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# An Asian Perspective on Higher Education Cooperation Between Asia and Europe

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# Outline of the major points

Challenges and opportunities for the global higher education

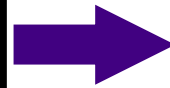
The foundation of Asia–Europe cooperation in higher education

Tsinghua's efforts in promoting the cooperation  
between Asia and Europe universities

**New challenges, Joint efforts.**

# Higher education in knowledge society

**Rising  
importance**



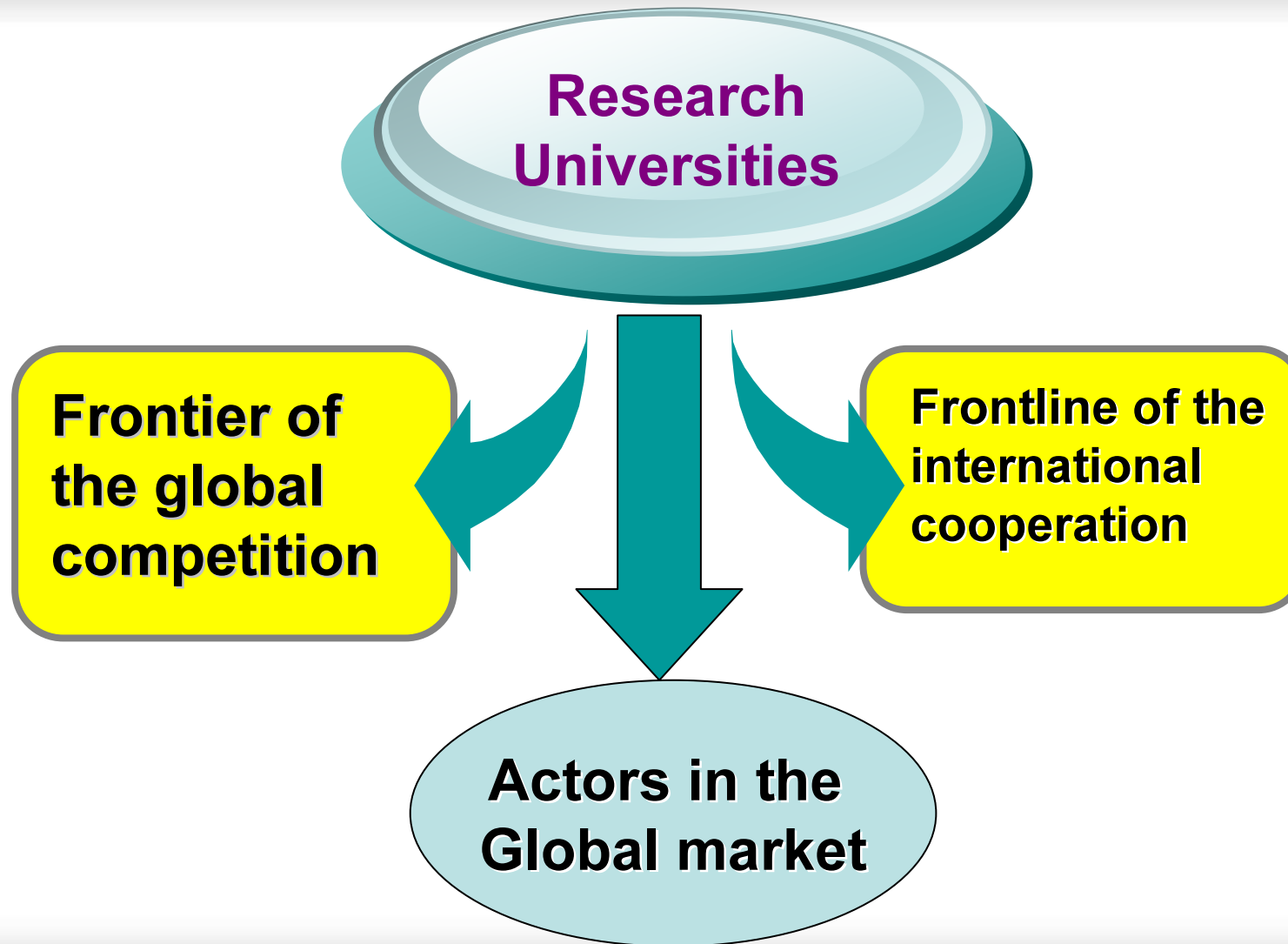
Develop the national capacity

Ensure the quality of future workforce

Carry out cutting-edge research

**Without more and better higher education,  
developing countries will find it increasingly difficult  
to benefit from the global knowledge-based economy.  
–World Bank Report–**

# Higher education in the global times

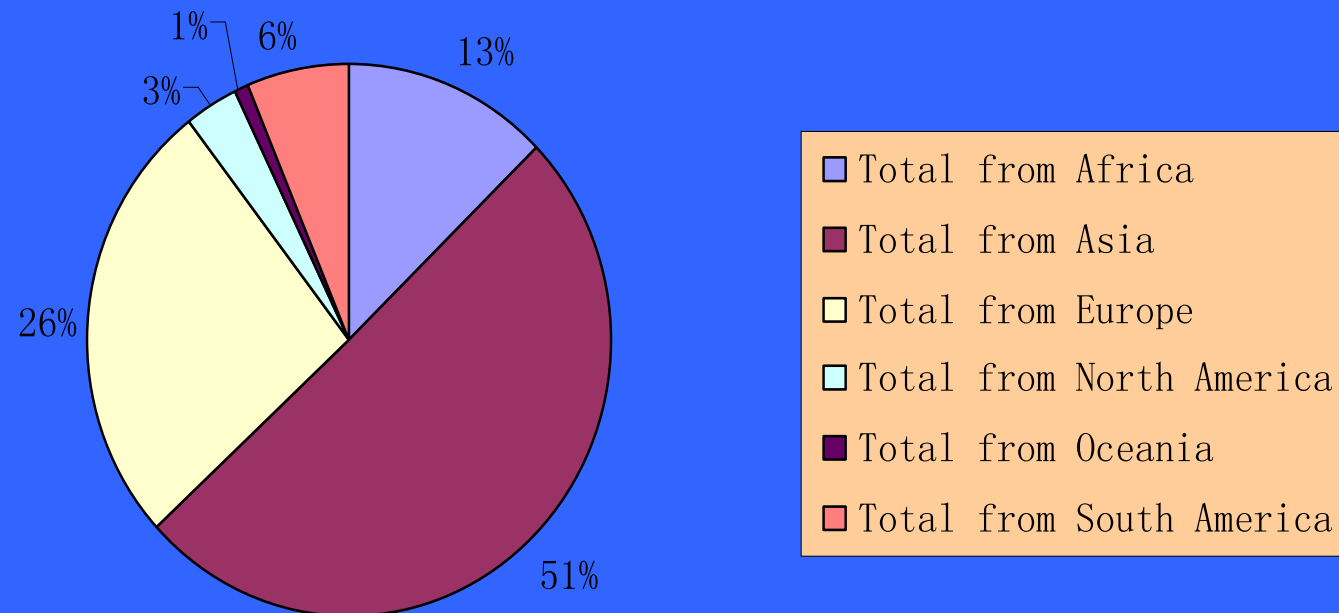


# The Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM)

- **Established: 1996**
- **Membership: 45, Representing half of the world's GDP, almost 60% of the world's population and 60% of global trade.**
- **Mission: Asia & Europe working together to meet global challenges.**
- **Core work: cultural, intellectual, and people-to-people exchanges between Asia and Europe.**
- **The ASEM Education Hubs (AEH): a network of research centers of excellence in different academic fields relevant to Asia-Europe relations.**

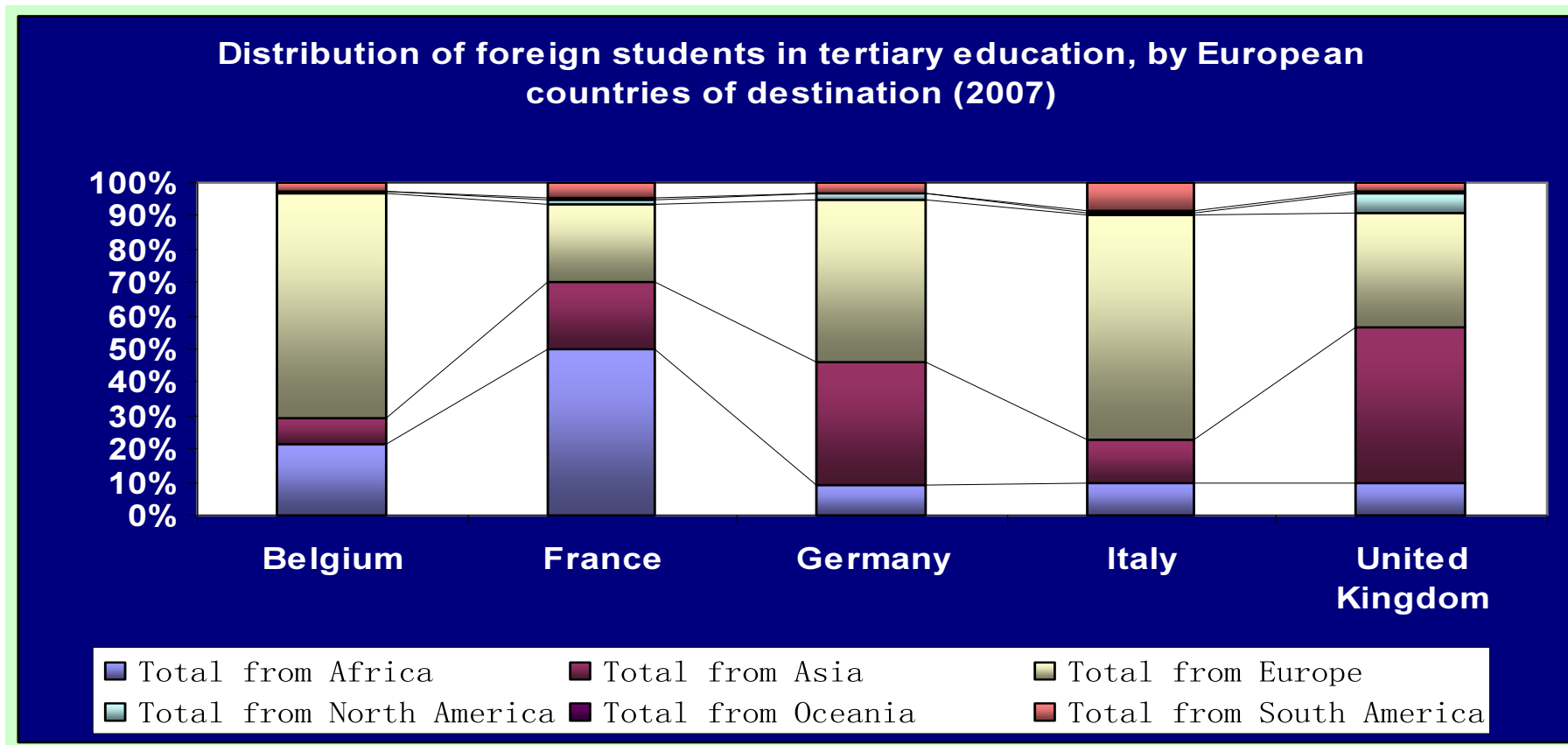
# The flow of students cross-borders

Distribution of foreign students in tertiary education from main geographic regions(2007)



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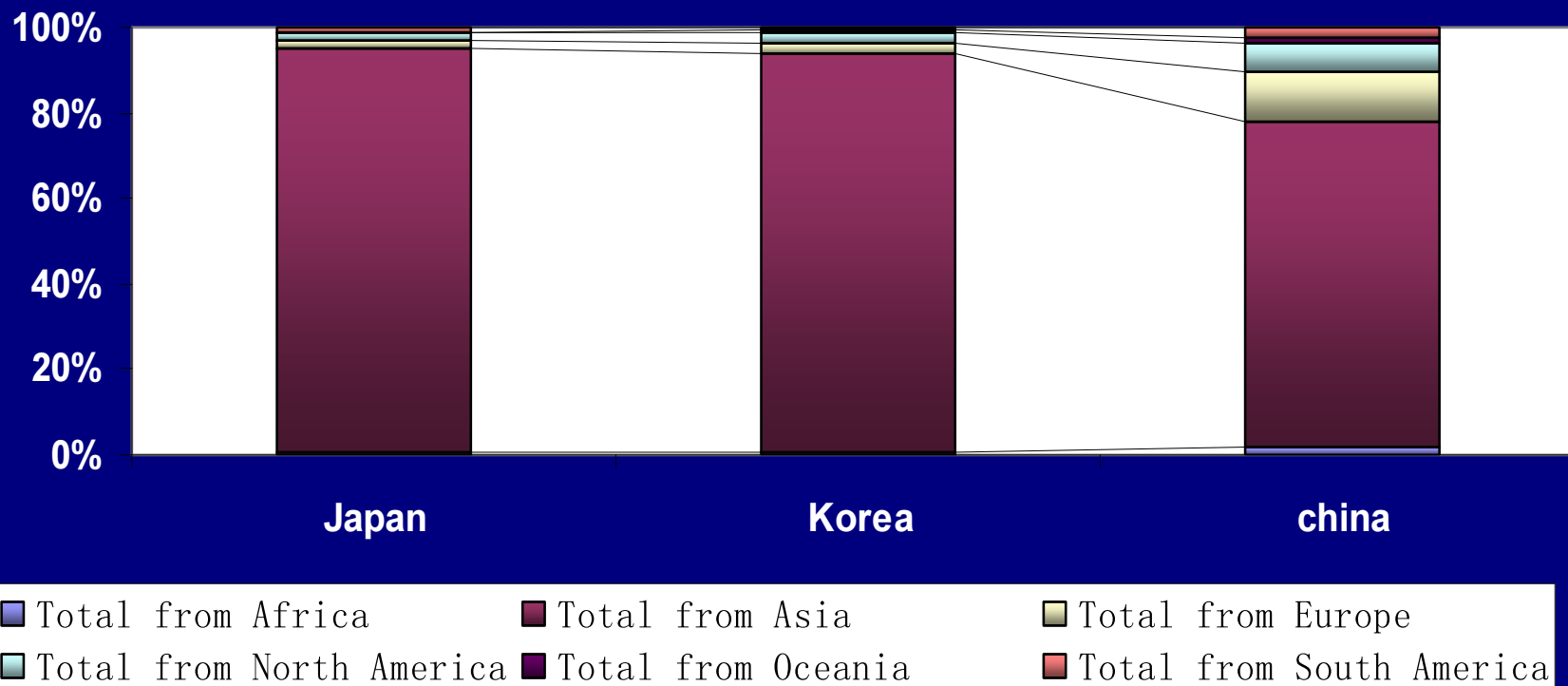
# Distribution of foreign students in tertiary education, by European countries as destination (2007)



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# Distribution of foreign students in tertiary education, by Asian countries of destination (2007)

Distribution of foreign students in tertiary education, by Asia countries of destination (2007)





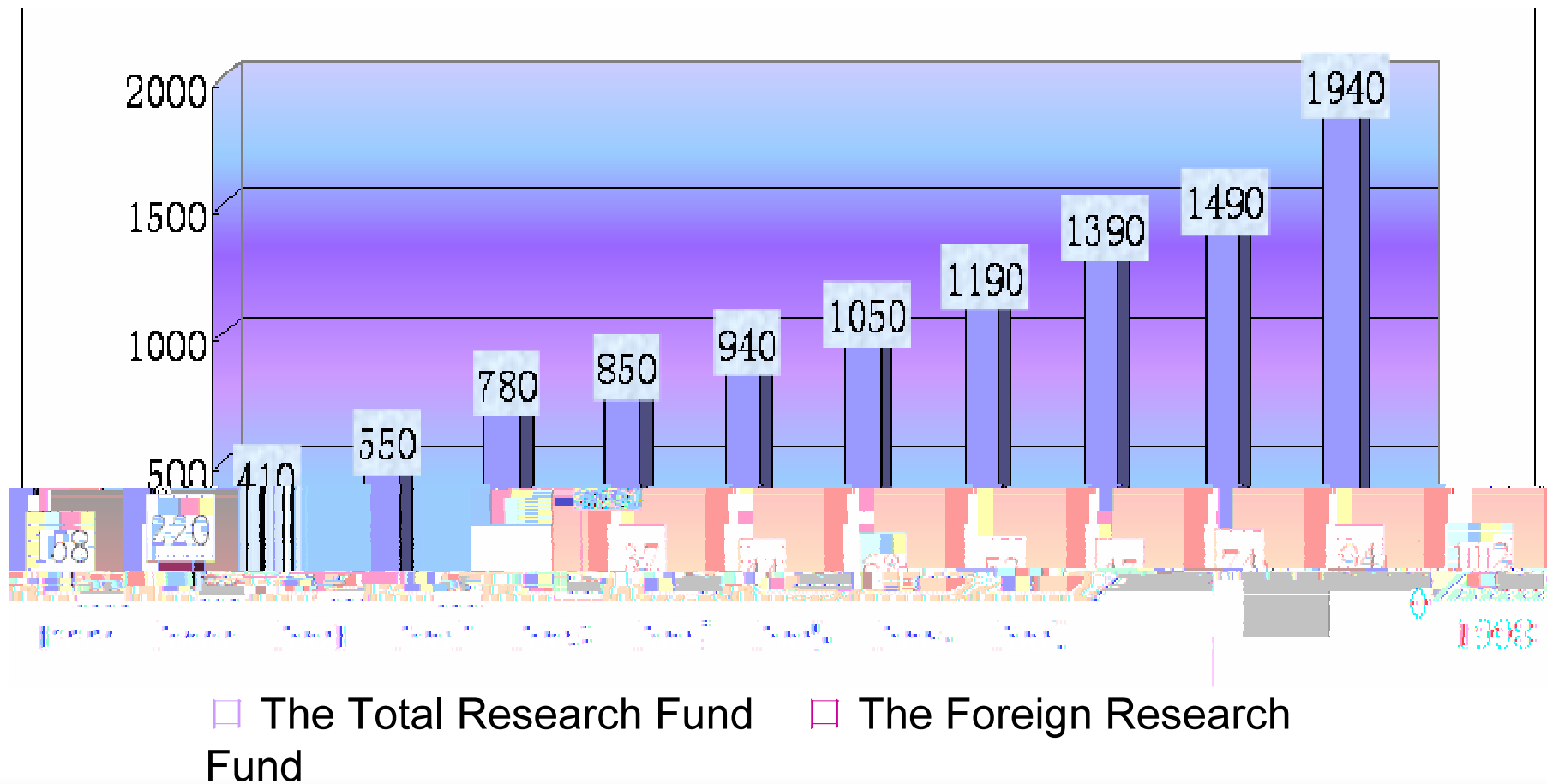
# **Tsinghua's efforts in building the world-class university**

**Since the 1990s, Tsinghua University has worked hard to build up a comprehensive, research-oriented, and open-minded university with the world class standard.**

- Improve teaching and learning quality,**
- Increase research capacity,**
- Strengthen the international cooperation.**

# Increasing research funds in Tsinghua University

The Research Fund 1998-2007 (RMB, Million)



# Signing inter-university cooperation agreements

- **170 University-level exchange agreements with universities in 32 countries.**
- **68 Inter-university cooperation agreements with European universities.**
- **32 joint research institutes with overseas partners.**

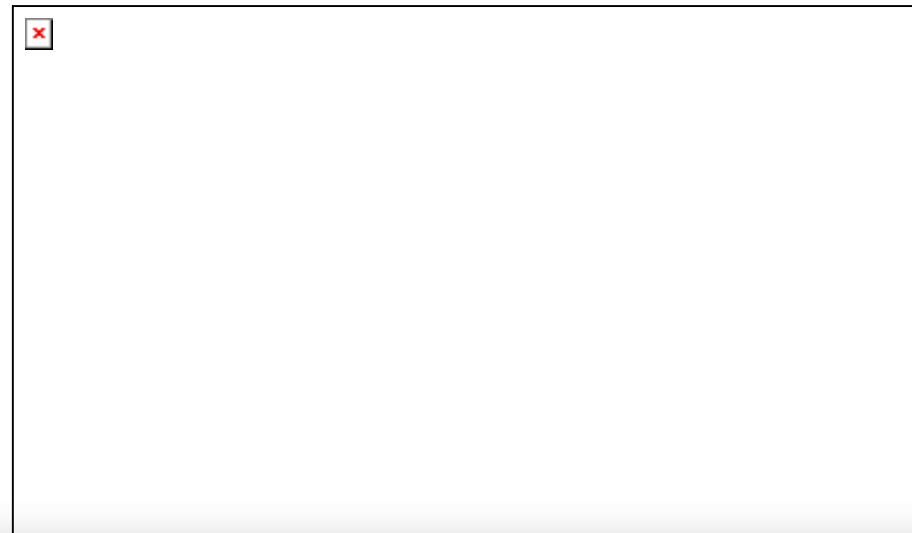
# Joint training program

- **Tsinghua-RWTH Aachen joint Master degree training project started in 2001.**
- **By 2008, 168 students from Tsinghua have studied in RWTH Aachen, and 104 students from RWTH Aachen have studied in Tsinghua.**
- **The Joint Masters Degree Program had the Graduation Ceremony at RWTH Aachen on November 16th, 2007**

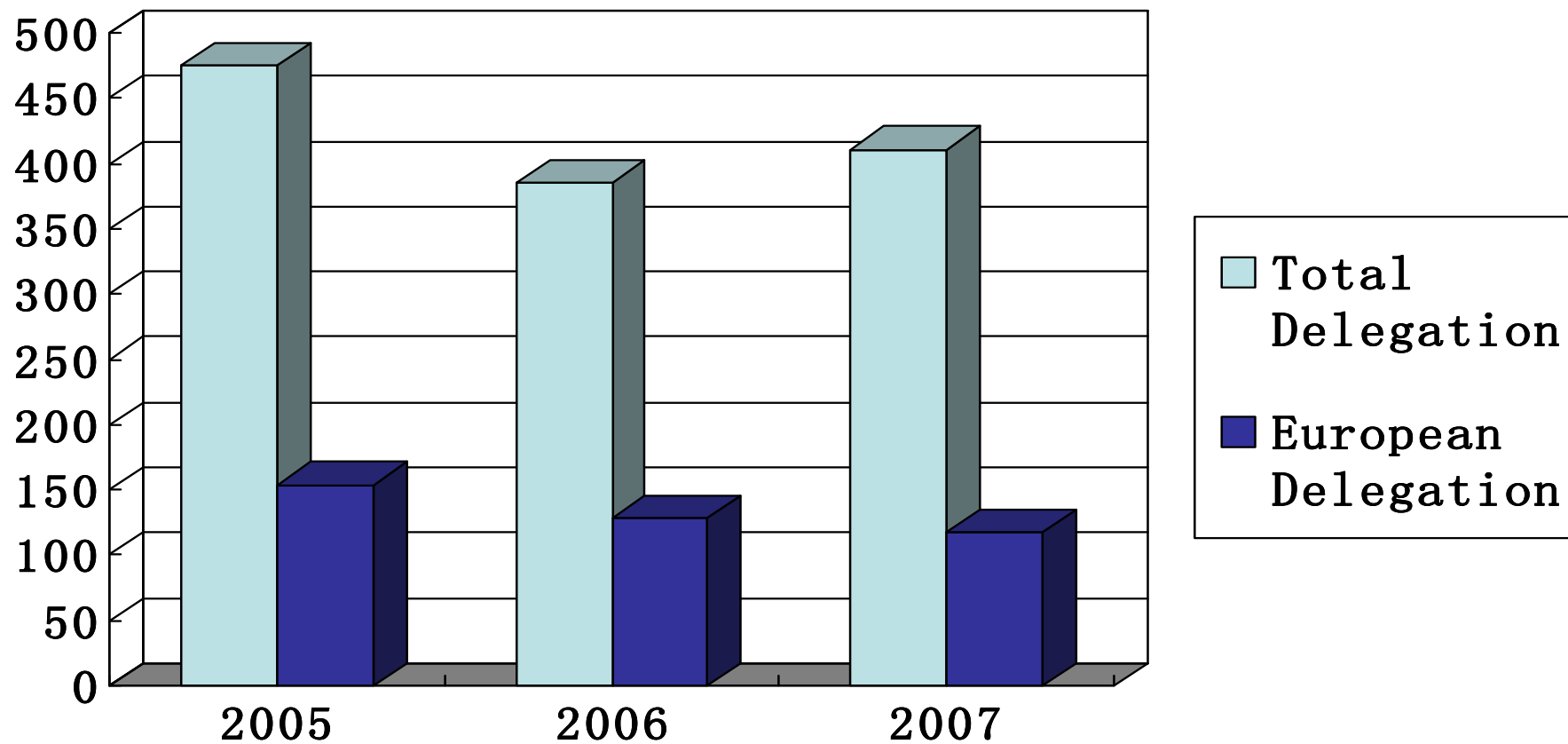


# Foreign University's Week.

- In November, 2007, *Tsinghua-K.U. Leuven week* was held at KUL, Belgium, which was the first Tsinghua Week abroad.
- In May 2008, *Tsinghua-University of Tokyo Week* was held in Beijing. Over 200 professors and students from University of Tokyo visited Tsinghua.



# Foreign Delegations visiting Tsinghua University



# Top visits and speeches at the campus

**In 2007, Tsinghua received 26,000 overseas visitors including:**

- **9 state leaders or former state leaders,**
- **23 ministers, vice ministers, state governors and mayors,**
- **17 ambassadors,**
- **158 presidents and vice presidents from leading universities overseas;**
- **35 Board Chairmen and CEOs**



**French President Nicolas Sarkozy**

**Belgium Prince Philippe**



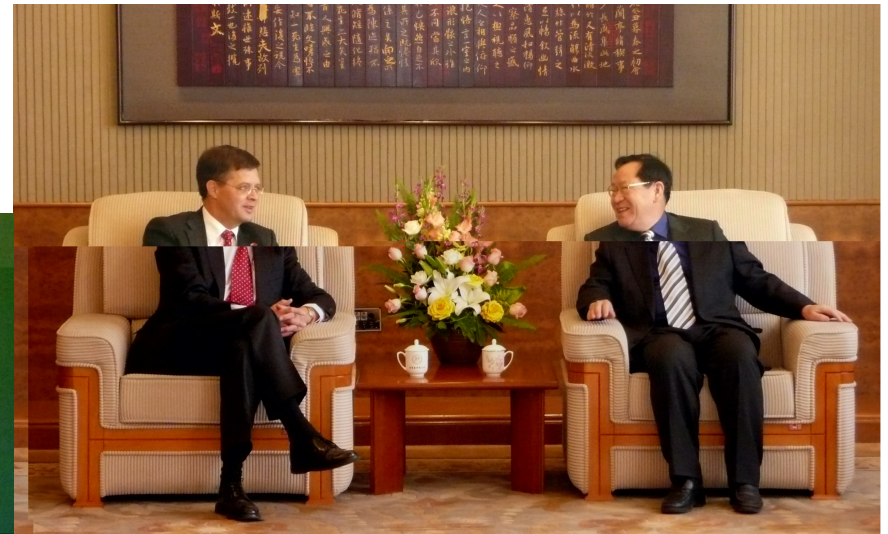
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- Johannes Rau, President of Germany, visited Tsinghua and delivered a speech on Sep. 12, 2003.
- Vaira Vike-Freiberga, President of the Republic of Latvia, delivered a speech on the relationship between China, EU and Latvia on Apr. 14, 2004.
- Bertie Ahern, Prime Minister of Ireland, delivered a speech titled "Ireland & China: Friendship and Cooperation" on Jan. 18, 2005.

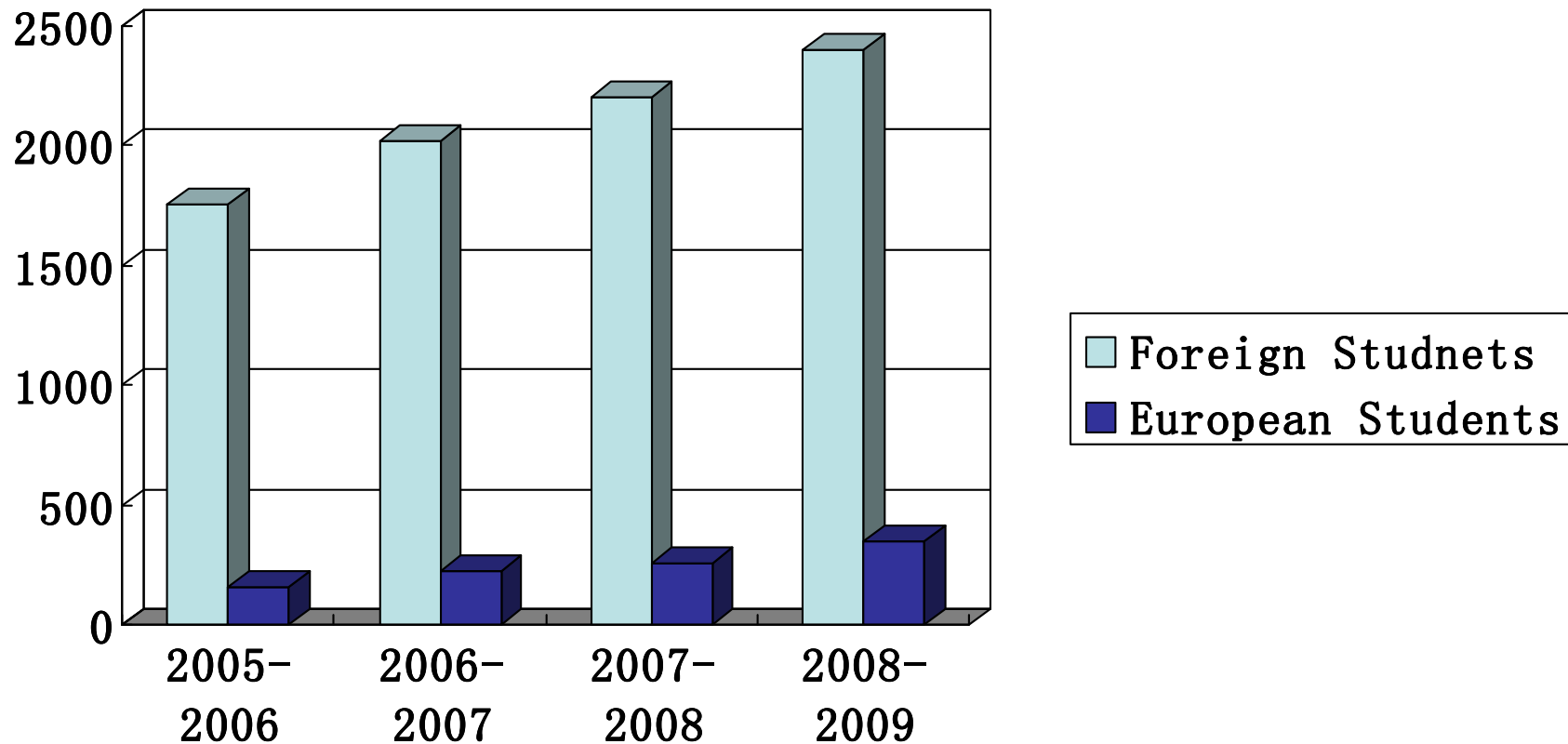




# H. E. Dr. Jan Peter Balkenende, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of the Netherlands visited Tsinghua yesterday



# Increase of International Students in Tsinghua



# Structure changes of international students in Tsinghua

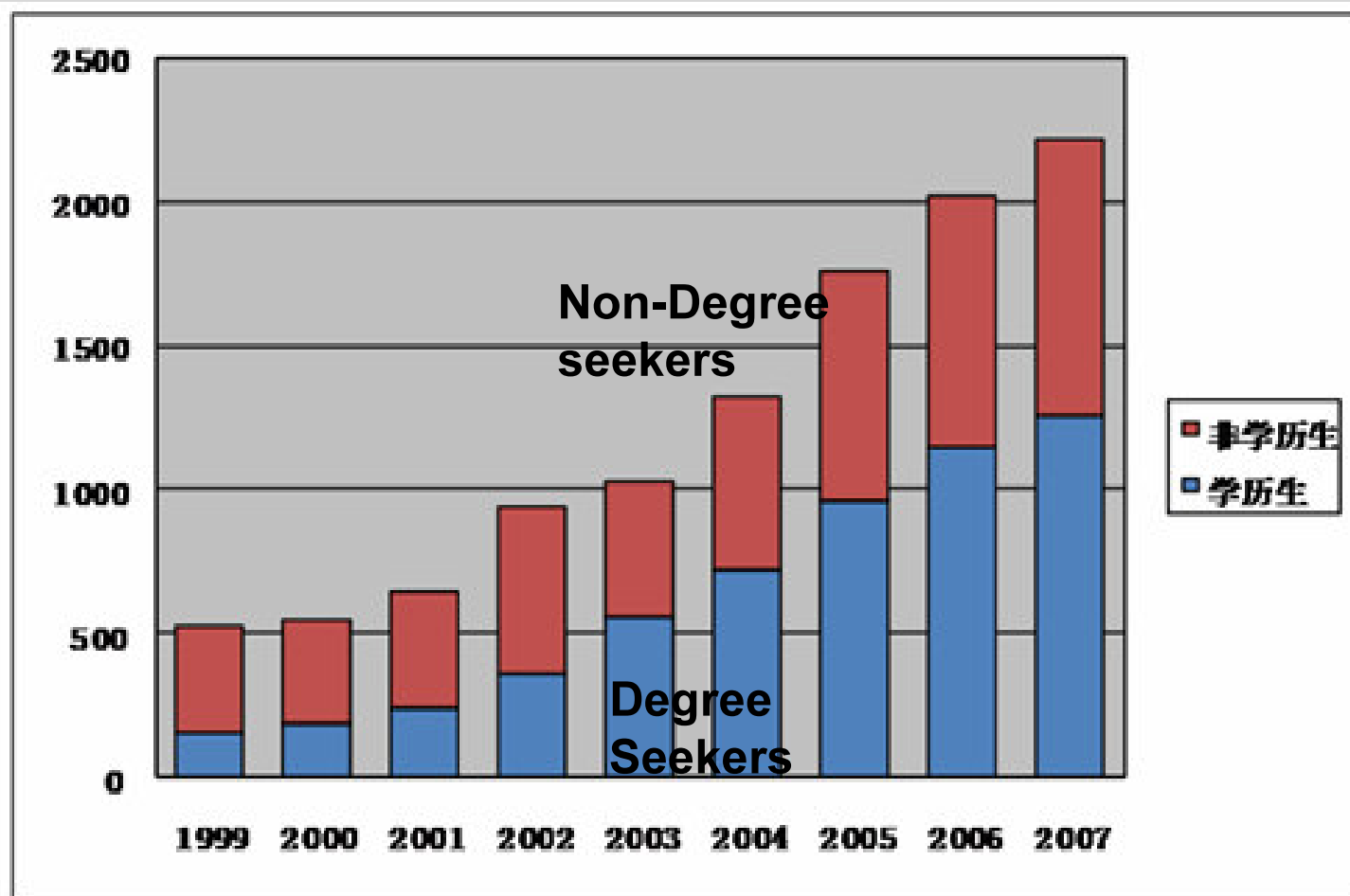


图 3-3 1999-2007 年在校留学生结构变化情况（数据来源：国际处年鉴）

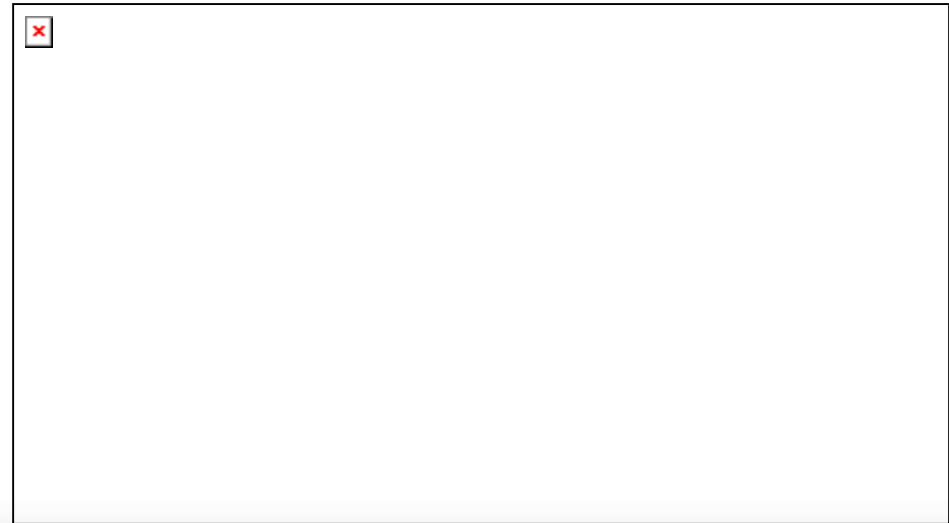
# Tsinghua faculty and students going abroad

- In 2007, 5,822 Tsinghua faculty members and students went abroad for academic and international exchange purposes.
- Of the students, 621 went abroad for academic conferences, 143 for international competitions, and 530 for study, research, academic visits.

Joint Workshop in TU Delft



Tsinghua students in EPFL



# Joint research activities

- **Tsinghua and Siemens Center for Knowledge Interchange**
- **Tsinghua Sino-France Environment and Energy Center.**



# Suggestions for the future cooperation

- **Continue developing regional and bilateral strategic dialogues with stakeholders at the various levels and promote the implementation of the Asia-Link and ASEAN-EU Universities Network Programs.**
- **Mobilize more resources and develop better support system for the student exchange and scholars participating cross-border academic activities in the two continents.**
- **Promote cooperation in the most needed fields and ensure that the social sciences and humanities are not neglected.**

Thank you  
and  
Welcome to Tsinghua University

