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### **30 years of student exchange between Australia and Japan**

Since Australia and Japan signed the Cultural Agreement in 1974 and the Basic Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation in 1976, there has been considerable youth exchange between the two countries. Many young people from Australia visit, study or work in Japan and vice versa. Especially at the secondary school level, Australia is the most important country for Japan in terms of both incoming and outgoing exchange students. Former secondary school exchange students to Japan comprise an important group for Japanese language education in Australian universities. Moreover, in the last decade, student exchange at university level has become increasingly significant. This paper focuses on student movement between the two countries, and discusses the issues and future prospects.