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Education in the graduate course at the University of Tokyo and career choice

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The Department of Earth and Planetary Science of the University of Tokyo was established in 2000 by combining four departments, Department of Geophysics, Geology, Mineralogy and Geography, which has greatly influenced the direction of earth and planetary sciences in Japan. The quota of the master's course is more than 100, and that of the doctoral course is nearly 50, which has been criticized to have seriously affected the education and science of other universities in Japan. A serious problem is that almost all the young people who got PhD. in the University of Tokyo do not get permanent positions in universities or research institutes. We will discuss the educational purpose and system of the graduate course, and trend of career of PhD graduates of the University of Tokyo. Then, we discuss the problem of our system and think about how we should be.