

Toward Enhancing Public Awareness of Refugee Support in Japan



Hyogo Prefectural Hyogo SHS 9th of A Course for Creating the World of the Future



Incentive

Isn't Japanese people's **awareness of refugee support** low?

→ Data from the "Opinion Survey on Foreign Policy"

→ Interview survey during the Tokyo study tour

Purpose

More refugee issues ↔ Low awareness of refugees support
Few surveys have been conducted
these surveys and research
→ improve Japan's international standing

Hypothesis

There is a lack of **education** and **reporting** about refugees in Japan

→ There are few opportunities to learn about refugees.

People cannot feel the problems about refugees **familiar** so they only have **low awareness**

Research Method

① Survey on awareness of refugees and support
Investigate awareness and understanding about current situation of refugees

Subject : Hyogo SHS students

Content : based on previous researches

Is there really a lack of awareness about refugees?
How much education did they have about refugees?

② Hold a workshop on refugees

Divide subjects into three groups

- (1) Workshop + Constant information provision
- (2) Only Workshop
- (3) No approach

③ Conduct follow-up surveys

- (1) Immediately after the workshop
- (2) Two weeks after the workshop
- (3) Two months after the workshop

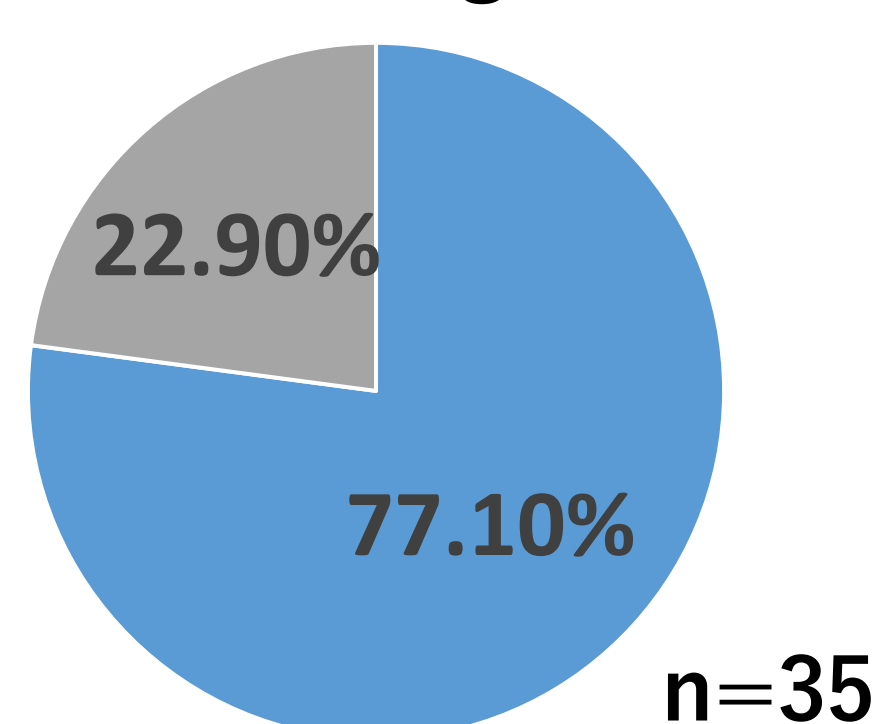
Does education lead higher awareness of support?

Research Result

<Advance Survey>

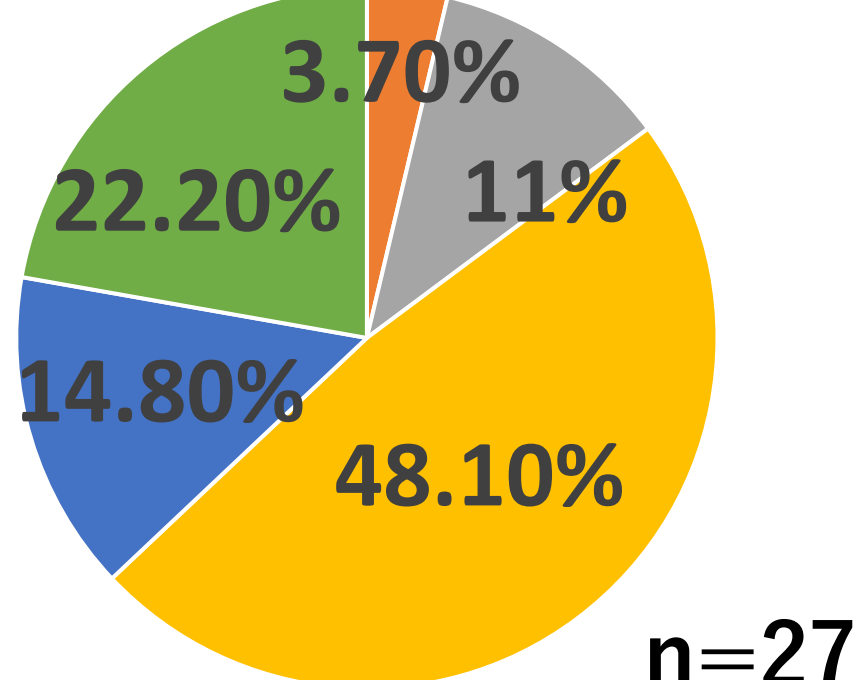
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■ Yes
■ No
■ No idea



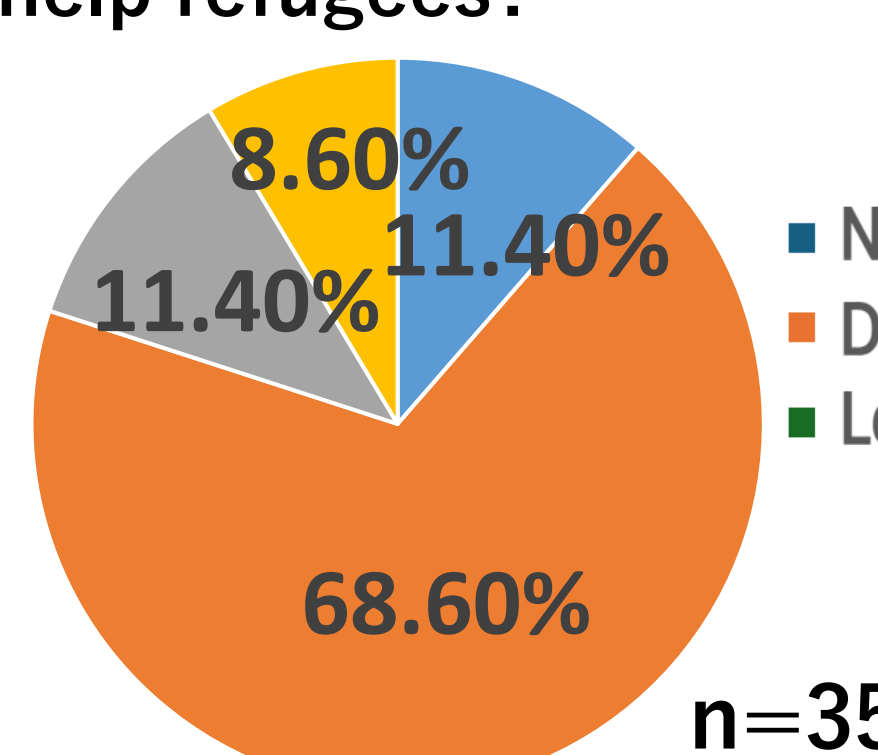
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■ 1~9
■ 10~99
■ 100~999
■ 1000~4999
■ 5000~9999
■ 9999~



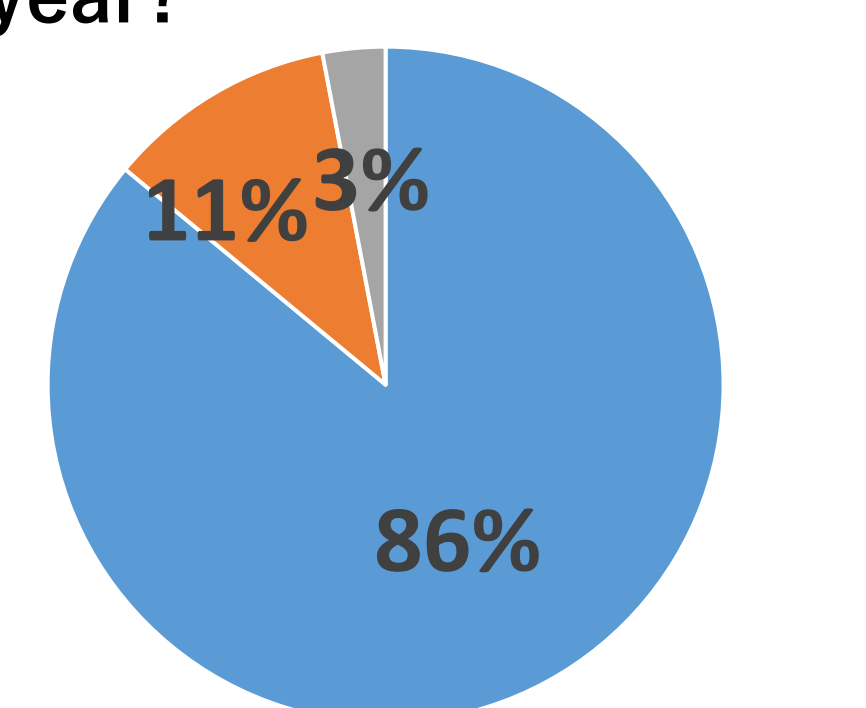
3. Do you want to help refugees?

■ Strongly Agree
■ Agree
■ Natural
■ Disagree
■ Strongly Disagree



4. Have you provided support to refugees in the past 1 year?

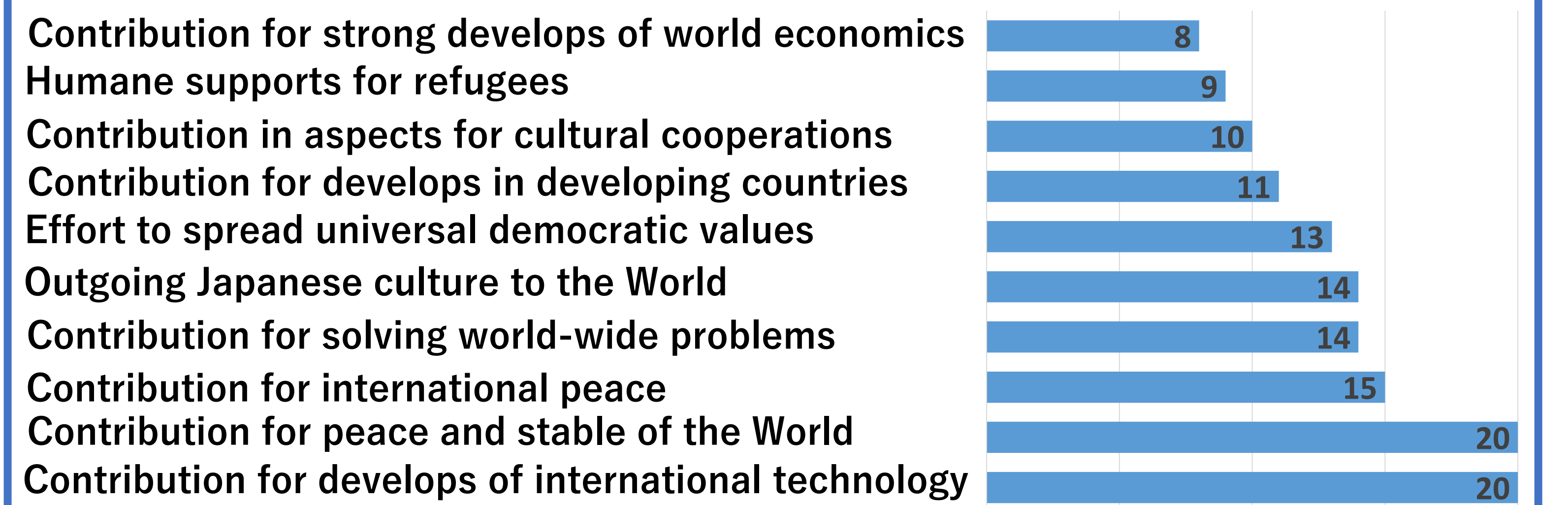
■ Nothing
■ Donate Money or Things
■ Learn about Refugees



Research Result

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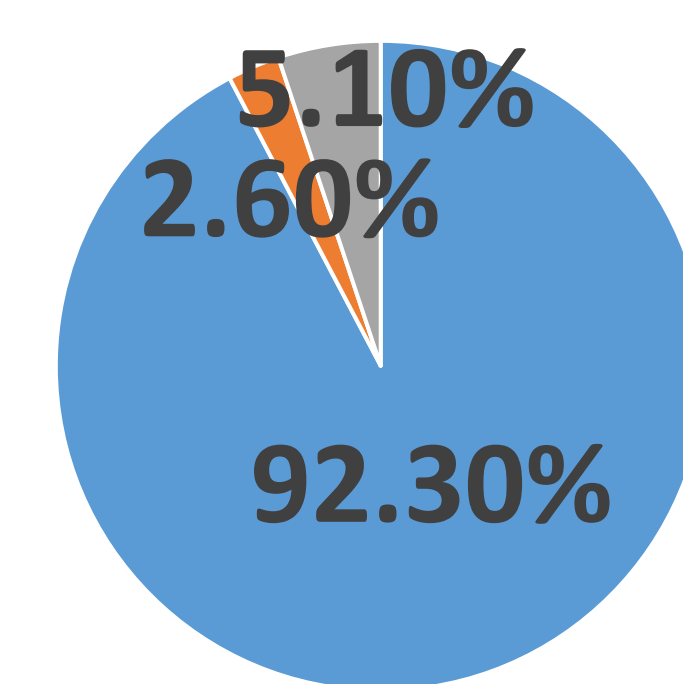
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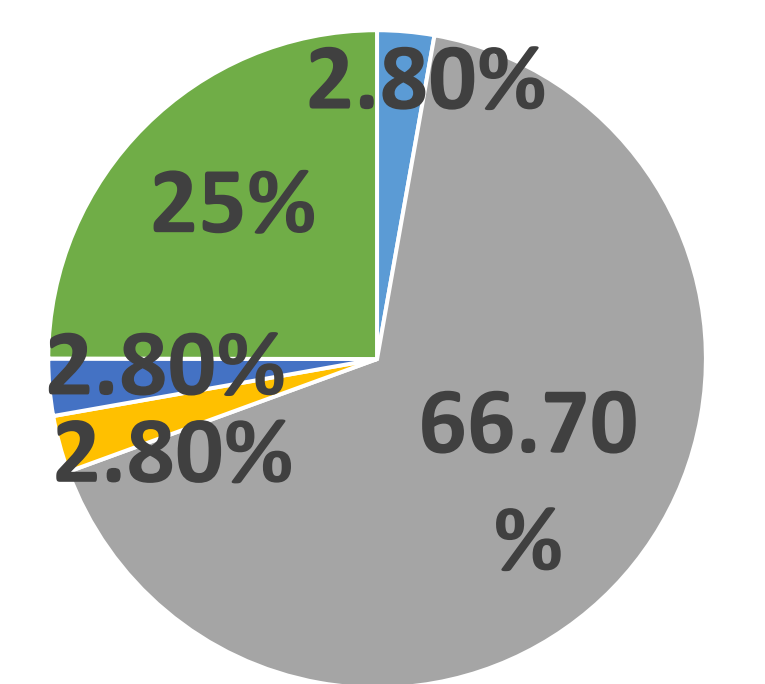
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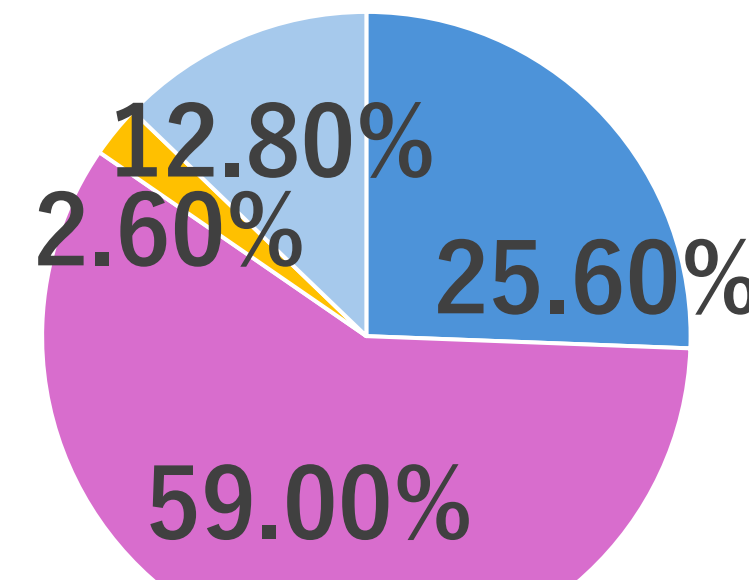
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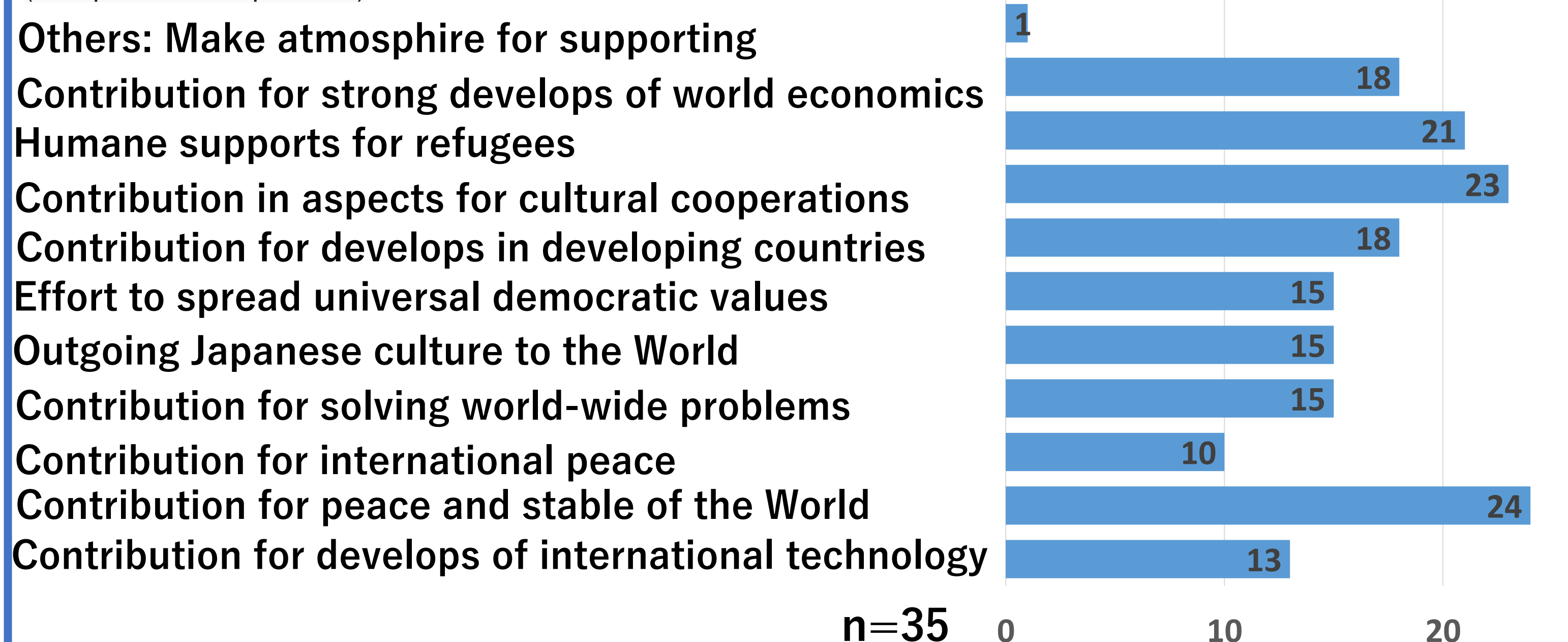
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Overall awareness has improved

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(Multiple answers possible)



Consideration

- Participants showed increased agreement with the importance of humanitarian aid and refugee support
- This reflects a growing recognition of Japan's role in the international community
- **The workshops provided information on the current situation of refugees**
- Learning about these issues appears to have contributed to increased awareness and understanding

Future Outlook

Dec.

- Conduct follow-up surveys (1) (2)

Mar.

- **Progress survey questionnaire**

Apr.

- Considerations and Follow-up Survey

- Summary and Recommendations to Some kind of support organization

References

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