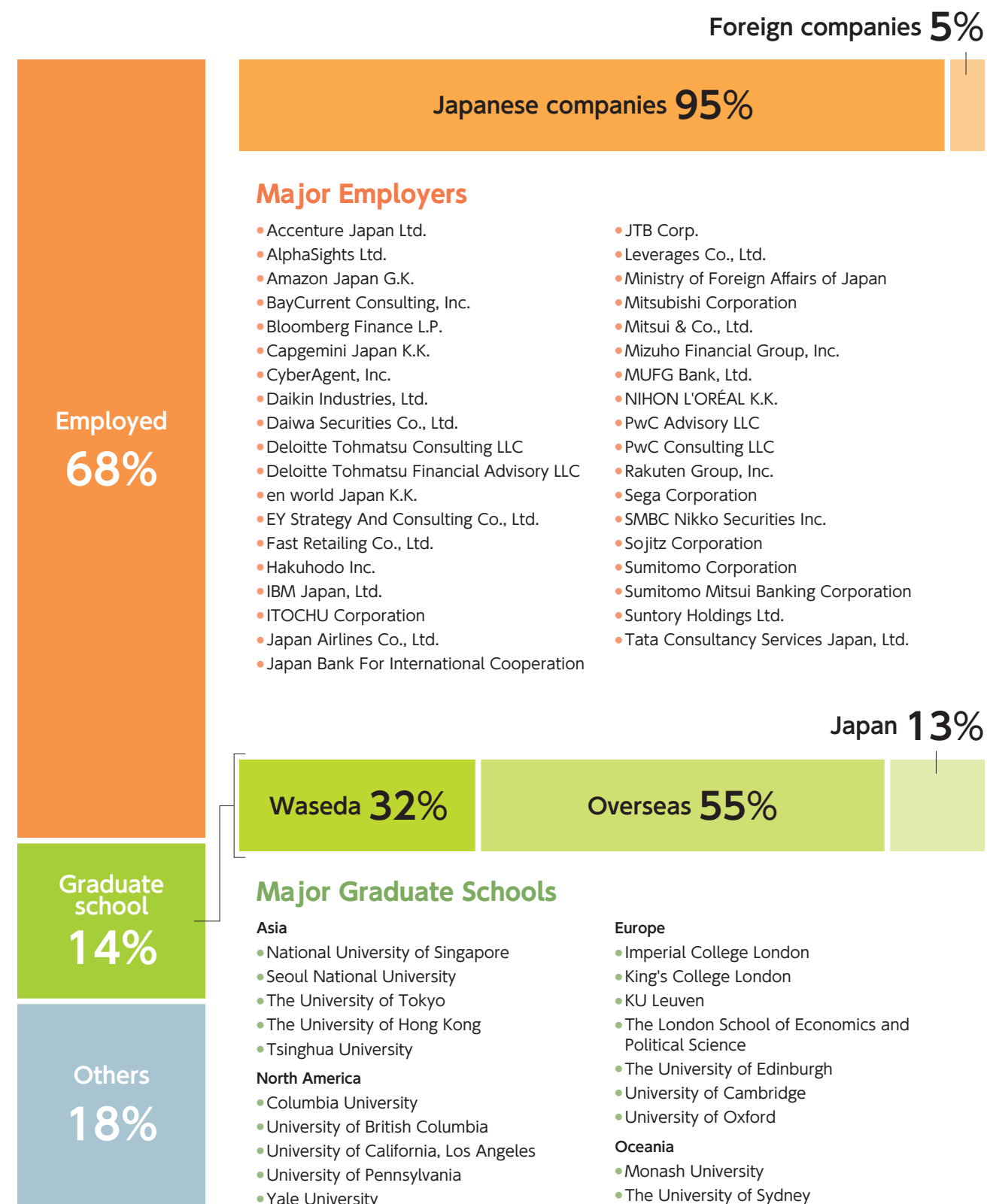


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## Choosing to enter graduate school to make use of undergraduate studies

I was always fond of Japan and knew I wanted to study there after graduating from my high school in Shanghai. I was not able to speak Japanese at all back in the time, so Waseda, with its well-developed English-based degree programs, became an obvious choice for me.

I always enjoyed dealing with math, so choosing applied mathematics as my major is a more-than-natural decision for me. Waseda's programs offer a sheer amount of subjects in English, which students are allowed to study freely — outside their areas of expertise, too. Despite most of the classes I took were centered around mathematics and computer science, I also took classes like literature and arts out of pure interest. Being able to join a lab in the undergraduate years and conduct a specialized research is a big perk of being in Waseda. I personally joined a probability and statistics-oriented lab in my third year of university and continued the study throughout my graduate life. Our lab offers seminars in both Japanese and English. This thereby grants chances to international students to communicate with Japanese students and allows them to extend their Japanese skills outside of everyday conversation. I want to work for an IT company in Japan in the future and put what I have learned about statistical analysis to use.

Waseda offers many opportunities to grow both on and off campus. To make the most out of them, I encourage everyone to go bold and worry less about the failures.



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## You can seek out your future goals at Waseda

I was born in Bhutan and lived in Qatar until I graduated from high school. I liked manga and anime from when I was a child, which led me to want to study in Japan. So, I came here in 2014 and was attending Japanese language school when I heard about Waseda's English-based degree programs, and I enrolled the following year.

The School of International Liberal Studies enables students to take courses in a wide range of academic fields. I mainly took journalism courses in my first year and international relations ones in my second year. In my third year, I became interested in Children's rights during a Seminar on Governance and then entered graduate school to research further on Women's and Children's rights. Looking back, when I first came to Waseda, my interests were too varied and I had no goals for my future. The School of International Liberal Studies' curriculum was perfect for me at that time; it let me delve into my interests and test out a diverse range of fields. I love that Waseda is brimming with internationality, too: there is a strong culture of encouraging people to understand others, regardless of nationality.

At my job, I work in human resources. I get to interview internship candidates from around the world online, which lets me put my experience interacting with friends with diverse backgrounds at Waseda to use. I hope that everyone will do their best to widen their circle of friends and learn Japanese while at Waseda. You can open up a whole new world that way, and it will give you more choices in the future.



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