



Introduction to Japan Digital University's Activities in Uzbekistan

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Japan Digital University (JDU)

Tashkent, Uzbekistan

An Uzbek private university, founded under Presidential Decree No. 4553, that develops IT professionals for the Japanese market — a joint education × talent initiative of Japan and Uzbekistan.

What is Japan Digital University?



A private university in Tashkent where students graduate from an Uzbek and a Japanese university at the same time

Japan Digital University (JDU) opened in October 2020 as a private university in Tashkent. Students earn a degree from an Uzbek university and, in parallel, a bachelor's degree from a Japanese university accredited by Japan's Ministry of Education (MEXT).

While enrolled, students acquire three capabilities in parallel:

1

Japanese language

Six months of intensive JSL training, then continuous language support through the degree.

2

IT engineering skills

Programming, AI and applied project work, backed by industry certifications.

3

Work-readiness for Japan

Japanese business manners, teamwork and real assignments from Japanese clients.



JDU campus in central Tashkent — relocated in July 2023, with a library, cafeteria, gymnasium and sports ground.

Born from Japan–Uzbekistan Government Cooperation

The university was formed as a bilateral project and established by presidential decree

- Dec 2019** ● Formed as a project on the occasion of the Uzbek President's visit to Japan. Deputy Prime Minister Umurzakov named the university “Japan Digital University”; establishment was directed under Presidential Decree No. 4553.
- Dec 2020** ● University licensed and established within the Uzbekistan State World Languages University.
- Feb 2021** ● The first cohort — 20 students — attends the opening ceremony.
- Jul 2023** ● Relocation to a new campus in central Tashkent; student dormitory secured, Japanese-language faculty and administrative staff expanded.
- 2024–2025** ● First graduates: 5 (Sep 2024), 2 (Mar 2025) and 2 (Sep 2025). All of them received offers from Japanese companies.
- Sep 2025** ● The 6th cohort enrolls; enrollment reaches approximately 730 students.

Presidential Decree No. 4553

JDU is not a purely private initiative: its establishment was directed by the Government of Uzbekistan and shaped together with Japanese institutions, and it operates under Uzbekistan's higher-education framework.

Founding and operating partner

Digital Knowledge Co., Ltd. (Japan)

Founded 1995 · Tokyo, Japan

Listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange, TOKYO PRO Market (code 507A)

Japan's first e-learning solution vendor; has supported the launch of e-learning systems at more than 2,000 companies and schools

The University at a Glance



Figures as of October 2025

2020

Opened in October

730

Students enrolled

6

Partner universities in Japan

100%

Graduates hired by Japanese firms

Name	Japan Digital University (JDU)
Opened	October 2020
President	Ravshanbek Mamajonov
Students	730 (as of October 2025), 6 cohorts enrolled
Faculty & staff	Approx. 60
Partner universities	Tokyo Online University, Otemae University, Sanno University, Kyoto Tachibana University, Niigata Sangyo University, Okayama University of Science
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The JDU campus, Tashkent

Three Distinctive Features of JDU

Designed so that graduates can succeed as engineers in leading Japanese companies

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Built for employment in Japan

The curriculum assumes a career as an IT engineer in Japan. On top of a degree, students build Japanese-language ability, engineering skills and the practical business capability Japanese employers expect. JDU is a “meta-school”: it combines several specialised institutions into one programme — an accredited Japanese four-year bachelor's degree, private engineering certifications, work-readiness training and placement support in Japan.

02

An advanced way of learning

To build practical business capability, JDU emphasises output as much as input. Knowledge is taken in through e-learning at each student's own pace; the campus is used as the place for output — discussion, collaboration and applied project work.

03

Tuition payable through practical work

Under JDU's own repayment-support scheme, part of the tuition can be paid after graduation and employment, out of a share of income. Tuition paid while enrolled is therefore comparable to that of an Uzbek national university.

The JDU Education Model

Four concepts and four operating practices behind the curriculum

Education concepts

Meta-school

Japanese university + Japanese specialist schools + Japanese companies (employers and clients) + JDU's own programme

Education without borders

Across countries, between study and real work, between the classroom and the outside world, between input and output

Education × talent × finance

A model that fuses three businesses so that the scheme can spread in developing economies

Purpose-built degrees

A Japanese degree + an Uzbek degree + digital badges for each certificate earned

Education style

Three-step style

e-learning (input and drill) → campus (output and collaborative learning) → business centre (practice and real work)

Technology and navigation

Learning navigation, on-demand e-learning, remote classes, AI Japanese-language training (TorepaJ), face recognition and CBT, LMS (KnowledgeDeliver), portfolio and examination systems, learning analytics

Facilitators

Students progress in classes of 25; a facilitator assigned to each class sets and reviews goals and supports learning

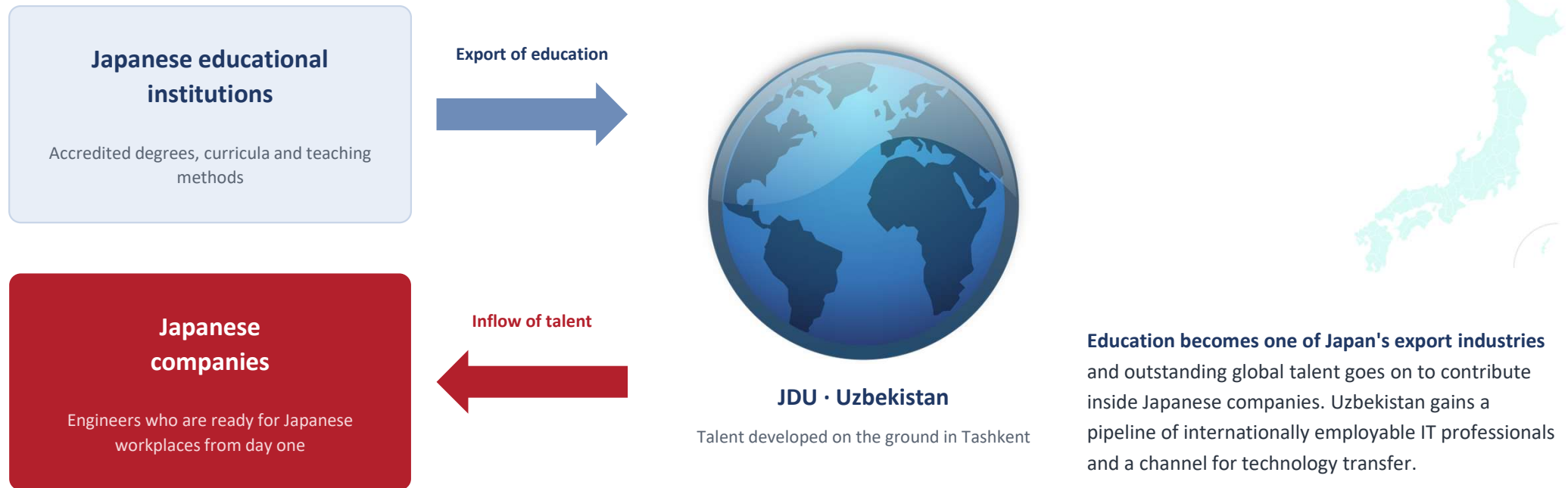
Co-work practicum

Real assignments from Japan are carried out in the campus business centre, so students build work-readiness in practice — and earn an income

Learning flow: 6 months of intensive JSL Japanese (500 hours, JLPT N3 target) → First 2 years: Japanese university courses with language support → Final 2 years: applied practice in Japanese through co-work projects

Exporting Education, Attracting Talent

JDU exports Japanese education and develops talent locally, so Japanese companies can secure people who already match their needs



Overseas deployment of education — supported end to end by JDU

Technology

Financing

Employment

Campus & operations

Partnerships in Uzbekistan and Japan

JDU works with government bodies, universities and companies on both sides

Uzbekistan — government and public bodies	Japan — partner universities	Japan — corporate partners
MOU partners Ministry of Digital Technologies Agency for External Labour Migration IT Park Uzbekistan Ministry of Health Relevant authorities Ministry of Higher Education Ministry of Public Education Membership Japan Chamber of Commerce in Uzbekistan	Dual-degree partners (6) Tokyo Online University Otemae University Sanno University Kyoto Tachibana University Niigata Sangyo University Okayama University of Science <i>Students take these universities' courses in Japanese and earn an accredited Japanese bachelor's degree.</i>	MOU companies TOPPAN Digital Inc. Monogatari Corporation Nippon Travel Agency Co., Ltd. and others Employment supporter companies FUJIFILM System Services Corporation SRA Inc. Outsourcing Inc. CAL Inc. IB System Co., Ltd. and others

(Company and institution names listed in no particular order.)

Results So Far

The first cohorts have graduated and are now working in Japan

Graduates now working in Japan

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graduates to date

5 in September 2024, 2 in March 2025 and 2 in September 2025. Every one of them received a job offer from a Japanese company, and from February 2025 they began travelling to Japan to join their employers.



Graduates departing Tashkent for Japan; the 33rd Uzbekistan Japanese Speech Contest.

Growing student body

From 20 students in the first cohort in February 2021 to roughly 730 across six cohorts in 2025 — a more than thirty-fold increase in under five years.

Recognition in Japanese language

At the 33rd Uzbekistan Japanese Speech Contest in February 2025, JDU's representative Saidnasimov took third place and went on to the Central Asia Japanese Speech Contest.

Real work carried out on campus

Students take on live assignments from Japanese clients in the campus business centre — system and application development, translation, documentation, system operation, design and CAD work.

Solutions for Japanese Companies

Five ways to work with JDU

1

New-graduate recruitment

We introduce graduating students to your company. Where required, we can also design a development programme and run pre-employment training to match your recruitment strategy.

2

Internships in Japan

Students experience your company and profession on site in Japan for three to six months (up to one year). Internships are paid.

3

Contract work, offshore development and BPO

Work is carried out on campus as a co-work assignment, contracted through Digital Knowledge. Beyond system and application development this covers translation, documentation, system operation, design and CAD work.

4

Support for entering the Uzbek market

We support and advise companies expanding into Uzbekistan and neighbouring countries, drawing on our position on the ground in Tashkent.

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Other

We are also glad to discuss co-hosted events and joint marketing activities.

Our Contribution to Japan–Uzbekistan Economic Cooperation



A bilateral project, not a one-way transfer

JDU was formed through government-to-government cooperation and established under Presidential Decree No. 4553. Japanese universities and companies bring degrees, curricula and demand; Uzbekistan brings students, a campus and a national talent strategy.

Turning education into an export industry

Japanese higher education and e-learning technology are delivered on the ground in Tashkent. This opens a new export channel for Japan's education sector and builds durable institutional links between the two countries.

A reliable pipeline of IT talent for Japan

Graduates arrive already fluent in Japanese working practices, with engineering skills and real project experience — addressing Japan's shortage of digital talent while giving young Uzbeks an international career path.

Local industry capacity in Uzbekistan

Live assignments from Japanese clients are carried out on campus, transferring technology, management practice and foreign-currency income to Uzbekistan's IT sector.

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