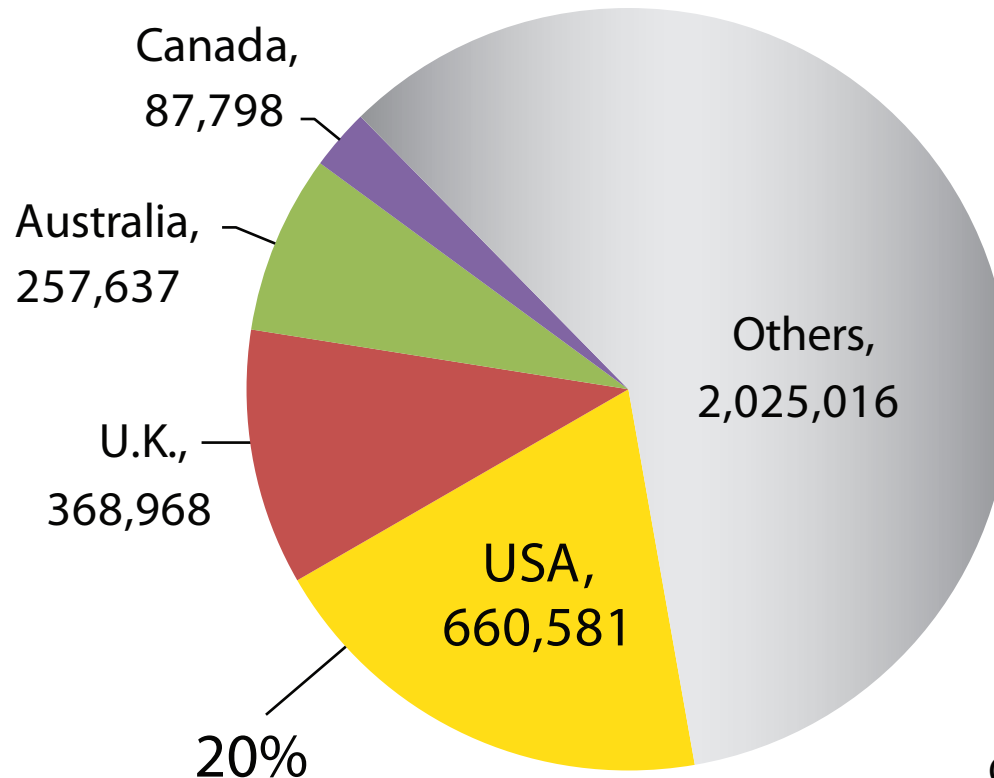
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Outline

- Current situation in student mobility
- Constraints in student mobility
- Solutions

Global Foreign Students Enrollment Statistics (2009)

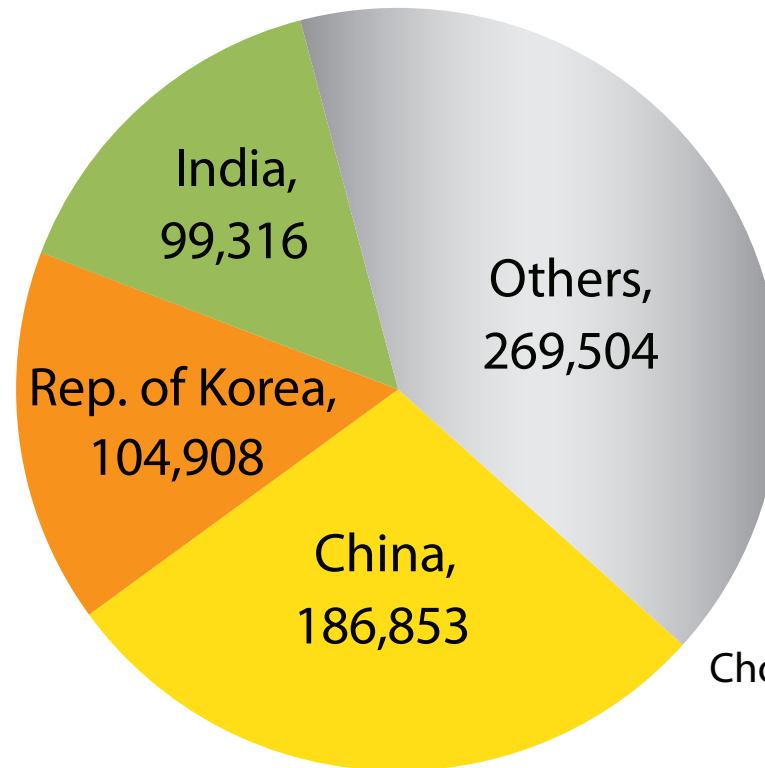
3.4 million students globally



Choudaha & Chang, 2012

Prevalent preference for the English speaking countries: 41%

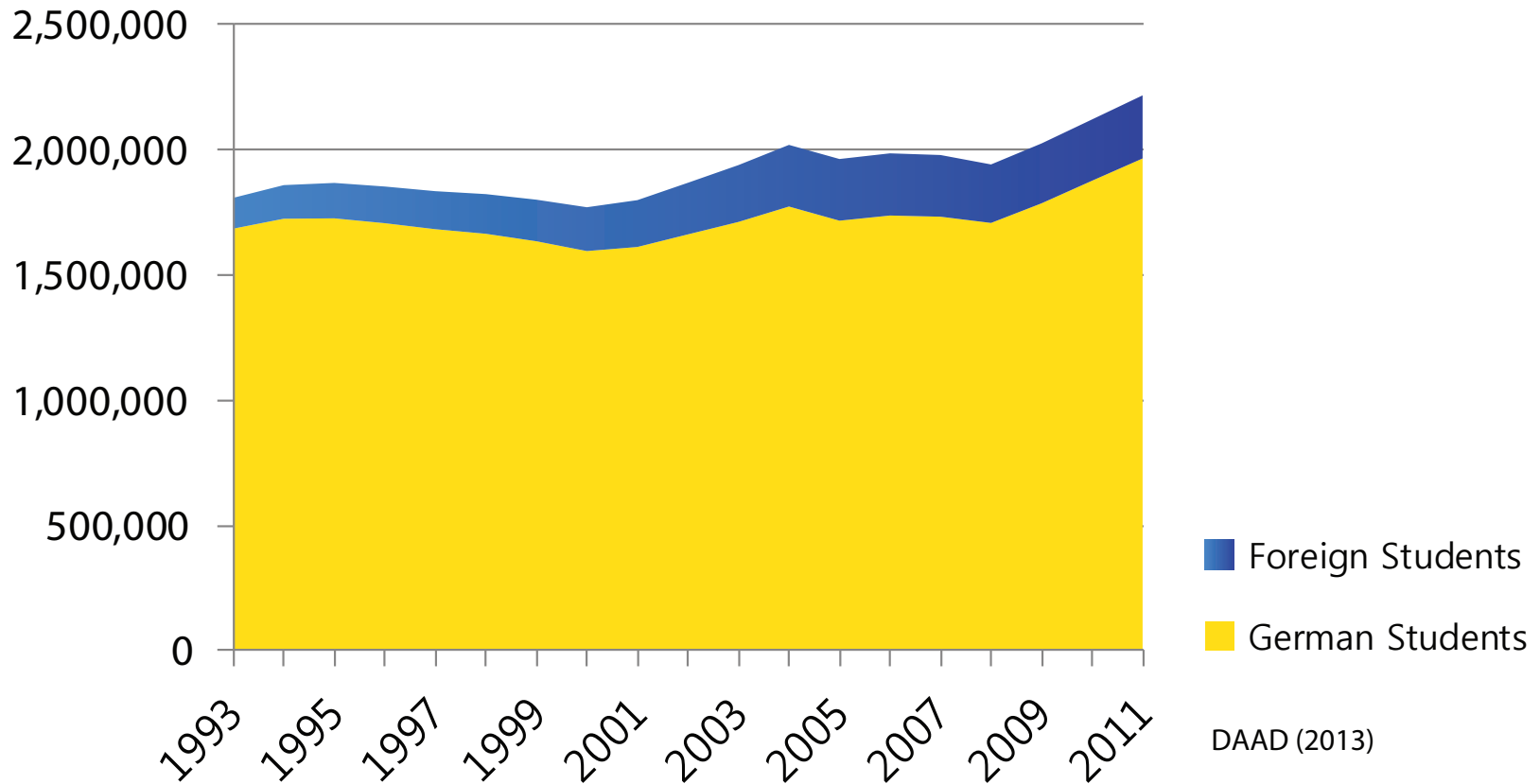
Proportions of Foreign Students in USA (2011)



Choudaha & Chang, 2012

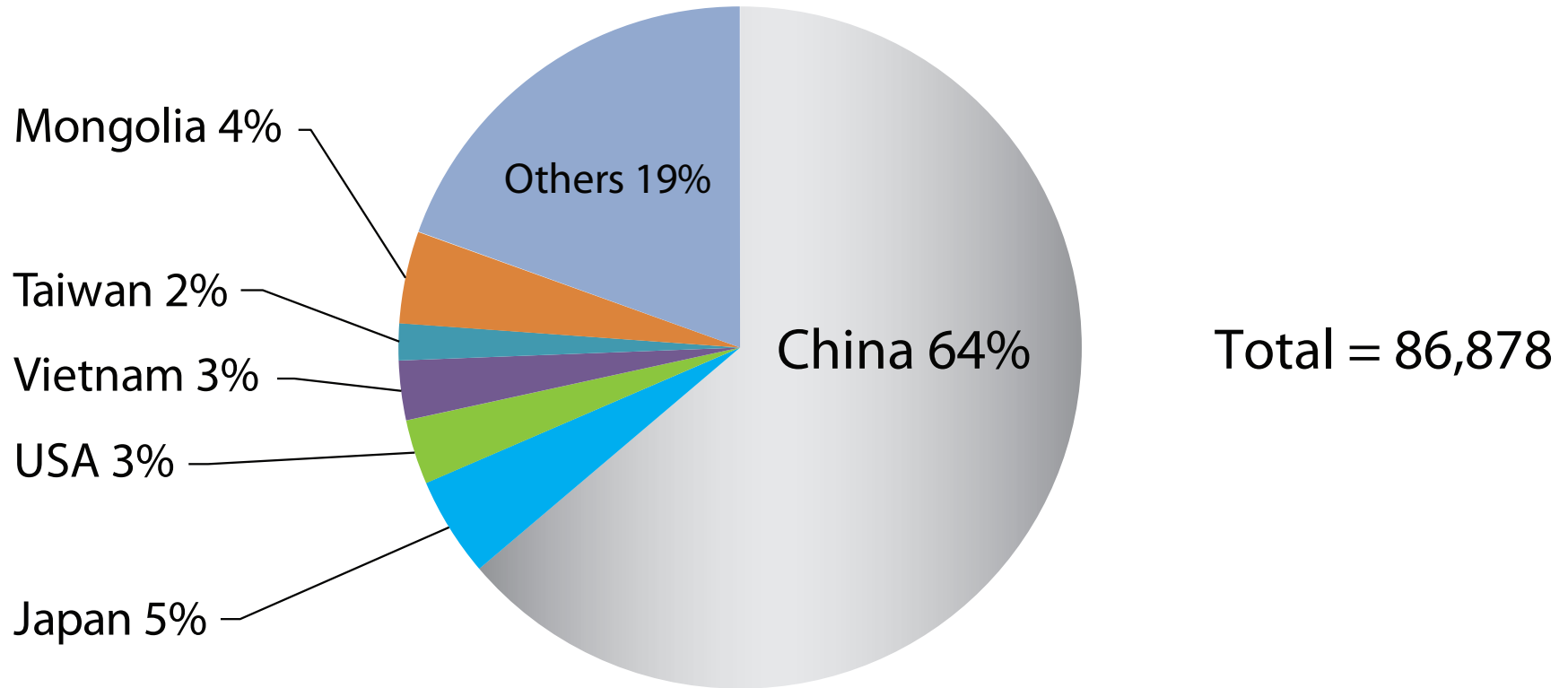
Important factors for decision to study abroad include post-graduation job opportunities and immigration policies

Foreign Student Enrollment Data for Germany



5,280 Korean students in Germany in 2011

Foreign Student Enrollment Data for the Republic of Korea (2012)

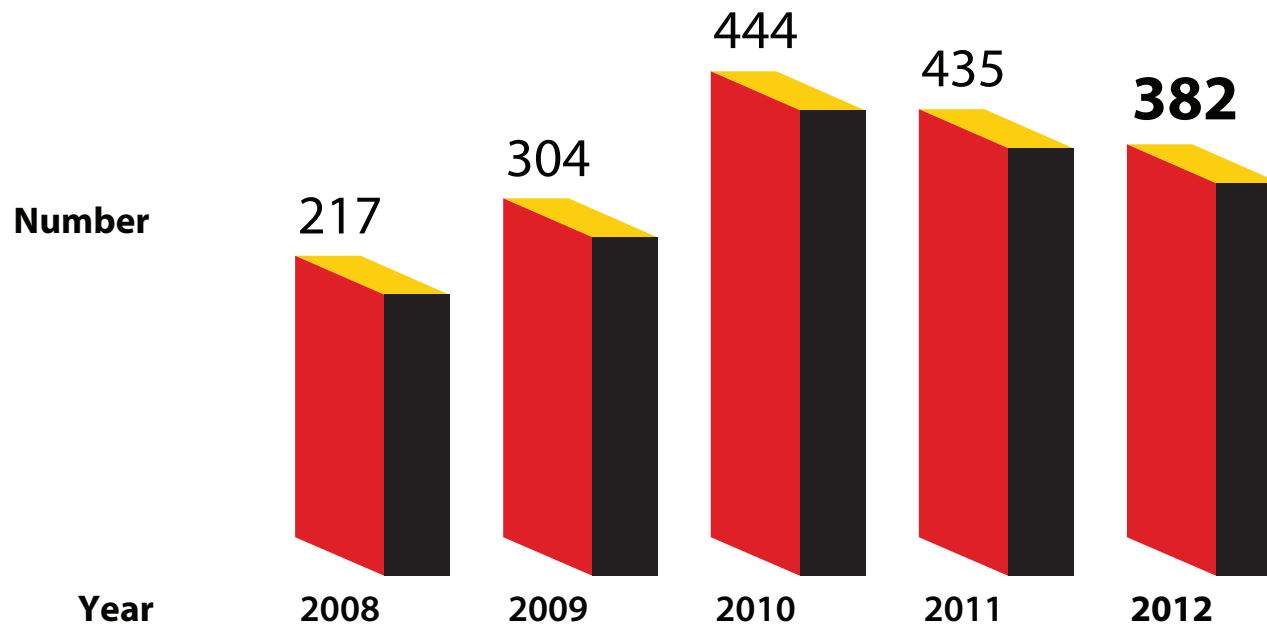


Ministry of Education, Rep. of Korea (2013)

German Students in the Republic of Korea (2012) = 0.43%

German Students in the Republic of Korea

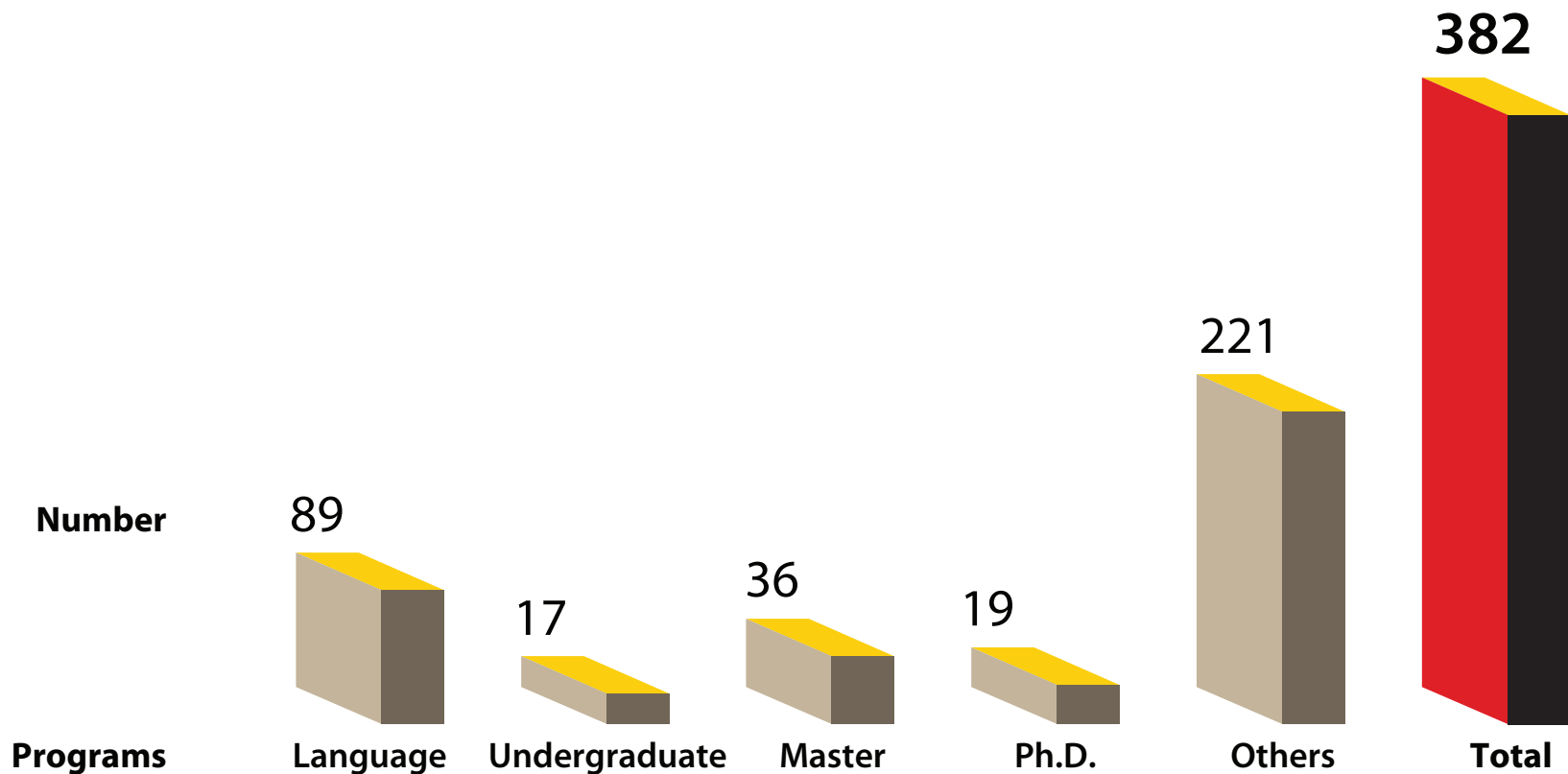
German Students in ROK, 2008~2012



Ministry of Education, ROK (2013)

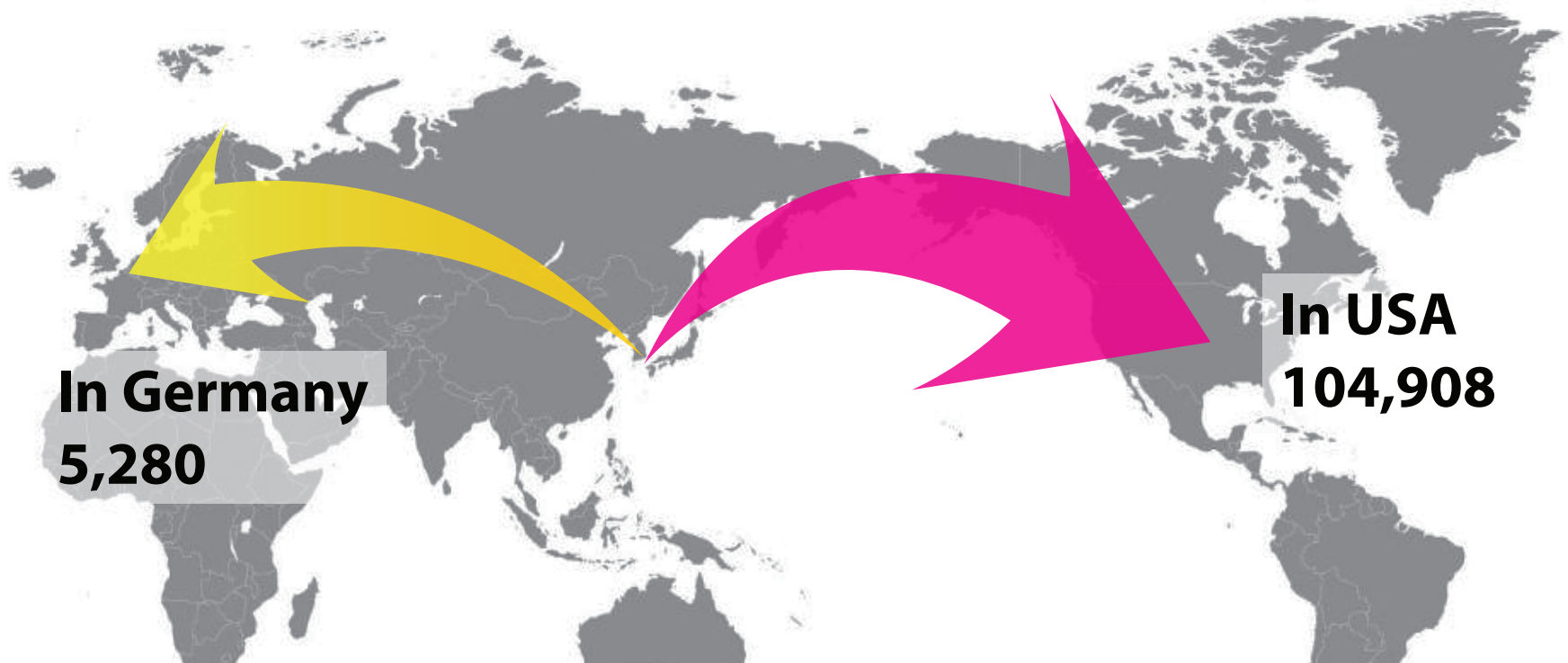
German Students in the Republic of Korea

Profiles of German Students in ROK, 2012



Ministry of Education, ROK (2013)

Summary

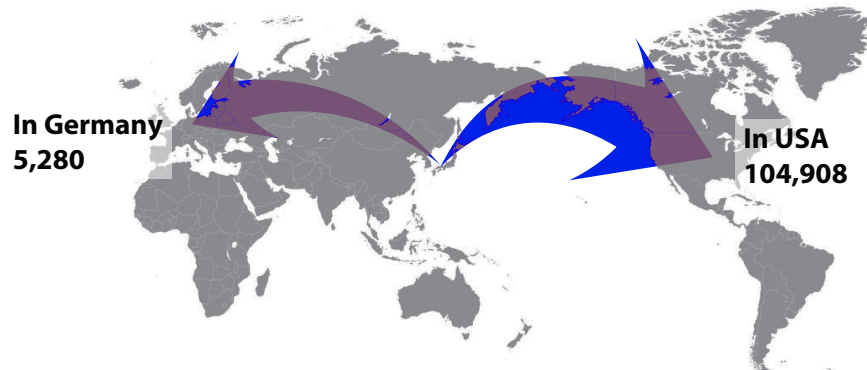


In Germany
5,280

In USA
104,908

40% of Student Mobility to English speaking countries

Summary



Korean students (2011)	In USA	104,908
	In Germany	5,280
German Students in Rep. of Korea (2012)		382



Very limited Student Mobility between Germany and ROK given the extent of political and economic ties

German - Korea Student Mobility Needs New Stimuli

Constraints in Student Mobility

- **Language Problem**
 - Greater number of English users in many fields, especially in business
 - Fewer opportunities to choose German as second language
- **Lack of Motivations**
 - Less contact and experience with Germany
 - Limited number of exchange students and other programs
 - Psychological barrier
- **Job opportunities after graduation**

Suggested Solutions

More Opportunities to Experience Germany

More encouragement for Korean students to visit Germany

More Media Exposure:
German drama, movies, etc. – cf. Hollywood movies

Suggested Solutions

Encouraging German Language Training in Korea

Limited German initiatives
- German Univ. & Government need to initiate more programs

More support for Korean exchange students in Germany

Suggested Solutions

More English Speaking classes in German Universities

To overcome German language barrier

More and better information for academic opportunities in Germany

Suggested Solutions

Encouraging Faculty Visits to Germany

Active invitation for research and sabbatical stay in Germany

Faculty exchange and student mobility will grow together

Suggested Solutions

Further encouragement of on-going joint researches

New Initiatives



Science and Technology Field

Joint Research driven by S&M
enterprise industrial cooperation

- S. Korean government initiative for small & medium sized enterprise
- Creative Economic Ecosystem
- Government Funded research opportunities

Humanities Studies Field

Joint research on Taekwondo

- Marshal Art + "Do" (Way)
- Physical Education + Humanities Study
- Western + Eastern Philosophy

Suggested Solutions

Joint Research on Taekwondo

Marshal Art

- Physical skill
- Physical education

Do (Way)

- Meditative system to achieve ultimate wisdom through practice

***Joint research and development by scholars of the
East & West
(Taekwondo Graduate School)***



Summary

- Limited Student mobility between Germany and Republic of Korea
- Known Obstacles:
 - Language problem
 - Lack of motivation (dominant use of English)
 - Limited job opportunities

Summary

- **Encouragement for short term visits by students**
 - Financial support and program development
- **Faculty exchange**
 - Experiencing Germany
 - Sabbatical in German institutions
- **Joint Research**
 - Industry-driven joint research
 - Humanities studies including Taekwondo