Explaining the Mystery of the Missing MBA’s in Japan

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Abstract

Postgraduate business education in the higher educational institutions in Japan has been lagged behind within the advance economies. However, since late 1980’s, it has undergone considerable changes as part of the reforms in education in Japan. This study tries to examine why USA have over 600 accredited MBA programs and Japan has only ten formal MBA programs. This study also examine why MBA education did not developed in Japan. It looks at the reasons in social, economic and institutional setting and human resources practices contributed this result.