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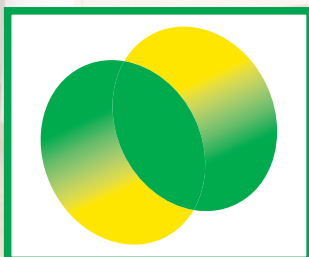
**NIAD-UE**

National Institution for Academic Degrees and  
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『The NIAD-UE logo』



Symbolizing fairness and reliability in university evaluation and the awarding of degrees, the logo features the Earth formed by NIAD-UE's first initial, "N." It represents NIAD-UE as an institution advancing into a new era, and it signifies the expectation that higher education institutions and people awarded with degrees will succeed on the global stage and contribute to humankind's future. The colors yellow and green in the logo represent "development" and "hope," respectively.

『Artwork』



### Transferring the History of the Subject/ Transforming the History of the Subject

The broad heritage that was left to us by our ancestors—language, culture, science, discovery of physical laws, etc.—continue to change (develop) as time goes by. Education (schools) and culture serve as an "interface" between the future and the past because they allow us to learn, develop, and apply various lessons from the past as we move to create our future. Indeed, "expression and transmission" of accumulated "change, development, and application" form the basis of higher education, and it is the elements of such endeavors that build our world.

This characteristic and original work by artist Matt Mullican expresses the concept above using symbols.

## Greetings from the President

Since the inception in July 1991 as a degree awarding organization, the National Institution for Academic Degrees has assumed key roles in Japanese higher education. Since 2000, the recognized NIAD-UE has been involved in operations concerning university evaluation and awarding of degrees. In 2004 NIAD-UE was transformed into an incorporated administrative agency.

Since then, the environment surrounding Japanese higher education has changed significantly. In 2004, Japan's national universities were converted into independent corporate entities, and all universities, junior colleges, and colleges of technology became required to undergo accreditation by accreditation bodies certified by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.

Amid such circumstances, NIAD-UE's primary task has been to conduct evaluation and degree-awarding programs for the purposes of realizing a society in which improved education and research levels in universities and the results of diverse learning in higher education are appropriately evaluated. Through these programs, NIAD-UE hopes to contribute to the betterment of Japanese higher education.

In such changing circumstances, with regard to evaluation operations, NIAD-UE has been certified by the Minister as an evaluation and accreditation organization for universities, junior colleges, colleges of technology, and law schools which are one of the professional graduate schools in 2005. Since then, NIAD-UE has been directing the evaluation processes upon receipt of applications from universities and colleges, and making the results of evaluation open to public.

Furthermore, NIAD-UE is evaluating the circumstances of education and research in national university corporations and inter-university research institute corporations with respect to their attainment of mid-term goals for education and research. Such evaluations have been delegated to NIAD-UE by the National University Corporation Evaluation Committee of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT). In fiscal 2008, NIAD-UE conducted evaluations ahead of the end of the first mid-term goal period, and reported the results to the National University Corporation Evaluation Committee while also making them available to the public. These steps were taken to contribute to comprehensive organizational and administrative reviews that corporations conduct voluntarily and to studies of subsequent mid-term goals and plans. This fiscal year, NIAD-UE will conduct a detailed analysis toward evaluations of the second mid-term goal period based on finalized evaluations of the first mid-term goal period as it also seeks to build a better evaluation system.

NIAD-UE has fully recognized that we, as a quality assurance organization, should play an important role in the quality assurance framework for higher education by pursuing tangible and transparent evaluations. NIAD-UE intends to conduct evaluations that will allow universities that have undergone NIAD-UE evaluations to further stimulate and raise their education and research activities. With the cooperation of university personnel and others, and with various opinions and viewpoints in mind, we will continue to develop our evaluations program so that it may further contribute to better higher education standards in Japan. We further anticipate that the program will help universities gain broad understanding and support from the public and then lead to the further understanding by the stakeholders.

At the same time, NIAD-UE's degree-awarding program is also proceeding well. Since awarding our first degrees in March of 1992, we have awarded degrees to over 50,000 people based on strict examination. We award degrees through two schemes: 1) a scheme for bachelor's degrees that are awarded to graduates of junior colleges or colleges of technology, or to students who have completed courses at professional training colleges that meet certain requirements laid down by MEXT; and 2) a scheme for bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees that are awarded to students who successfully completed NIAD-UE-approved programs at academies or colleges established by governmental ministries or agencies other than MEXT. We intend to continue appropriately and steadily awarding degrees and contributing to the diversification of learning opportunities in Japanese higher education.

As globalization progresses, quality assurance for higher education is becoming an important issue. Even in Japan, the establishment of university evaluations that have universal applicability is an urgent issue. Given these circumstances, international quality assurance activities that are coupled with Japanese higher education policy such as sharing of evaluations through collaboration with overseas university evaluation bodies and evaluation of international university partnership programs are required. As Japan's central quality assurance body and representative in the field, NIAD-UE is furthering a government-led Japan-China-Korea inter-university exchange with quality assurance program, and proactively promoting cooperation with university evaluation bodies in several foreign countries. Thus, all of us at NIAD-UE are keenly aware that our mission and roles are gaining significance day by day.

Recently, we feel that the expectations and concerns directed toward higher education have risen more than ever, not only among those involved in the higher education, but also among the general public. On behalf of everyone at NIAD-UE, I declare our intention to continue administering our programs with even greater transparency, and to implement NIAD-UE's evaluations and degree-awarding appropriately and smoothly. In this endeavor, I earnestly request your continued understanding and support.



President

**HIRANO Shin-ichi**

## Historical Sketch

<i>April 1986</i>	In its report “The Second Report on Educational Reform”, the National Council for Educational Reform proposes to examine the possibility of establishing an organization which grants academic degrees through assessment of academic achievement for the promotion of lifelong learning.
<i>July 1989</i>	The Committees for Graduate Education and University Education of the Council for Higher Education report the necessity to establish such an organization.
<i>June 1990</i>	The preparation committee for the organization is formed and its office is located at Graduate University for Advanced Studies.
<i>February 1991</i>	The Council for Higher Education publishes “A Report for Founding of the Organization which Grants Academic Degrees through Assessment”. The preparation committee publishes “A Report on Agenda of the National Institution for Academic Degrees”.
<i>July 1991</i>	The National Institution for Academic Degrees is founded.
<i>March 1992</i>	The first NIAD degrees are awarded.
<i>March 1998</i>	The number of people granted NIAD degrees exceeds 10,000.
<i>October 1998</i>	In its report “A Vision of Universities in the 21st Century”, the Council for Higher Education proposes to establish a third-party organization for university evaluation.
<i>April 1999</i>	The preparatory office and the preparatory committee for founding a national organization for university evaluation are established in NIAD.
<i>February 2000</i>	The preparatory committee publishes “A Report on Founding a National Organization for University Evaluation”.
<i>April 2000</i>	NIAD is reorganized as a new entity charged with carrying out the evaluation of universities in addition to its degree-awarding functions.
<i>September 2001</i>	NIAD celebrates the 10th anniversary of its degree-awarding activities.
<i>March 2002</i>	NIAD publishes the first university evaluation results for the trial university evaluation period. The number of people granted NIAD degrees exceeds 20,000.
<i>March 2003</i>	NIAD publishes the second university evaluation results for the trial university evaluation period.
<i>April 2003</i>	NIAD moves to its new offices in Kodaira City, Tokyo.
<i>May 2003</i>	The English name is changed from National Institution for Academic Degrees (NIAD) to National Institution for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation (NIAD-UE).
<i>March 2004</i>	NIAD-UE publishes the third university evaluation results for the trial university evaluation period, completing the trial evaluations.
<i>April 2004</i>	NIAD-UE is newly established as an Incorporated Administrative Agency.
<i>November 2004</i>	NIAD-UE publishes the meta-evaluation reports of the university evaluations conducted during the trial period.
<i>January 2005</i>	NIAD-UE is certified by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology as an evaluation and accreditation organization for universities, junior colleges, and law schools among professional graduate schools.
<i>February 2005</i>	NIAD-UE publicly announces evaluation results for college of technology evaluation (trial evaluations).
<i>March 2005</i>	The number of people granted NIAD-UE degrees exceeds 30,000.
<i>July 2005</i>	NIAD-UE is certified by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology as an evaluation and accreditation organization for colleges of technology.
<i>October 2005</i>	NIAD-UE establishes a Center for International Relations.
<i>March 2006</i>	NIAD-UE publicly announces results of Institutional certified evaluation and accreditation (universities, junior colleges, colleges of technology) for the first time.
<i>March 2008</i>	NIAD-UE publicly announces the results of certified evaluation and accreditation of law schools for the first time. The number of people granted NIAD-UE degrees exceeds 40,000.
<i>March 2009</i>	NIAD-UE publicly announces the results of evaluation of education and research activities at national university corporations and inter-university research institute corporations for the first time.
<i>March 2010</i>	The number of people granted NIAD-UE degrees exceeds 50,000.

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## **Role of NIAD-UE**

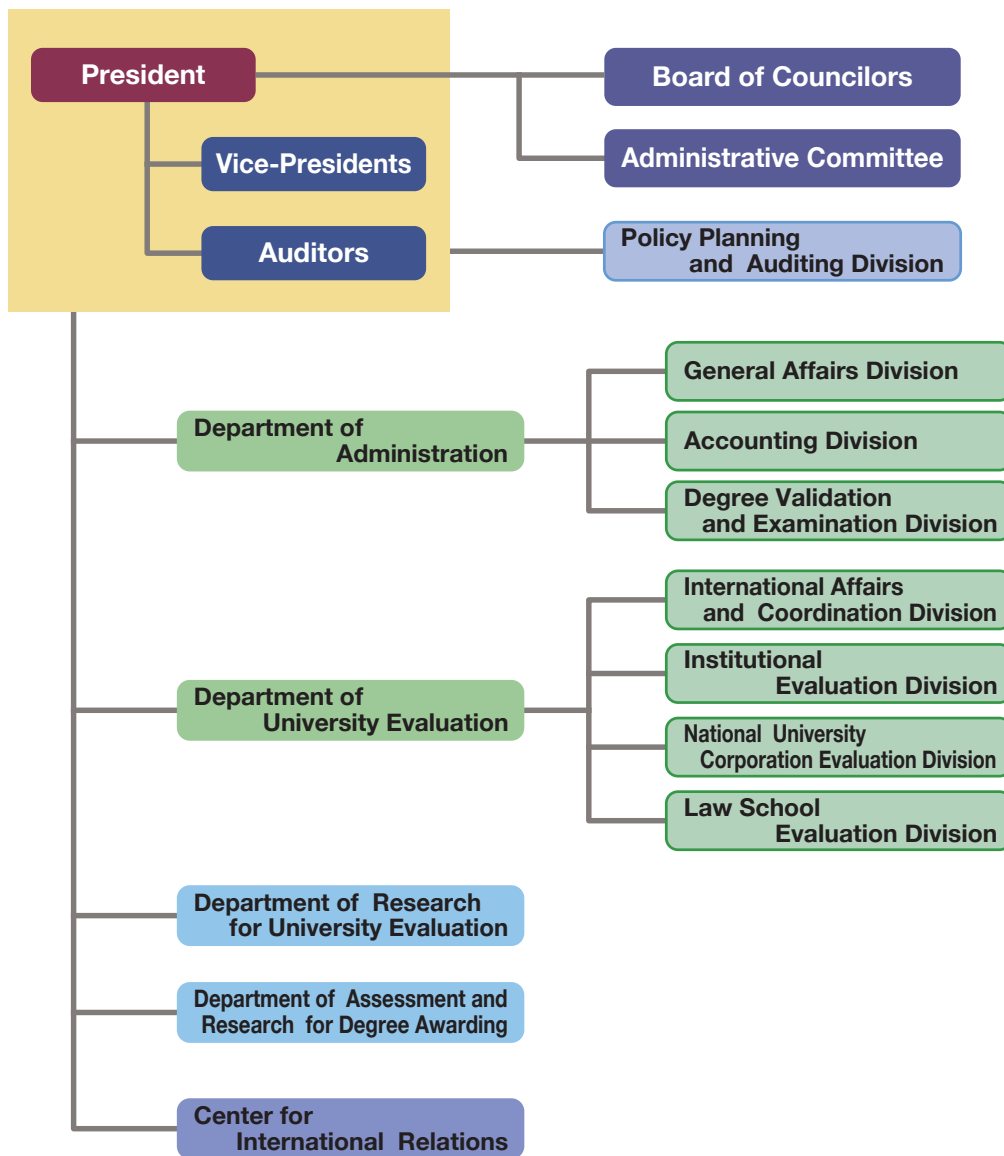
The National Institution for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation (NIAD-UE) was established based on the Act of General Rules for Incorporated Administrative Agency and the National Institution for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation Law. The institution's mission is to contribute to further development of higher education in Japan. In order to raise the quality of higher education institutions (universities, junior colleges and colleges of technology) and interuniversity research institutes, NIAD-UE conducts evaluations of teaching conditions and research activities at these institutions. At the same time, in order to realize a society in which the outcomes learners earned at diversified higher education institutions, such as non-university institutions, are duly appreciated, NIAD-UE assesses the results of various learning provided at the higher education level and awards academic degrees to learners recognized as having fulfilled required academic standards. To accomplish this objective, the institution is engaged in the following activities.

- 1) Evaluations of education, research and other activities of universities and other institutions and provision of the evaluation results to the targeted universities and institutions and the general public;
- 2) Awarding of academic degrees (bachelor's, master's, doctorate) in accordance with the guidelines prescribed by the School Education Law;
- 3) Researches on the evaluations of education, research and other activities of universities and other institutions, and researches on the assessments of the learning results necessary to award degrees;
- 4) Collection, filing and dissemination of information concerning evaluations of education, research and other activities of universities and other institutions and information concerning various learning opportunities at universities; and
- 5) Evaluations of education and research activities at national universities and inter-university research institutes, based on requests from the National University Corporation Evaluation Committee, held in the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, and provision of the evaluation results to the committee, each university and inter-university research institute evaluated, and the general public.



# Organization and Administration

## Organizational Chart



### Committees for University Evaluation

Committee for Certified Evaluation and Accreditation of Universities

Committee for Certified Evaluation and Accreditation of Junior Colleges

Committee for Certified Evaluation and Accreditation of Colleges of Technology

Committee for Certified Evaluation and Accreditation of Law Schools

Committee for National University Education and Research Evaluation

### Committees for Awarding of Degrees

Committee for Validation and Examination of Degrees

## Past and Present Presidents

*TANAKA Ikuzo* (July 1991 to March 1998)

*KIMURA Tsutomu* (April 1998 to March 2009)

*HIRANO Shin-ichi* (April 2009 to present)

## Executive Members

■ **President** *HIRANO Shin-ichi*

■ **Vice-Presidents** *OKAMOTO Kazuo*

*FUKUSHIMA Takeo*

Director, Policy Planning and Auditing Division

*NAKAJIMA Yuji*

■ **Auditors** *UTSUMI Fusako*

*TACHI Akira*

■ **Department of Administration**

Executive Director *ICHII Toshihiro*

Director, General Affairs Division

Director, Accounting Division

Director, Degree Validation and Examination Division

*NAGATA Akihiro*

*UMETSU Yoshiaki*

*HIRATA Kimiaki*

■ **Department of University Evaluation**

Executive Director *KOSUGI Nobuyuki*

Director, International Affairs and Coordination Division

Director, Institutional Evaluation Division

Director, National University Corporation Evaluation Division

Director, Law School Evaluation Division

*NEGISHI Toshiyuki*

*WATANABE Shin-ichi*

*TAKASE Masaaki*

*MOCHIZUKI Tsuyoshi*

■ **Department of Research for University Evaluation**

Dean *KONO Michikata*

■ **Department of Assessment and Research for Degree Awarding**

Dean *NAKAHARA Kazuhiko*

■ **Center for International Relations**

Executive Director *OKAMOTO Kazuo*

## Academic Staff

Specially Appointed Professor

*KAWAGUCHI Akihiko*

Specially Appointed Professor

*KIMURA Tsutomu*

■ **Department of Research for University Evaluation**

Professor and Dean

*KONO Michikata*

Professor

*OGIUE Koichi*

Professor

*SUZUKI Kenjiro*

Associate Professor

*HAYASHI Takayuki*

Associate Professor

*IDA Masaaki*

Associate Professor

*KURITA Kayoko*

Associate Professor

*NODA Ayaka*

Associate Professor

*SAITO Kiyoko*

Associate Professor

*SHIBUI Susumu*

Associate Professor

*TANAKA Yayoi*

Visiting Professor

*AGEMURA Youichiro*

Visiting Professor

*INAGAKI Takashi*

Visiting Professor

*ISOBE Tsutomu*

Visiting Professor

*KIMURA Seiji*

Visiting Professor

*KITAHARA Yasuo*

Visiting Professor

*KOMA Atsushi*

Visiting Professor

*NOZAWA Tsunenori*

Visiting Professor

*SEYAMA Yousuke*

Visiting Professor

*TAKEICHI Masato*

Visiting Professor

*TUTIYA Syun*

Visiting Professor

*YAMAMOTO Shin-ichi*

Visiting Professor

*WASHIYAMA Yasuhiko*

■ **Department of Assessment and Research for Degree Awarding**

Professor and Dean

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Professor

*KADOTA Toshikazu*

Professor

*MOHRI Naotake*

Professor

*MUGURUMA Masaaki*

Professor

*TAKITA Yoshiko*

Professor

*YOSHIKAWA Yumiko*

Associate Professor

*HAMANAKA Yoshitaka*

Associate Professor

*MIYAZAKI Kazuteru*

Associate Professor

*MORI Rie*

Visiting Professor

*HASHIMOTO Hironobu*

Visiting Professor

*HUANG Meiyang*

Visiting Professor

*KAMIYA Takeshi*

Visiting Professor

*KOBAYASHI Masayuki*

Visiting Associate Professor

*HIRASAWA Kazushi*

■ **Center for International Relations**

Visiting Professor

*FURUKAWA Yuku*

## Board of Councilors

The Board of Councilors discusses important matters concerning the institution's activities and management at the President's request. The Board is comprised of up to 20 individuals who possess broad and valuable insight concerning universities and other institutions, or who have the professional knowledge and experience necessary for appropriately managing NIAD-UE activities.

(◎ Chairperson, ○ Vice-Chairperson)

(As of June 2010)

Name	Current Position	Name	Current Position
ARINOBU Mutsuhiro	Comptroller, The University of Tokyo	MATSUMOTO Hiroshi	President, Kyoto University
GO Mitiko	External Executive Director, Research Organization of Information and Systems	MORIWAKI Michiko	President, Jiyugaoka Sanno College
HAMADA Junichi	President, The University of Tokyo	MURAMATSU Michio	Professor Emeritus, Kyoto University
Hans-Jürgen MARX	Chairman, Nanzan School Corporation Board of Directors	NAYA Hiromi	President, Meiji University
HAYASHI Yujiro	President, Institute of National Colleges of Technology	SAKAKIBARA Sadayuki	Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer and Representative Director, Toray Industries, Inc.
KATSUKATA Shin-ichi	Educational Journalist	◎ SASAKI Takeshi	Professor, Gakushuin University
KINDA Akihiro	President, National Institutes for the Humanities	SASAKI Yuta	President, Aichi Prefectural University
○ KOIDE Tadataka	Chancellor, Aichi-Gakuin	SEKINE Hidekazu	President, Osaka Jogakuin College
KOSO Toshiaki	Chancellor, Sophia School Corporation	SHIRAI Katsuhiko	President, Waseda University
MARUMOTO Takuya	President, Yamaguchi University	YADA Toshifumi	President, The University of Kitakyushu

## Administrative Committee

The Administrative Committee advises the President on issues related to management and implementation of NIAD-UE activities that the President determines to be necessary. The committee is comprised of up to 21 individuals, each having experience in academia as a university president, person engaged in education and research at a university, or a NIAD-UE professor.

(◎ Chairperson, ○ Vice-Chairperson)

(As of June 2010)

Name	Current Position	Name	Current Position
ACHIBA Yohji	Professor, Tokyo Metropolitan University	MIZUTANI Nobuyasu	Auditor, Toyohashi University of Technology
ARAI Noriko	Professor, National Institute of Informatics	◎ NAKAHARA Kazuhiko	Professor and Dean, NIAD-UE Department of Assessment and Research for Degree Awarding
IKEDA Shunsuke	General Manager, Ikeda Laboratory, CTI Engineering Co. Ltd.	NINOMIYA Akira	Director and Professor, Hiroshima Study Center, The Open University of Japan
KAMIJO Hiroyuki	President, Nagano Prefectural College	NISHIMURA Kiyokazu	Professor, The University of Tokyo
KAWAMURA Masayuki	Dean, Graduate School of Legal Practice, Surugadai Law School	OGIUE Koichi	Professor, NIAD-UE
KITAHARA Kazuo	Professor, International Christian University	OKAZAWA Norio	Professor, Waseda University
KOHSAKA Setsuzo	Acting Chairman, The Tokyo Metropolitan Government Board of Education	OTAKE Midori	Vice-President, Tokyo Gakugei University
○ KOJO Yoshiko	Professor, The University of Tokyo	SHIMADA Kyoko	Part-time Lecturer, Japan Women's University
KONO Michikata	Professor and Dean, NIAD-UE Department of Research for University Evaluation	SHIROYAMA Masaki	Director, Institute of Investment Technology, Nikko Financial Intelligence, Inc.
MAEDA Fujio	Professor, Chubu University	TAKITA Yoshiko	Professor, NIAD-UE
MARUYAMA Shinichi	Editorial Writer, The Yomiuri Shimbun		

## Committee for Certified Evaluation and Accreditation of Universities

The Committee for Certified Evaluation and Accreditation of Universities holds deliberations concerning evaluations of the overall condition of education and research activities at University. The committee is comprised of up to 30 individuals, each being a university president, professor, or person with knowledge and experience in fields related to universities, such as society, economy, and culture.

(◎ Chairperson, ○ Vice-Chairperson)

(As of June 2010)

Name	Current Position	Name	Current Position
AKAIWA Hideo	Former President, Gunma University	KOMA Atsushi	Program Director, Japan Science and Technology Agency
ARAKAWA Masaaki	Director, Niigata Institute for Health & Sports Medicine	KONO Michikata	Professor and Dean, NIAD-UE Department of Research for University Evaluation
AYUKAWA Kyoza	Former President, Ehime University	NAGAI Taeko	Vice-President, Setagaya Arts Foundation
FUKUDA Yasuichiro	Vice-president, Common Achievement Tests Organization	NOGAMI Tomoyuki	Senior Managing Director, The Japan Association of National Universities
GO Mitiko	External Executive Director, Research Organization of Information and Systems	OGIUE Koichi	Professor, NIAD-UE
Hans-Jürgen MARX	Chairman, Nanzan School Corporation Board of Directors	OIKE Kazuo	Director, International Institute for Advanced Studies
IINO Masako	President, Tsuda College	OTSUKA Yusaku	Professor, Kyoto University
INAGAKI Takashi	Former President, Osaka Kyoiku University	SAITO Yaeko	Former Principal, Tokyo Metropolitan Kudan Senior High School
KAJITANI Makoto	President, The University of Electro-Communications	○ SATOW Toyoshi	President, J.F.Oberlin University
KANAGAWA Katsuko	President, Kobe City College of Nursing	SUZUKI Akinori	Former President, Akita Prefectural University
KITAHARA Yasuo	Former President, University of Tsukuba	SUZUKI Kenjiro	Professor, NIAD-UE
KOBAYASHI Shunichi	President, Akita Prefectural University	SUZUKI Norihiko	President, International Christian University
KODAMA Takao	Rector, Tezukayama Gakuin	◎ YOSHIKAWA Hiroyuki	Director-General, Japan Science and Technology Agency, Center for Research and Development Strategy

## Committee for Certified Evaluation and Accreditation of Junior Colleges

The Committee for Certified Evaluation and Accreditation of Junior Colleges holds deliberations concerning evaluations of the overall condition of education and research activities at junior colleges. The committee is comprised of up to 20 individuals, each being a junior college president, professor, or person with knowledge and experience in fields related to junior colleges, such as society, economy, and culture.

(◎ Chairperson, ○ Vice-Chairperson)

(As of June 2010)

Name	Current Position	Name	Current Position
AMEMIYA Teruo	Professor, TSU City College	OTAKE Midori	Vice-President, Tokyo Gakugei University
ASO Takashi	President, Kyushu Institute of Information Sciences and Yamaguchi Junior College	SAWAI Akio	Professor, Fukushima College
HIDA Toyojiro	President, Akita Municipal Junior College of Arts and Crafts	○ SEKINE Hidekazu	President, Osaka Jogakuin College and Osaka Jogakuin Junior College
◎ KAMIJO Hiroyuki	President, Nagano Prefectural College	SHIMIZU Kazuhiko	Vice President, University of Tsukuba
KODATE Shizue	Director, Odawara Women's Junior College	SUZUKI Kenjiro	Professor, NIAD-UE
MATSUDA Yukitoshi	President, Gifu City Women's College	YAMAUCHI Yoshifumi	Professor and Presidential Aide, Seitoku University
NAMBA Masayoshi	President, Niimi College	YOSHIDA AYA	Professor, Waseda University
OGIUE Koichi	Professor, NIAD-UE	YOSHIMURA Emiko	President, Kawasaki City College of Nursing
ONO Hiroyuki	President, Kokusai Gakuin Saitama Junior College		

## Committee for Certified Evaluation and Accreditation of Colleges of Technology

The Committee for Certified Evaluation and Accreditation of Colleges of Technology holds deliberations concerning evaluations of the overall condition of education and research activities at colleges of technology. The committee is comprised of up to 20 individuals, each being a college of technology president, professor, or person with knowledge and experience in fields related to colleges of technology, such as society, economy, and culture.

(◎ Chairperson, ○ Vice-Chairperson)

(As of June 2010)

Name	Current Position	Name	Current Position
AGEMURA Youichiro	Principal of Nihonbashi Jogakkan Junior · Senior High School	MURAI Shinji	Executive Director, Vice President, Nara Institute of Science and Technology
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JINNO Kiyokatsu	Executive Trustee, Vice President, Toyohashi University of Technology	TANIGAKI Masataka	President, Polytechnic College Shiga
KOJIMA Tsutomu	Vice Principal, Salesian Polytechnic	TOKUDA Masanori	Professor Emeritus, Tohoku University
MIZUTANI Nobuyasu	Auditor, Toyohashi University of Technology		

## Committee for Certified Evaluation and Accreditation of Law Schools

The Committee for Certified Evaluation and Accreditation of Law Schools holds deliberations concerning evaluations of the overall condition of education and research activities at law schools. The committee is comprised of up to 30 individuals, each being an academic with broad knowledge of law schools, judicial officers, or individuals with experience in fields related to law schools, such as society, economy, and culture.

(◎ Chairperson, ○ Vice-Chairperson)

(As of June 2010)

Name	Current Position	Name	Current Position
AOYAMA Yoshimitsu	Professor, Meiji University	◎ SASAKI Takeshi	Professor, Gakushuin University
Daniel H. FOOTE	Professor, The University of Tokyo	SATO Kunio	Former Director-General, Asia-Pacific Cultural Centre for UNESCO
HASEBE Yasuo	Professor, The University of Tokyo	TAKEI Yasutoshi	Attorney at Law, Hiroshima All-In Law and Accounting Office
ISOBE Tsutomu	Professor, Kokugakuin University	TAKIZAWA Izumi	Judge-Professor, The Legal Training and Research Institute of Japan
ISOMURA Tamotsu	Professor, Kobe University	TAKIZAWA Tadashi	Professor, Sophia University
KIMURA Mitsue	Professor, Tokyo Metropolitan University	○ TANAKA Shigeaki	Vice-Director, International Institute for Advanced Studies
KUBOI Kazumasa	Attorney-at-Law, Kuboi & Partners Law Office	TANAMURA Masayuki	Professor, Waseda University
MARUYAMA Tsuyoshi	Attorney, General Affairs and Planning Department, Research and Training Institute, Ministry of Justice	TATSUOKA Sukeaki	Professor, Gakushuin University
MITSUI Makoto	Professor, Doshisha University	UEDA Koichi	Attorney at Law, Koichi Ueda Law Office
MOROISHI Mitsuhiro	Attorney at Law, Oh-Ebashi LPC & Partners	YAMAMOTO Kazuhiko	Professor, Hitotsubashi University
MURANAKA Takashi	Professor, Kyoto University	YAMAMOTO Shinichi	Director and Professor, Research Institute for Higher Education Hiroshima University
NAGAI Kazuyuki	President and Chancellor, Chuo University	YASUNAGA Masaaki	Professor, Kinki University
OKABE Kenji	President, INSTITUTE OF LABOR EDUCATION & CULTURE	YOSHIIHARA Kazushi	Professor, Tohoku University
OKADA Hiromi	Consumer Consulting Specialists		

## Committee for National University Education and Research Evaluation

The Committee for National University Education and Research Evaluation holds deliberations on evaluations concerning the conditions of education and research activities at national universities and inter-university research institutes, based on requests from the National University Corporation Evaluation Committee of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology. The committee is comprised of up to 30 individuals, each being a university president, professor, inter-university research institute president, or person with knowledge and experience in fields related to universities, such as society, economy, and culture.

(◎ Chairperson, ○ Vice-Chairperson)

(As of June 2010)

Name	Current Position	Name	Current Position
ASANO Setsuro	Professor Emeritus, The University of Tokyo	MAEHARA Sumiko	Professor and Dean, School of Nursing, Kyoto Tachibana University
GOMI Fumihiko	Professor, The Open University of Japan	MATSUOKA Hiroshi	Professor, Tezukayama University
Hans-Jürgen MARX	Chairman, Nanzan School Corporation Board of Directors	MAWATARI Shohken	President, Miyagi University
HASHIMOTO Kimiko	Former Principal, Kyoto Prefectural Nanyo Senior High School	MUTA Taizo	Former President, Fukuyama University
HIRAMATSU Kazuo	Professor, Kwansei Gakuin University	NAKAGAWA Yukiya	Adviser, IHI Corporation
HIROBE Masaaki	Professor Emeritus, The University of Tokyo	NAKANO Hitoo	Professor Emeritus, Kyushu University
IINO Masako	President, Tsuda College	NAKASU Masataka	Professor Emeritus, Hyogo University of Teacher Education
IKEDA Takayoshi	President, University of Nagasaki	NAKAZATO Takeshi	Former President, NHK Academy of Distance Learning
KAJIYAMA Tisato	President, Japan Student Services Organization	OKADA Shuzo	Special General Counsellor, Tokio Marine & Nichido Fire Insurance Co.,Ltd.
KANEDA Yoshiyuki	Former Representative Director and Executive Deputy President of Sony Corporation	SAITO Yaeko	Former Principal, Tokyo Metropolitan Kudan Senior High School
KIMURA Seiji	Professor, Risho University	SETO Junichi	Professor, Surugadai University
○ KITAHARA Yasuo	Former President, University of Tsukuba	SUZUKI Akinori	Former President, Akita Prefectural University
KOBAYASHI Makoto	Executive Director, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science	◎ TAMBO Norihito	President, Hokkaido Research Organization
KODAMA Takao	Rector, Tezukayama Gakuin	WADA Keishiro	Professor Emeritus, Kanazawa University
KOZU Tadahiko	Professor Emeritus, Tokyo Women's Medical University		

## Committee for Validation and Examination of Degrees

The Committee for Validation and Examination of Degrees is in charge not only of the examination work involved in the awarding of degrees, but also in the approval and recognition of advanced program provided by various educational institutions other than universities. The Committee is comprised of up to 20 individuals, each having an advanced academic background as a professor at a university, a NIAD-UE professor, etc.

(◎ Chairperson, ○ Vice-Chairperson)

(As of June 2010)

Name	Current Position	Name	Current Position
INOUE Tomoko	Professor, Tokyo Medical and Dental University	MUGURUMA Masaaki	Professor, NIAD-UE
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○ KADOTA Toshikazu	Professor, NIAD-UE	NISHIMURA Kiyokazu	Professor, The University of Tokyo
KAWASHIMA Kazuhiko	Professor, Tokyo Institute of Technology	NOSAKA Yasuji	Professor, Gakushuin University
KIMURA Ichiro	Professor, Waseda University	SAKAI Yoshinori	Professor, Tokyo Institute of Technology
KITAGAWA Akiko	Professor, Tokyo University of the Arts	TAKITA Yoshiko	Professor, NIAD-UE
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MOHRI Naotake	Professor, NIAD-UE	YOSHIKAWA Yumiko	Professor, NIAD-UE

### Subcommittees

The Committee for Validation and Examination of Degrees is currently assisted by 18 Subcommittees, which are in charge of validation and examination of operations in corresponding disciplinary fields. Subcommittees are comprised of NIAD-UE professors, committee members, and professors at universities.

# University Evaluation

- University Evaluation
- Research Activities
- Information Services

NIAD-UE develops effective procedures for university evaluation in cooperation with personnel from the universities and conducts appropriate evaluations of education, research, and other activities at universities and other academic institutions. This enables NIAD-UE to play a leading role in development of third-party evaluations of universities and other academic institutions in Japan. Moreover, by actively collecting and disseminating information concerning universities and university evaluations in Japan and around the world, and conducting research on university evaluation, NIAD-UE is helping to create the foundation for university evaluations in Japan and improving the level of higher education institutions overall.

## University Evaluation | Plans for University Evaluation Activities in FY 2010

### ● Certified Evaluation and Accreditation

(Evaluation and accreditation of higher education institutions implemented by an organization certified by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.)

To improve the quality of their education, research and other activities, all universities, junior colleges, colleges of technology and professional graduate schools are obligated to be evaluated by a quality assurance agency with the authorization of the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology. For universities, junior colleges and colleges of technology, the overall conditions of their education, research, organizational management, and facilities and equipment must be evaluated at least once in every seven years.

For professional graduate schools (such as law schools), the overall conditions of their curriculum, faculty unit and other education and research activities must be evaluated at least once in every five years according to the institution's goals and objectives.

[School Education Law, Article 109, Article 123, etc.]

### 1. Certified Evaluation and Accreditation of universities, junior colleges and colleges of technology

As an evaluation and accreditation organization certified by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, NIAD-UE conducted certified evaluation and accreditation for 37 universities and 1 junior college in FY2009. In FY2010, we will conduct evaluations for universities, junior colleges, and colleges of technology, whose applications we have accepted, and will also accept applications for evaluations to be conducted in FY2011.

In addition, as an independent third-party evaluation, NIAD-UE established two optional evaluation items called “the conditions of research” and “education offered to those other than full-time students” , and conducts evaluations at the request of higher education institutions.

### 2. Certified Evaluation and Accreditation of professional graduate schools

#### Certified Evaluation and Accreditation of Law Schools

In FY2009, NIAD-UE conducted actual evaluations of 3 law schools and supplementary reviews (see note) of 3 law schools as a certified evaluation and accreditation organization approved by Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology. In FY2010, we will continue to conduct evaluations of law schools from which we have received applications, while also accepting applications for evaluations to be conducted in FY2011.

Note: Supplementary review

Supplementary review is for law schools which have not been accredited. The schools may apply for being reviewed on the standard(s) which it has failed, within two years of the evaluation year. When the standard(s) is judged to be qualified, the result will be combined with the satisfactory results of the other standards, and made public as an accredited school.

### 3. Verification of Certified Evaluation and Accreditation

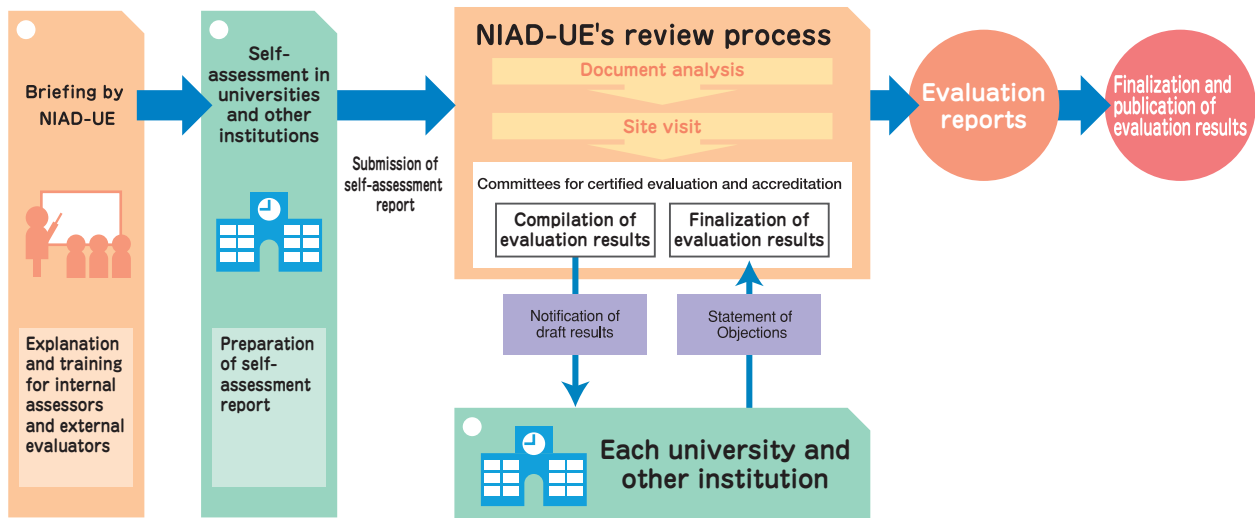
NIAD-UE conducted the questionnaire surveys on evaluation methods to review and verify the appropriateness of the evaluations, the surveys were targeted at the institutions (universities, junior colleges, colleges of technology, and law schools) that were evaluated from FY2005 to FY2008 as well as the external evaluators who were responsible for these evaluations. The results of these reviews were compiled into annual reports and released to the public via the NIAD-UE's website and other media.

We will continue to conduct the questionnaire surveys on evaluation methods that will target institutions (universities, junior colleges, and law schools) that were evaluated in FY2009 as well as the evaluators who were responsible for these evaluations for review.

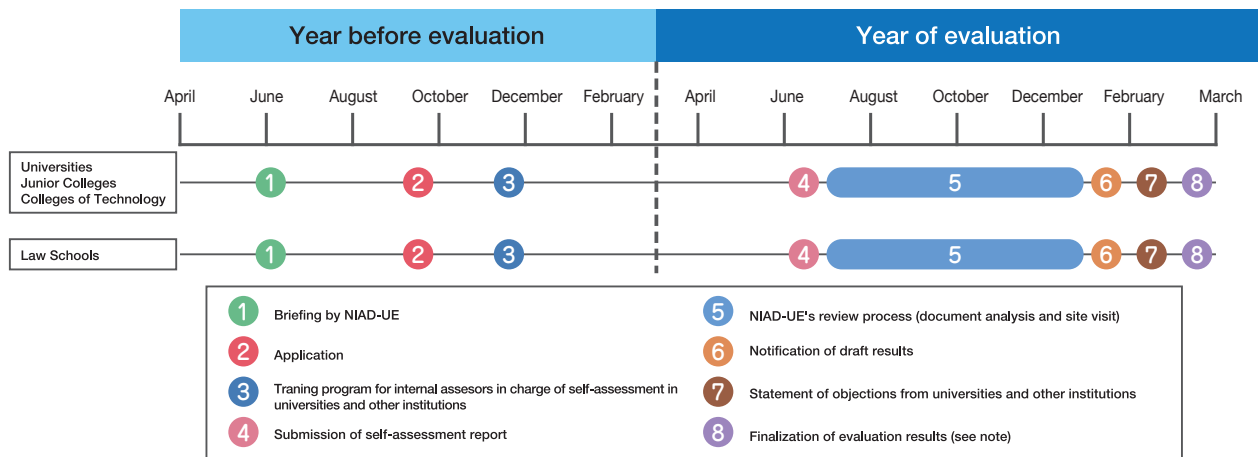
Furthermore, we are applying the results of the reviews to future improvement of evaluation methods.

# ● Outline of Certified Evaluation and Accreditation

## Process

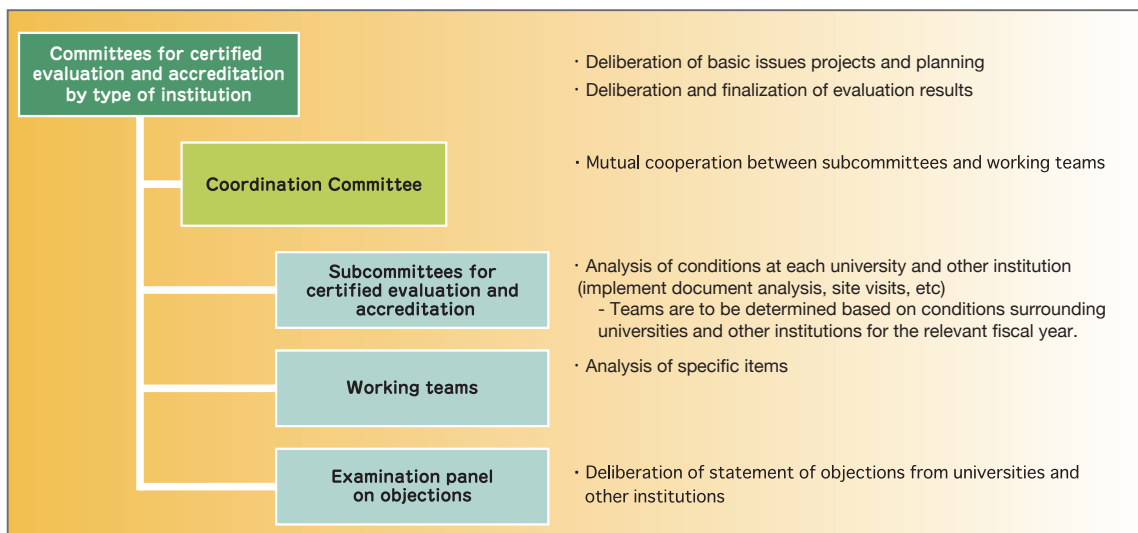


## Schedule (Planned)



\* Although the "standard" schedule is provided here, it must be remembered that changes may occur. Concrete details for the schedule will be announced after examination by committees for certified evaluation and accreditation. Moreover, the schedule for certified evaluation and accreditation of law schools to be implemented in fiscal 2011 will differ from the above schedule, as revision of the Standards for Evaluation and Accreditation is planned.  
 Note : Universities, junior colleges, and colleges of technology that do not satisfy the Standards for Evaluation and Accreditation as well as law schools that did not receive accreditation can undergo supplementary review for only those standards that remain unmet within two years of the evaluation year.

## Implementation System



## ● Evaluation of education and research activities at national university corporations and inter-university research institute corporations

Based on requests received from the National University Corporation Evaluation Committee established in the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, NIAD-UE conducts evaluation of education and research activities of national university corporations and inter-university research institute corporations from among all of their performance in the period of mid-term goals.

The National University Corporation Evaluation Committee places great weight on the results of these evaluations when it conducts overall appraisals of administrative performance during the period of mid-term goals.

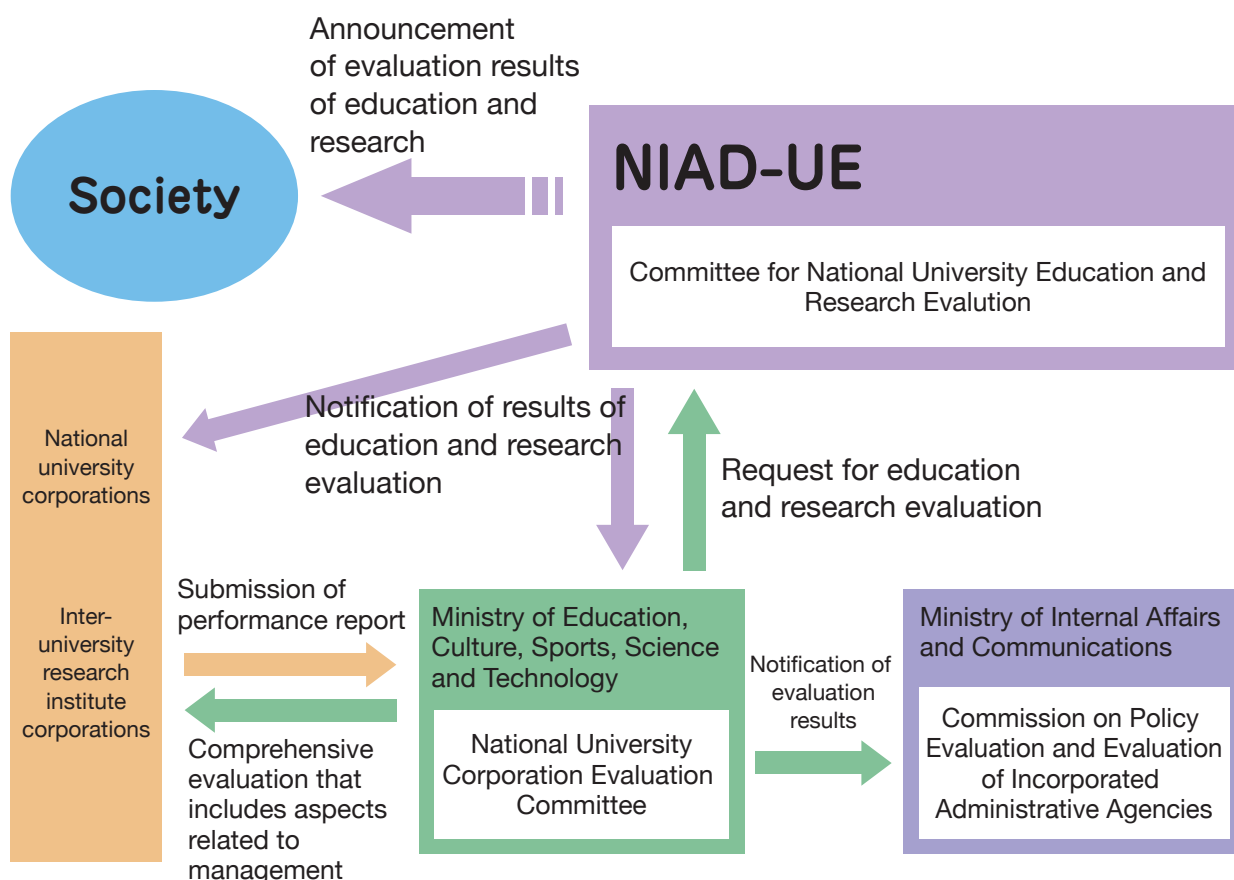
[Rereading of Article 34 Paragraph 2 of the Act of General Rules for Incorporated Administrative Agency applied correspondingly in Article 35 of the National University Corporation Law.]

The national university corporation evaluation must clearly present current state of corporations to ensure accountability to society, while also considering the nature of their education/research and management autonomy.

In FY2009, NIAD-UE conducted a verification of methods used in an evaluation of education and research activities at national university corporations and inter-university research institute corporations that it conducted during the mid-term goal period of FY2008 (hereinafter called “education and research evaluation” ) based on a request from the National University Corporation Evaluation Committee. It also studied concrete methods for finalizing the evaluation of the first mid-term goal period.

In FY2010, NIAD-UE will conclude finalization work, conduct verifications following finalization, and conduct studies to link finalization to better evaluation methods for the next evaluation.

### System of National University Corporation Evaluation



NIAD-UE engages in research concerning evaluations of universities and other institutions for the purpose of creating an effective evaluation system to improve the quality of universities and other institutions and accountability to the general public.

## Research on verification and development of the university evaluation system

The environment surrounding universities and higher education institutions has been changing dramatically in recent years. Universities are being required to re-study the content and standards of activities that society demands of them as well as the appropriate management of such activities. Given this situation, university evaluation must be unceasingly modified in terms of its roles and methods to become a more effective and efficient system. Through this research undertaking, NIAD-UE is verifying in a multifaceted manner the appropriateness and effects of methods it has used in certified evaluations and accreditations and national university corporation evaluations thus far, and studying how the evaluation system should look in the future. At the same time, NIAD-UE is responding to new demands for university evaluation that are emerging in line with advancement of higher education policy, and pursuing research toward developing new university evaluation systems for Japan based on the latest conditions in evaluation and higher education both in Japan and abroad. Such research covers meta-evaluation to improve the quality and international compatibility of evaluation methods and results, and the building of a complementary relationship between institutional evaluation and subject evaluation.

## Research on evaluation activities that will contribute to quality improvement at universities

A variety of challenges must be overcome if university quality is to be improved. NIAD-UE is striving to take on these challenges by conducting research from the following two standpoints:

### 1) Frameworks and methods for effective application of evaluations

The implementation of evaluations first requires the setting of objectives and plans, and then the establishment of a comprehensive framework that includes essential data and methods for routine monitoring. Here, NIAD-UE is promoting research toward introducing methods that will allow the evaluation departments and planning departments of universities to work together and raise the quality of their plans for the purpose of improving their own evaluation abilities, while simultaneously establishing evaluation systems. It is also working to identify conditions for the application of these methods. Moreover, NIAD-UE is widely applying the knowledge and technologies of commercial enterprises—which have considerable experience with preliminary evaluations and selection of indicators—as well as of government organizations and non-profit organizations in this process.

### 2) Methods for internal university evaluation and methods for collaborating with third-party evaluation

One important factor related to improved university quality and pursuit of accountability is the way in which universities conduct internal evaluations. For example, how the activities of academic staff are evaluated is an important issue for both quality assurance and university activation. Here, NIAD-UE is promoting research activities on various methods for evaluation used within universities, including teaching portfolios and faculty development, and it is sharing the results with a broad range of concerned personnel by holding workshops and through introduction support. NIAD-UE is further involved in research to determine how such internal quality assurance systems should work with third-party evaluation, which is an external quality assurance system.

## Research on collection and application of information in university evaluation

The introductory period for university evaluation has passed, and there is now a need for a more efficient and high-quality evaluation system that is based on objective data and specialized survey and analysis. At the same time, there is a need for evaluation results to provide universities and society with useful information and to raise evaluation effects. To establish the content and flow of information surrounding university evaluation, it has become important to reduce the information and evaluation burden that is required in evaluations and to engage in research and development of supporting technologies—such as supporting frameworks and information technologies. These efforts must not be made by institutions that conduct university evaluations alone, but rather hand-in-hand with universities.

For this reason, NIAD-UE will implement this research project to collect and analyze quantitative and qualitative information (i.e., to study evaluation indicators) needed to ascertain the education and research activities of universities using the University Information Database. It will also implement research activities on effective evaluation support through application of information technology and study ways of reducing the labor required in evaluations. Furthermore, NIAD-UE will survey the kinds of university information that society demands, and build and propose communication systems to effectively convey information on universities and university evaluation to society.

Part of NIAD-UE's research is implemented in cooperation with higher education researchers in Japan and abroad under the Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research scheme funded by JSPS and MEXT. The research topics currently selected for such grants are shown below;

“Empirical research on the centralization and diversification of research activities associated with the institutionalization of research evaluation” (FY2007 to FY2009)

“Building a University Evaluation Information's Search System for Senior High School Students” (FY2007 to FY2008)

“Research on collection and analysis of university information and on management and human resource development for information systems” (FY2008 to FY2011)

“Development of a support system for creating Teaching Portfolios” (FY2008 to FY2010)

“Development of assessment tools to promote social innovative capacity: focus on nonprofit organizations” (FY2008 to FY2010)

“The New Syllabus Preparation System: Learning Process and Outcomes Visualizing System” (FY2010 to FY2012)

The results of the abovementioned research are published in the academic journal *Research on Academic Degrees and University Evaluation* and presented through workshops and symposia.

## Information Services

Collecting, storing and disseminating information concerning evaluations of universities and other institutions

NIAD-UE will systematically collect, organize, and provide useful information for evaluating universities and other institutions to improve the quality and the individualization of their education and research activities.

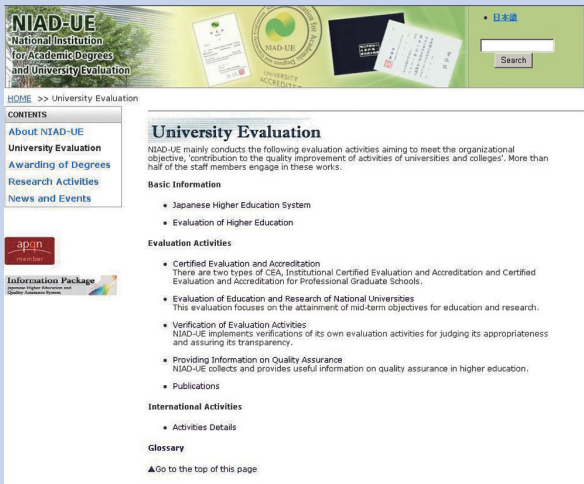
### ● Providing information on the evaluation activities of NIAD-UE

Information on evaluations conducted by NIAD-UE is actively released, especially from our website:  
<http://www.niad.ac.jp/>

Certified evaluation and accreditation conducted by NIAD-UE from FY2005 to FY2009, and all reports of trial evaluations from FY2000 to FY2002 are available on our website.

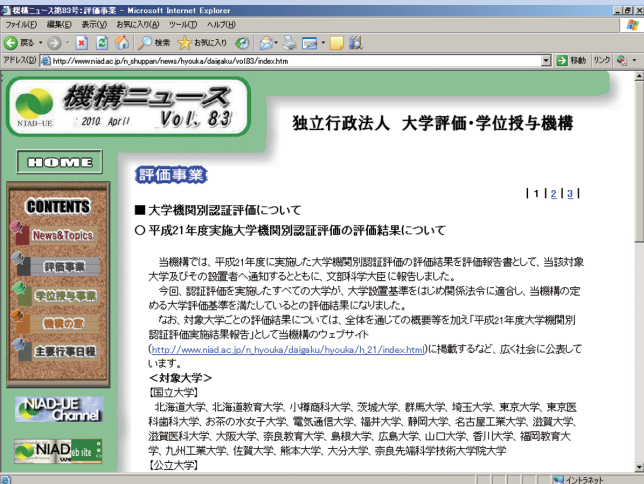
Also, NIAD-UE releases the latest information (updated every month) on the organization's evaluation activities and events related to university evaluation in the "NIAD-UE News" (public relations report).

### ● Information on evaluations



<http://www.niad.ac.jp/english/unive/index.html> (in English)

### ● NIAD-UE News



[http://www.niad.ac.jp/n\\_shuppan/news/index.html](http://www.niad.ac.jp/n_shuppan/news/index.html) (in Japanese)

### ● Evaluation standards model for professional graduate schools

In order to provide a reference to related institutions that are planning to establish certified evaluation and accreditation organization for professional graduate schools, excluding law schools, NIAD-UE reviewed its standards, and compiled the review results in the "evaluation standards model for professional graduate schools".

This model sets criteria that are considered mandatory for all professional graduate schools, excluding law schools.

(Meanwhile, NIAD-UE added field-specific criteria for "Business/MOT", "Accounting", and "Public Policy".)  
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### ● Collection, storing and dissemination of information concerning evaluations of universities and other institutions

NIAD-UE systematically collects information on evaluation of universities and other institutions and their education and research activities by providing need-based information to university personnel.

As part of this effort, NIAD-UE launched its "University Evaluation Information Portal", which brings together information on university evaluations, in November 2007. We plan to constantly update this website with useful information on evaluations both in Japan and abroad in addition to information on evaluations of national, public, and private universities, junior colleges, and colleges of technology.

Furthermore, we provide and exchange information by hosting forums on university evaluations.

## University Evaluation Information Portal (<http://portal.niad.ac.jp/>)

The University Evaluation Information Portal aims to promote the accumulation and dissemination of information related to the evaluation of universities, to supply this information for the benefit of personnel involved in evaluation at universities and other institutions as well as third-parties that are interested in evaluation, and to support active information dissemination activities of universities and other institutions.



Main contents:

- University Evaluation Information  
Information on evaluations and other activities that is provided by websites and other media of universities
- Library  
Information on evaluations that is collected by NIAD-UE and arranged into specific themes
- Topics  
Up-to-date information pertaining to evaluation-related news and events

## University Evaluation Forum (FY2009)

**Theme:** Effective Use of Academic Resource for Enhancement of Intra-Quality Assurance System

**Date:** Monday, August 3, 2009

**Location:** Hitotsubashi Memorial Hall (2nd floor of the National Center of Sciences) (Chiyoda Ward, Tokyo)

### Overview:

With “For Developing University’s Distinctiveness” as its sub-theme, the forum invited lecturers from the United States who presented a sample approach to “academic portfolios,” a tool for presenting and ascertaining teachers’ activities. The forum also featured a panel discussion by personnel concerned with higher education.

In addition, on the following day (August 4), a workshop was held to support introduction of academic portfolios in actual university settings. This workshop was based on the content of the previous day’s forum.

## “Research in University Evaluation” and “Research on Academic Degrees and University Evaluation”

NIAD-UE presented results obtained from studies and research by publishing them as research papers, research notes, etc., in a research bulletin entitled *Research in University Evaluation*. Three volumes of *Research in University Evaluation* were issued, beginning with the first in 2002 and ending with the third in 2003. A list of research papers and the content of *Research in University Evaluation* can be referenced from the following website:

[http://www.niad.ac.jp/n\\_shuppan/hyouka/index.html](http://www.niad.ac.jp/n_shuppan/hyouka/index.html)

In 2004, *Research in University Evaluation* was integrated with *Research in Academic Degrees* and reborn as the academic journal *Research on Academic Degrees and University Evaluation*. The content of this journal can be seen from our website:

[http://www.niad.ac.jp/n\\_shuppan/gakujutsushi/index.html](http://www.niad.ac.jp/n_shuppan/gakujutsushi/index.html)

## ● The University Information Database

The University Information Database is a service that regularly collects, and provides information on the education and research activities of universities. As such, it is intended to serve, for example, as a reference for academic institutions that helps them improve and individualize the quality of their education and research activities, or as a tool that relieves the burden of self-assessment and evaluation work that accompanies third-party evaluations.

By hosting open symposia and seminars, NIAD-UE conducts studies that give particular attention to data items while also collecting the opinions of organizations connected with universities. NIAD-UE used these activities as references in Evaluation of Education and Research of National Universities, a part of “National University Corporation Evaluation” conducted in FY2008, and it posted tabulated values for national university corporations obtained from the University Information Database on its website in March of 2009.

In FY2010, NIAD-UE will further utilize the University Information Database in its finalization of results from FY2008 evaluations in order to lower the workload required for evaluations. It will also continue to gather information and provide collections of inputted data and data analyses to universities.

## Awarding of Degrees

- Awarding of Degrees
- Research Activities
- Information Services

NIAD-UE provides alternative routes to earn an academic degree (bachelor's, master's and doctoral) for learners evaluating various learning outcomes in higher education. It awards degrees to people recognized as having the same academic ability as those who have graduated from a university undergraduate program or graduate school. In accordance with Japanese law, only universities and NIAD-UE are permitted to award degrees.

The awarding of degrees by NIAD-UE is handled by the Committee of Validation and Examination for Degrees established in NIAD-UE and expert committees set up in each specialty. Professors from national, public, and private universities having advanced academic background jointly conduct examinations within the Committee of Validation and Examination for Degrees and expert committees. As of FY2009, a total of 50,120 people have received NIAD-UE degrees.

NIAD-UE also conducts research that is necessary for awarding degrees, and provides information services concerning the alternative learning opportunities in higher education.

## Awarding of degrees

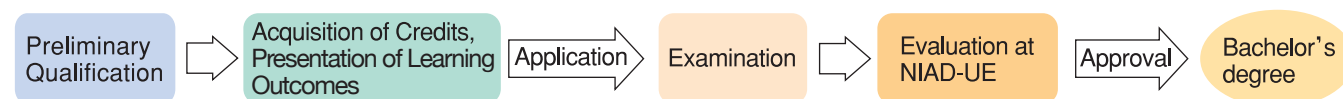
Awarding Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctoral Degrees



### ● **Scheme I** Awarding degrees to learners who have completed study at a junior college, a college of technology or a professional training college (Bachelor's degree)

NIAD-UE awards Bachelor's degrees to learners other than matriculated university students who have acquired enough academic credits and have sufficient academic attainments in the particular disciplinary field. Applications are accepted twice a year in April and October.

#### Flow of the Scheme



#### Preliminary Qualifications

An applicant should meet any of the following preliminary qualifications.

- Completion of study at a junior college, a college of technology or a professional training college\*
- Matriculation at university for two years or more with the acquisition of 62 or more credits
- Graduation from a former national institute for the training of engineering instructors
- Graduation from a former national institute for the training of nursing teachers
- Completion of 14 years or more of formal education in a foreign country (or countries)

★ A professional training college whose graduates are eligible for transfer to a university, subject to Article 132 of the School Education Law.

## Acquisition of credits

After obtaining a preliminary qualification, an applicant acquires credits to fulfill the prescribed requirements. When acquiring credits, an applicant is required to systematically complete study in a broad range of educational subjects as well as in areas of specialized knowledge in their field in a manner that is suitable for a Bachelor's degree.

## Presentation of learning outcomes

Based on knowledge and skill obtained throughout the study mentioned above, an applicant presents his/her learning outcomes in the form of a paper to submit to NIAD-UE. In case of Art major, learning outcomes may be, instead of a paper, in the form of a work of fine art or a recording of musical performance/music composition.

## Examination

Based on the submitted learning outcomes, NIAD-UE conducts a short thesis examination for applicants who submitted a report or interview for applicants who submitted a work of fine art or a recording of music performance. Examinations will be held in June for applicants who applied for a degree in April, and in December for applicants who applied in October. Short thesis examinations are held in Sapporo, Tokyo, Osaka, Fukuoka, and Okayama (only in December) while interview examinations are held in Tokyo.

## Evaluation at NIAD-UE

The Committee of Validation and Examination for Degrees evaluates the academic ability of applicants from the following two viewpoints through the expert committees. If an applicant is judged to have been successful in both viewpoints, the Committee determines that the applicant is qualified for a Bachelor's degree.

- Evaluation of acquired credits
- Evaluation of learning outcomes and examinations

## Bachelor's degree

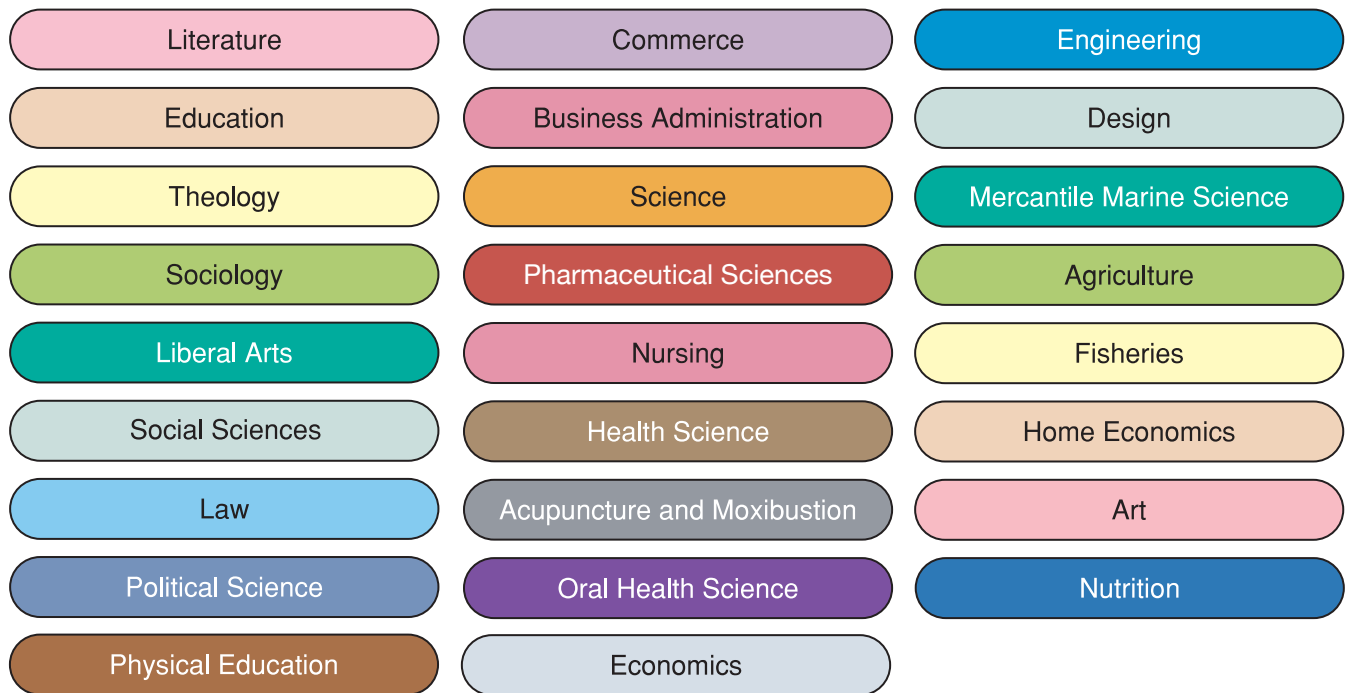
Bachelor's degrees bearing the name of the President of NIAD-UE are awarded to applicants judged to be qualified by the Committee of Validation and Examination for Degrees. Bachelor's degrees are awarded by the end of September to persons who applied in April, and by the end of March to those who applied in October.



## Degrees Awarded in Scheme I

In response to diversified interests among learners in this age of lifelong learning, NIAD-UE awards Bachelor's degrees in the various major fields shown in the chart below. NIAD-UE makes additions as needed to the major classifications in each major field in response to changing trends and social needs for specialized knowledge and learning. These additions are based on deliberations within the Committee of Validation and Examination for Degrees.

### ● Major fields



### Recipients of Degrees thus far

From the time NIAD-UE was established as a degree-awarding institution in FY1991 until FY2009, a total of 30,258 people had been awarded Bachelor's degrees through this system.



For more information on degrees awarded in Scheme I, please refer to the application guide *Atarashii Gakushi e no Michi* (Path to Receiving a Bachelor's degree).

*Atarashii Gakushi e no Michi* can be viewed via the NIAD-UE website. A FAQ section pertaining to awarding of Bachelor's degrees through this system ("Q&A on Awarding of Degrees") has also been set up in the website.

*Atarashii Gakushi e no Michi* [http://www.niad.ac.jp/ICSFiles/afieldfile/2010/03/19/no7\\_5\\_gakushiH22.pdf](http://www.niad.ac.jp/ICSFiles/afieldfile/2010/03/19/no7_5_gakushiH22.pdf) (in Japanese)

Q&A on Awarding of Degrees [http://www.niad.ac.jp/n\\_gakui/tsumiage/qa/index.html](http://www.niad.ac.jp/n_gakui/tsumiage/qa/index.html) (in Japanese)

## ● **Scheme II** Degrees Awarded upon Successful Completion of Study at a NIAD-UE-Approved Program (Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral Degrees)

This scheme opens the way to get degrees for people who have completed courses established in educational institutions other than universities in Japan that are recognized by NIAD-UE as providing education equivalent to a university undergraduate program or a graduate school's master's or doctoral program.

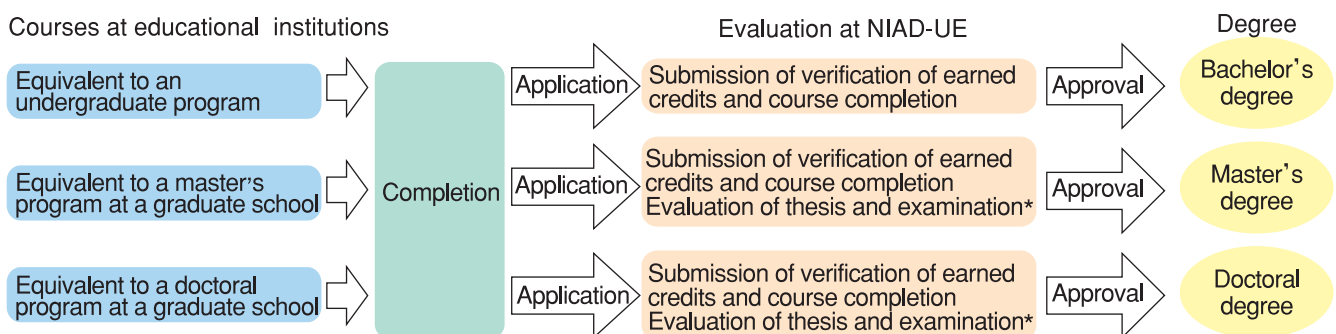
### Program Approval and Examination of Educational Conditions

After receiving applications from educational institutions, the NIAD-UE Committee of Validation and Examination for Degrees examines these applications with regard to educational programs, faculty organization, facilities and other aspects by considering regulations connected with the School Education Law, the Standards for the Establishment of Universities, and the Standards for the Establishment of Graduate Schools. Those the committee judges as being at the same level as university undergraduate programs or graduate school master's/doctoral programs are recognized as offering education that is equivalent to these courses.

As a rule, NIAD-UE confirms that the above-mentioned level is being maintained by conducting an examination (review) of education conditions every 5 years.



### Flow of the Scheme



\* The expert committee overseeing the submitted thesis designates three or more members to conduct the examination. These members conduct the evaluation through verbal examination, etc.

### Degrees Awarded in Scheme II

Educational facilities other than universities that are recognized by NIAD-UE as well as the types of degrees awarded are presented below. Awarded degrees bear the name of the President of NIAD-UE.

Educational institution	Degree type		
	Bachelor's degree	Master's degree	Doctoral degree
National Defense Academy of Japan	Humanities, Social Sciences, Science, Engineering	Science, Engineering, Security Studies *	Science, Engineering, Security Studies
National Defense Medical College	Medicine	—	Medical Science
National Fisheries University	Fisheries	Fisheries	—
Japan Coast Guard Academy	BS in Coast Guard Operations and Law Enforcement	—	—
Meteorological College	Science	—	—
Polytechnic University	Engineering	Engineering	—
National College of Nursing	Nursing	Nursing	—

★ Referred to as "Social Sciences" until FY2002

### Recipients of Degrees thus far

From the time NIAD-UE was established as a degree-awarding institution in FY1991 until FY2009, a total of 19,862 people had been awarded Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctoral degrees through this system.

NIAD-UE is engaged in concrete research closely related to its role of awarding degrees in a lifelong learning society. Research activities focus on current topics of higher education and qualifications as well as on various systems available for obtaining academic degrees, especially non-traditional degree programs. NIAD-UE makes the results of its research widely available so that they will serve as a reference for universities and higher education institutions. At the same time, it is involved in international exchange pertaining to administration and research.

## The Structure and Prerequisites of Academic Degrees in relation to International Compatibility

The acquisition of an academic degree is based on evaluation of a structured learning program. This prerequisite is becoming more difficult to verify as the programs of institutions and individual learning paths are becoming increasingly diversified. Student mobility is growing extensive both in and outside the country, while the provision of study programs also is becoming diverse, as is evidenced by programs provided by corporate universities and through e-learning. In this context, it is much more important for each country to ensure the international comparability and compatibility of its degrees and credits. NIAD-UE conducts research on themes concerning the credibility of academic degrees and credits, i.e. a comparative study on the structures of academic qualifications, quality assurance in Europe, U.S, and Japan, and development of the course classification support system using syllabus data.

## The Awarding of Academic Degrees through Credit Accumulation and Transfer

In a mobile and lifelong learning society, modes of learning are becoming increasingly diversified. From this point of view, research is being conducted to find possible measures for the assessment of learning results, awarding of credits, and granting of degrees based on such diverse learning experiences.

## Follow-up Surveys of NIAD-UE Degree Recipients

Follow-up questionnaire surveys of degree recipients have led to improvements in the degree awarding process in Scheme I under the NIAD-UE degree-awarding system, especially in the area of improving the efficiency of the forms and procedures for application. These periodic surveys target the same cohort and are conducted at different stages (at one year and five years after the degrees have been awarded). The questionnaire focuses not only on the recipients' learning processes and patterns, but also on their careers after receiving their degrees.

## Workshops and Symposia

NIAD-UE holds workshops and other gatherings that bring together researchers from both Japan and overseas on various topics concerning higher education, particularly credits recognition and quality assurance in degree awarding. In FY2009, NIAD-UE invited researchers from the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (CEDEFOP), an agency of the European Union, to a workshop to exchange experiences in assessment of learning outcomes and credit transfer at postsecondary education in Japan and Europe.

Since FY2004, NIAD-UE has been holding regular research conferences on the structures of academic qualifications and higher education in UK, France, Germany, US and Japan. This research project focuses on the authority to award higher education qualifications as well as how the institutions guarantee the quality and authenticity of their degrees.

Many of the research projects are conducted together with higher education researchers in Japan and other countries under the Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research scheme funded by the JSPS and MEXT.

“Comparative study of quality assurance of bachelor’s degrees in accordance with diversifying processes for acquirement of bachelor’s degrees in Japan, Europe, and the United States.” (FY2004 to FY2006)

“Research on quality assurance of doctoral degrees in engineering” (FY2006 to FY2007)

“Research on functions of systems in universal access-based higher education “ (FY2006 to FY2007)

“Empirical Study of Accreditation and Licensing as Promotional/Inhibiting Factors in the Development of For-profit Universities in the United States” (FY2007 to FY2008)

“Quality assurance and the international equivalency of master’s course education in Japan in a transitional stage” (FY2007 to FY2009)

“Research on the process of creating bachelor’s degrees for practical employment education in the United States” (FY2008 to FY2009)

“Progressive research on the exploitation-oriented learning XoL” (FY2010 to FY2012)

“A research on the impact of policy discussions on learning-outcome-oriented accreditation in US higher education” (FY2010 to FY2012)

“A Research on the collage choice process of Japanese high school graduates” (FY2010 to FY2012)

The results of the abovementioned research are published in the NIAD-UE academic journal *Research on Academic Degrees and University Evaluation* and presented through the workshops and symposia.

NIAD-UE provides information on various opportunities for lifelong learning in higher education. These services include the collection, research, analysis and dissemination of information. The Following is information currently provided as printed matters and/or PDF files through the website.

## List of Universities Providing Auditing Student for Credit Accepting System

When applying for a bachelor's degree in Scheme I, it is essential that learners accumulate credits after obtaining a preliminary qualification. Since FY1992, NIAD-UE has been surveying non-matriculated credit-based student system offered by universities. The results of the latest survey (FY2010) were published and can be accessed at the following website;

[http://www.niad.ac.jp/n\\_shuppan/kamokutou/index.html](http://www.niad.ac.jp/n_shuppan/kamokutou/index.html) (in Japanese)

## List of NIAD-UE-Recognized Advanced Programs at Junior Colleges and Colleges of Technology

Credits that should be earned by learners after they obtain preliminary qualifications can be earned by using the abovementioned non-matriculated credit-based student system or advanced program of junior colleges or colleges of technology that were approved by NIAD-UE. Since FY1993, NIAD-UE has been surveying information about these approved courses offered by these colleges. The results of the latest survey (FY2009) were published and can be accessed at the following website;

[http://www.niad.ac.jp/n\\_shuppan/senkouka/index.html](http://www.niad.ac.jp/n_shuppan/senkouka/index.html) (in Japanese)

## Nomenclature of Academic Degrees in Japan

NIAD-UE surveys the nomenclature of major fields stated on degrees awarded by Japanese universities in order to engage in research and supply information on degree systems in Japan. Survey results for FY2005 are posted on the following website;

[http://www.niad.ac.jp/n\\_shuppan/meishou/index.html](http://www.niad.ac.jp/n_shuppan/meishou/index.html) (in Japanese)

Moreover, the results of such surveys are suitably mentioned in *Research on Academic Degrees and University Evaluation*.

## “Research in Academic Degrees” and “Research on Academic Degrees and University Evaluation”

NIAD-UE published results obtained from research by presenting it in the form of research papers, research notes, etc., in the bulletin *Research in Academic Degrees*. A total of 18 issues of *Research in Academic Degrees* were published, beginning with the first in 1993 and ending with the last in FY2003. Lists of theses appearing in *Research in Academic Degrees* and their content can be viewed at the following website;

[http://www.niad.ac.jp/n\\_shuppan/gakui/index.html](http://www.niad.ac.jp/n_shuppan/gakui/index.html) (in Japanese)

In FY2004, *Research in Academic Degrees* was reborn as the academic journal *Research on Academic Degrees and University Evaluation* by integrating it with *Research in University Evaluation*. The content of this journal can be viewed at the following website;

[http://www.niad.ac.jp/n\\_shuppan/gakujutsushi/index.html](http://www.niad.ac.jp/n_shuppan/gakujutsushi/index.html) (in Japanese)



## International Collaboration

In recent years, the restructuring of higher education has been progressing rapidly not just in Japan but around the world. With this, the core agenda is now shifting toward evaluation of higher education institutions and use of the results to improve education, research, and management in these institutions. Furthermore, due to globalization and the advancement of information technology, there is an increasing mobility of students and researchers across national borders. This is creating an urgent need to assure the quality of academic degrees awarded by higher education institutions in Japan and, by extension, assuring the quality of higher education institutions themselves and strengthening international competitiveness. NIAD-UE cooperates with overseas quality assurance organizations, particularly those in countries that lead in terms of university evaluation or have strong connections with Japan. It also actively participates in international networks of quality assurance bodies and implements surveys on quality assurance in international university education. Through these activities, NIAD-UE provides domestic higher education institutions with helpful information on overseas quality assurance and evaluation as it also strives to raise the international compatibility of its evaluation activities.

### ● Japan-China-Korea collaboration

Today, international quality assurance in higher education and stronger international competitiveness are gaining momentum. As evidence, there are efforts underway in Europe to establish a regional framework for inter-university exchange with quality assurance and to strengthen regional collaboration. And in the United States, there are proposals to liberalize higher education services. Given such quality assurance-related developments around the world—and bearing in mind the guidelines and proposals of the Guidelines for Quality Provision in Cross-border Higher Education that were jointly adopted by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 2005—it is imperative that a framework for inter-university exchange with quality assurance be considered for Asia as well.

With such circumstances as a backdrop, an agreement to promote inter-university exchange with quality assurance was reached at a summit meeting among Japan, China, and Korea in October 2009. Based on this agreement, the Japan-China-Korea Quality Assurance Council was launched by NIAD-UE, the Higher Education Evaluation Center of the Ministry of Education (HEEC) of China, and the Korean Council for University Education (KCUE) in March 2010. The council serves as a foundation for cooperation and collaboration among the three countries in the quality assurance field. Moreover, in April 2010, the first Japan-China-Korea Committee for Promoting Exchange and Cooperation among Universities was held in Tokyo as an inter-governmental meeting of experts. At this meeting, an agreement was reached to study inter-university exchange programs and quality assurance based on the “CAMPUS Asia” concept, and a decision was made to hold later Committee meetings in China and Korea, respectively. It was agreed that an international symposium on quality assurance in Asia will be held in 2011 to serve as a venue for communicating this approach to Asian countries and sharing its achievements.

### Inauguration of the Japan-China-Korea Quality Assurance Council



**Date:** Thursday, March 4, 2010

**Location:** Bangkok (Thailand)

NIAD-UE, the Higher Education Evaluation Center of the Ministry of Education (HEEC) of China, and the Korean Council for University Education (KCUE) joined hands to hold the first Japan-China-Korea Quality Assurance Council during the APQN 2010 Conference (APQN: Asia-Pacific Quality Network). The council was convened under a gathering of government experts charged with studying inter-university exchange with quality assurance whose establishment was agreed upon at a trilateral summit meeting of Japan, China, and Korea in October 2009.

The Japan-China-Korea Quality Assurance Council met with assistance provided by Japan's Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology as well as the governments of China and Korea. In addition to the council's formal inauguration, the meeting led to agreements on three points: 1) to continuously hold council meetings; 2) to implement joint projects connected with evaluation (joint development of evaluation indices and methods, sharing of information on quality assurance systems, publication of a glossary, etc); and 3) to announce the council's achievements at an international symposium on quality assurance scheduled to be held in 2011.

In addition, the Japan-China-Korea Committee for Promoting Exchange and Cooperation among Universities agreed to establish a Working Group on Quality Assurance. The working group will be formed of higher education policymakers from each country, with council members also participating.

## ● Cooperation with overseas quality assurance organizations

In addition to trilateral cooperation among Japan, China, and Korea, NIAD-UE is promoting collaboration and exchange with overseas quality assurance institutions that have deep connections with Japan in the higher education field.

In FY2009, NIAD-UE co-hosted an “International Information Package Workshop” with two institutes with which it had already signed a memorandum of understanding: the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA) of the United Kingdom and the Higher Education Evaluation Center of the Ministry of Education (HEEC) of China. This workshop served as a venue for reporting the achievements of projects to promote mutual understanding that the co-hosts had implemented since signing their memorandums. Moreover, NIAD-UE signed a memorandum of understanding with the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications (HKCAAVQ), which is a quality assurance institution in Hong Kong, in March 2010. It also signed a memorandum of understanding with the Accreditation Organisation of the Netherlands and Flanders (NVAO) and Netherlands Organization for International Cooperation in Higher Education (Nuffic) in June 2010. Through these documents, each institution agrees to promote information exchange and exchange projects concerning quality assurance-related undertakings.

### List of signed memorandums with quality assurance institutions

Country	Institution	Date of sign
United Kingdom	QAA (Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education)	6 February, 2007
China	HEEC (Higher Education Evaluation Center of the Ministry of Education)	12 September, 2007
Hong Kong	HKCAAVQ (Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications)	18 March, 2010
Netherlands	NVAO(Accreditation Organisation of the Netherlands and Flanders)	17 June, 2010
Netherlands	Nuffic(Netherlands Organization for International Cooperation in Higher Education)	17 June, 2010

## ● Approaches toward cross-border mutual understanding of quality assurance for higher education

When promoting international cooperation in the higher education field, building mutual understanding of the higher education systems and quality assurance systems in each country is essential to raising cooperation effectiveness. On recognizing this, NIAD-UE is taking various approaches toward developing international collaboration that is founded on mutual understanding. Such approaches include development of tools for communicating information on quality assurance in Japanese higher education, and implementation of workshops and other enlightenment activities.

### Development of communication tools to promote mutual understanding (information package)



NIAD-UE prepares and makes available an “information package” (upper left) as a tool for communication that promotes understanding of Japanese higher education and quality assurance systems. The package contains a glossary, outline, and materials on NIAD-UE’s certified evaluation and accreditation—all of which are bilingual in Japanese and English. Furthermore, NIAD-UE has prepared its “Overview of the Quality Assurance System of Japanese Higher Education” in versions for the United States, Australia, and the United Kingdom (lower left). These materials facilitate objective comparison of Japan and other countries in terms of their systems and mechanisms for higher education quality assurance. NIAD-UE intends to apply these materials to international cooperation activities with concerned organizations both in Japan and abroad, and to create opportunities for regular review and enhancement of their content.

NIAD-UE also prepares Internet versions of the above publications that can be viewed via the NIAD-UE website or the University Evaluation Information Portal.

[http://www.niad.ac.jp/english/unive/publications/information\\_package.htm](http://www.niad.ac.jp/english/unive/publications/information_package.htm) (in English)

[http://portal.niad.ac.jp/library/1179952\\_1415.html](http://portal.niad.ac.jp/library/1179952_1415.html) (in Japanese)

### The International Information Package Workshop



**Date:** Tuesday, March 2, 2010

**Location:** Bangkok (Thailand)

NIAD-UE co-hosted the workshop with QAA and HEEC, two institutes with which it has signed a memorandum of understanding. Its purpose was to deepen discussion on the importance of mutual understanding and information-sharing in international quality assurance for higher education. Because the workshop was held concurrently with the APQN Conference, it was attended by a total of 77 people from Asia-Pacific countries. It featured a keynote speech from UNESCO and presentations from the NIAD-UE-implemented Information Package Project, QAA, HEEC, and APQN that helped enrich discussion of mutual understanding-related issues and prospects.

## Data

### University Evaluation

#### ● Results of certified evaluation and accreditation

NIAD-UE has been certified by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology as an evaluation and accreditation organization for universities, junior colleges, colleges of technology, and law schools. We began conducting certified evaluation and accreditation for universities, junior colleges, and colleges of technology in FY2005. With regard to law schools, it should be noted that we began preliminary evaluations in FY2005 and actual evaluations in FY2007. The results of these evaluations are compiled into “evaluation reports” and reported to the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology as well as the evaluated institutions and establishments (in the case of certified evaluation and accreditation for law schools, results are reported to the evaluated institutions only).

##### 1. Certified Evaluation and Accreditation of Universities

The following universities underwent evaluation based on standards for evaluation and accreditation of universities (11 standards) established by NIAD-UE. Evaluation results are available on the NIAD-UE website in the form of a final report.

##### [FY2009] (37 universities)

(National)	Hokkaido University	Hokkaido University of Education	Otaru University of Commerce
	Ibaraki University	Gunma University	Saitama University
	The University of Tokyo	Tokyo Medical and Dental University	Ochanomizu University
	The University of Electro-Communications	University of Fukui	Shizuoka University
	Nagoya Institute of Technology	Shiga University	Shiga University of Medical Science
	Osaka University	Nara University of Education	Shimane University
	Hiroshima University	Yamaguchi University	Kagawa University
	Fukuoka University of Education	Kyushu Institute of Technology	Saga University
	Kumamoto University	Oita University	Nara Institute of Science and Technology
(Public)	Gunma Prefectural Women's University	Maebashi Institute of Technology	Yokohama City University
	Toyama Prefectural University	Kyoto Prefectural University	Osaka Prefecture University
	University of Hyogo	Okayama Prefectural University	Kochi Women's University
	The University of Kitakyushu		

##### [FY2008] (11 universities)

(National)	Utsunomiya University	Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology	Kyoto Institute of Technology
	Kobe University		
(Public)	Akita International University	Kanagawa University of Human Services	Osaka City University
	Onomichi University	Miyazaki Prefectural Nursing University	
(Private)	Japan College of Social Work	The Graduate Schools for the Creation of New Photonics Industries	

##### [FY2007] (38 universities)

(National)	Muroran Institute of Technology	Asahikawa Medical College	Kitami Institute of Technology
	Tohoku University	Fukushima University	Chiba University
	Tokyo University of Foreign Studies	Tokyo Institute of Technology	Hitotsubashi University
	Yokohama National University	Niigata University	Joetsu University of Education
	Kanazawa University	University of Yamanashi	Shinshu University
	Gifu University	Hamamatsu University School of Medicine	Nagoya University
	Aichi University of Education	Mie University	Kyoto University
	Osaka Kyoiku University	Hyogo University of Teacher Education	Nara Women's University
	Wakayama University	Tottori University	Okayama University
	Naruto University of Education	Ehime University	Kochi University
	Kyushu University	Nagasaki University	University of Miyazaki
	Kagoshima University	National Institute of Fitness and Sports in Kanoya	The Graduate University for Advanced Studies
	Japan Advanced Institute of Science and Technology		
	(Private)	Otsuma Women's University	

**【FY2006】 (10 universities)**

(National)	Hirosaki University	Iwate University	Akita University
	Yamagata University	Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology	Kyoto University of Education
	The University of Tokushima		
(Public)	Nara Medical University	Okinawa Prefectural University of Arts	Okinawa Prefectural College of Nursing

**【FY2005】 (4 universities)**

(National)	Nagaoka University of Technology	Toyohashi University of Technology	
(Public)	Future University-Hakodate	Oita University of Nursing and Health Sciences	

**2. Certified Evaluation and Accreditation of Junior Colleges**

The following junior colleges underwent evaluation based on standards for evaluation and accreditation of junior colleges (11 standards) established by NIAD-UE. Evaluation results are available on the NIAD-UE website in the form of a final report.

**【FY2009】 (1 junior college)**

(Public)	Gifu City Women's College		
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**【FY2008】 (2 junior colleges)**

(Public)	Akita Municipal Junior College of Arts and Crafts	Ohtsuki City College	
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**【FY2007】 (2 junior colleges)**

(Public)	Yonezawa Women's Junior College		
(Private)	Otsu Women's University Junior College Division		

**【FY2006】 (1 junior college)**

(Public)	Kawasaki City College of Nursing		
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**【FY2005】 (2 junior colleges)**

(Public)	Niimi College	Nagano Prefectural College	
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**3. Certified Evaluation and Accreditation of Colleges of Technology**

The following colleges of technology underwent evaluation based on standards for evaluation and accreditation of colleges of technology (11 standards) established by NIAD-UE. Evaluation results are available on the NIAD-UE website in the form of a final report.

**【FY2008】 (2 colleges of technology)**

(Public)	Kobe City College of Technology		
(Private)	Salesian Polytechnic		

**【FY2007】 (20 colleges of technology)**

(National)	Hakodate National College of Technology	Tomakomai National College of Technology	Akita National College of Technology
	Tsuruoka National College of Technology	Fukushima National College of Technology	Oyama National College of Technology
	Gunma National College of Technology	Tokyo National College of Technology	Nagaoka National College of Technology
	Toyama National College of Technology	Ishikawa National College of Technology	Toyota National College of Technology
	Yonago National College of Technology	Tsuyama National College of Technology	Oshima National College of Maritime Technology
	Takamatsu National College of Technology	Takuma National College of Technology	Niihama National College of Technology
	Oita National College of Technology		
(Private)	Kinki University Technical College		

**【FY2006】 (18 colleges of technology)**

(National)	Ichinoseki National College of Technology	Kisarazu National College of Technology	Nagano National College of Technology
	Gifu National College of Technology	Toba National College of Maritime Technology	Maizuru National College of Technology
	Nara National College of Technology	Matsue National College of Technology	Kure National College of Technology
	Tokuyama College of Technology	Ube National College of Technology	Yuge National College of Maritime Technology
	Kurume National College of Technology	Kitakyushu National College of Technology	Sasebo National College of Technology
	Kumamoto National College of Technology	Yatsushiro National College of Technology	Kagoshima National College of Technology

**【FY2005】 (18 colleges of technology)**

(National)	Kushiro National College of Technology	Asahikawa National College of Technology	Hachinohe National College of Technology
	Miyagi National College of Technology	Sendai National College of Technology	Ibaraki National College of Technology
	Toyama National College of Maritime Technology	Fukui National College of Technology	Numazu National College of Technology
	Suzuka National College of Technology	Akashi National College of Technology	Wakayama National College of Technology
	Hiroshima National College of Maritime Technology	Anan National College of Technology	Kochi National College of Technology
	Ariake National College of Technology	Miyakonojo National College of Technology	
(Private)	Kanazawa Technical College		

**4. Certified Evaluation and Accreditation of Law Schools**

The following law schools underwent evaluation based on standards for evaluation and accreditation of law schools (54 standards) that are established by NIAD-UE. In addition, the 3 law schools underwent the supplementary reviews.

**【FY2009】 Original Evaluation and Accreditation(3 law schools)**

(National)	University of Tsukuba Law School	School of Law, Professional Degree Program, Shinshu University	Shizuoka University Law School
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**【FY2009】 Supplementary Reviews(3 law schools)**

(National)	Kagawa-Ehime Universities' Graduate School of Law Legal Practice Course		
(Private)	Doshisha University Law School	Kobe Gakuin University Graduate School The Graduate School of Law Practices Major in Law Practices	

**【FY2008】 Original Evaluation and Accreditation(16 law schools)**

(National)	Law School, Tohoku University	The University of Tokyo, School of Law	Yokohama National University School of Law, International Graduate School of Social Sciences
	Department of JD Program for Legal Practice, Graduate School of Law (Nagoya University Law School)	Kyoto University Law School	Department of Legal Practice, Osaka University Law School
	Kobe University School of Law	Hiroshima University Law School	Kyushu University Law School
(Public)	Tokyo Metropolitan University Graduate Schools of Law Professional Course in Law	Osaka City University Law School	
(Private)	Gakushuin University Professional School of Law Professional Course in Law	Meiji Law School	Kinki University Law School
	Doshisha University Law School	Kobe Gakuin University Graduate School The Graduate Schools of Law Practices Major in Law Practices	

**【FY2008】 Supplementary Reviews(3 law schools)**

(National)	Hokkaido University Law School	Chiba University Law School	Hitotsubashi University School of Law
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**【FY2007】 Original Evaluation and Accreditation(9 law schools)**

(National)	Hokkaido University Law School	Chiba University Law School	Hitotsubashi University School of Law
	Professional Degree Program of Law, Law School, Niigata University	Division of Legal Affairs, Kanazawa University Law School	Kagawa-Ehime Universities' Graduate School of Law Legal Practice Course
	Kumamoto University School of Law		
(Private)	Sophia University Graduate Programs Graduate Division of Law Juries Doctor Program	Senshu University Law School	

**● Results of evaluation based on optional evaluation items**

NIAD-UE conducts independent third-party evaluations based on optional evaluation items upon request from universities and other institutions. The results of these evaluations are compiled as "evaluation reports" and have been reported to the independent evaluation-subject institutions and personnel.

**1. Universities**

The following universities underwent evaluation based on optional evaluation items established by NIAD-UE. Evaluation results are available on the NIAD-UE website as implementation result reports.

**【FY2009】 (5 universities)**

(National)	Nara University of Education		
(Public)	Gunma Prefectural Women's University	Kyoto Prefectural University	Osaka Prefecture University
	The University of Kitakyushu		

**【FY2008】 (3 universities)**

(Public)	Kanagawa University of Human Services	Osaka City University	
(Private)	Japan College of Social Work		

**【FY2007】 (10 universities)**

(National)	Muroran Institute of Technology	Fukushima University	Chiba University
	Hitotsubashi University	Shinshu University	Gifu University
	Aichi University of Education	Hyogo University of Teacher Education	Nara Women's University
	Okayama University		

**【FY2006】 (8 universities)**

(National)	Hirosaki University	Iwate University	Akita University
	Yamagata University	Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology	Nagoya University of Technology
	Toyohashi University of Technology		
(Public)	Nara Medical University		

**2. Junior Colleges**

The following junior colleges underwent evaluation based on optional evaluation items established by NIAD-UE. Evaluation results are available on the NIAD-UE website as implementation result reports.

**【FY2008】 (2 junior colleges)**

(Public)	Akita Municipal Junior College of Arts and Crafts	Ohtsuki City College	
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**【FY2007】 (2 junior colleges)**

(Public)	Yonezawa Women's Junior College	Nagano Prefectural College	
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**3. Colleges of Technology**

The following colleges of technology underwent evaluation based on optional evaluation items established by NIAD-UE. Evaluation results are available on the NIAD-UE website as implementation result reports.

**【FY2008】 (1 college of technology)**

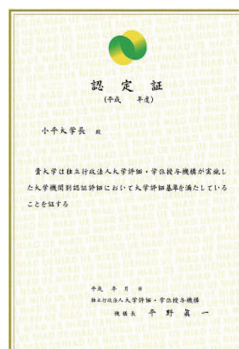
(Public)	Kobe City College of Technology		
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**【FY2007】 (20 colleges of technology)**

(National)	Hakodate National College of Technology	Tomakomai National College of Technology	Akita National College of Technology
	Tsuruoka National College of Technology	Fukushima National College of Technology	Oyama National College of Technology
	Gunma National College of Technology	Tokyo National College of Technology	Nagaoka National College of Technology
	Toyama National College of Technology	Ishikawa National College of Technology	Toyota National College of Technology
	Yonago National College of Technology	Tsuyama National College of Technology	Oshima National College of Maritime Technology
	Takamatsu National College of Technology	Takuma National College of Technology	Niihama National College of Technology
	Oita National College of Technology		
(Private)	Kinki University Technical College		

**【FY2006】 (18 colleges of technology)**

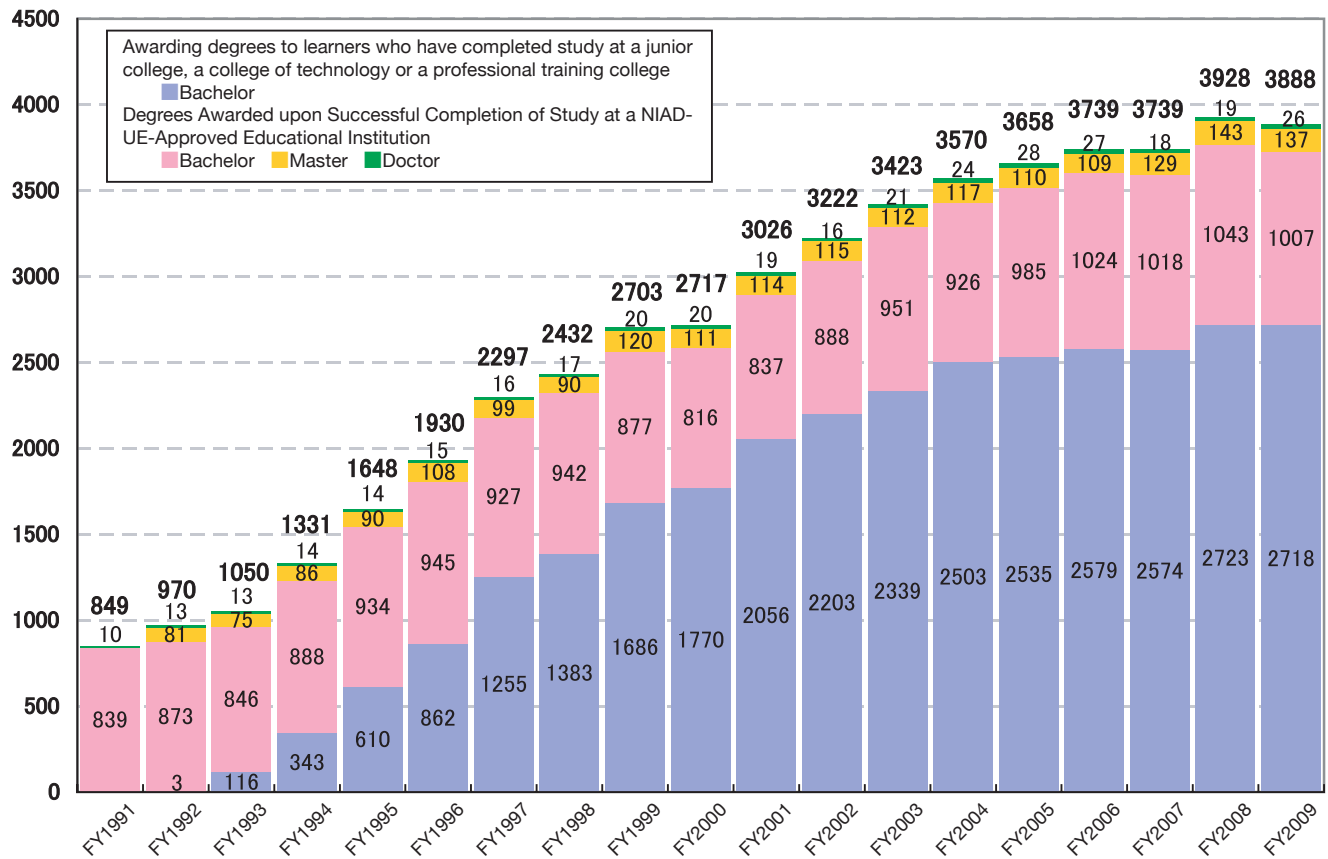
(National)	Ichinoseki National College of Technology	Kisarazu National College of Technology	Nagano National College of Technology
	Gifu National College of Technology	Toba National College of Maritime Technology	Maizuru National College of Technology
	Nara National College of Technology	Matsue National College of Technology	Kure National College of Technology
	Tokuyama College of Technology	Ube National College of Technology	Yuge National College of Maritime Technology
	Kurume National College of Technology	Kitakyushu National College of Technology	Sasebo National College of Technology
	Kumamoto National College of Technology	Yatsushiro National College of Technology	Kagoshima National College of Technology



Certificate and logo: NIAD-UE grants certificates to universities that undergo NIAD-UE evaluations and that satisfy the evaluation standards. We also confer the logo on these universities in order to demonstrate more simply to the community that they have satisfied NIAD-UE's quality standards.

# Awarding of Degrees

## ● Annual Number of Degrees Awarded (as of April 2010)



## Awarding of Degrees (Scheme I)

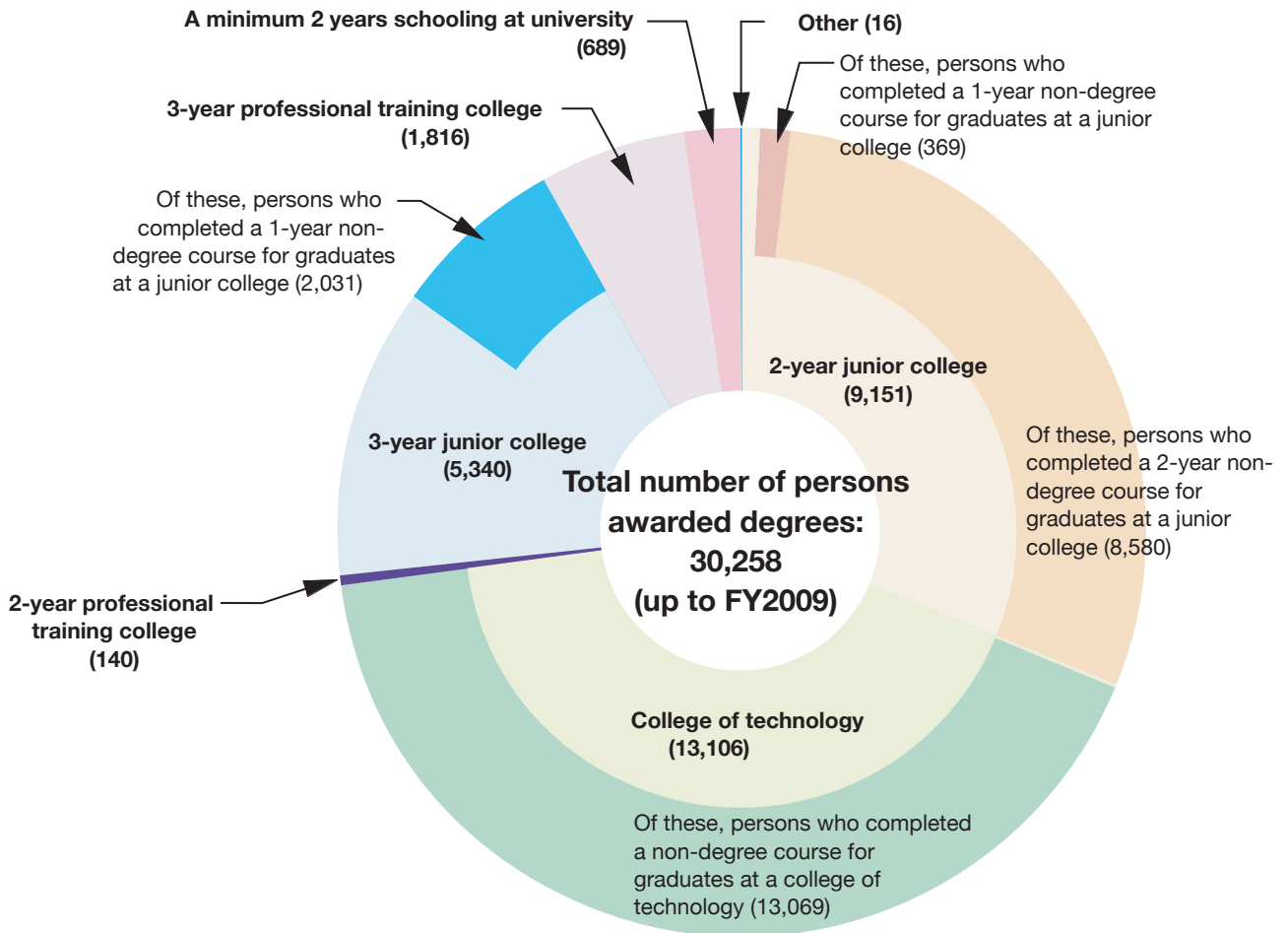
Awarding degrees to learners who have completed study at a junior college, college of technology or professional training college

## ● Number of Bachelor's Degrees Awarded Based upon Credit-Accumulation (as of April 2010)

(Unit : person)

Academic field (Bachelor's degree)	Number of Bachelor's degrees awarded																		Total
	FY1992	FY1993	FY1994	FY1995	FY1996	FY1997	FY1998	FY1999	FY2000	FY2001	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	
Literature		1	5	19	36	41	45	42	35	24	26	27	22	18	15	18	23	26	423
Education		1	2	15	21	47	115	124	134	89	111	165	182	191	191	239	219	186	2,032
Theology				1	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	1		2	1		2	1	17
Sociology			1	5	8	12	5	3	5	2	1	1	4	11		4	9	8	79
Liberal Arts		1	1	2	2	11	23	25	12	21	11	4	10	8	8	5	4	10	158
Social Sciences							1	1			1	1		1	1	2	5	5	18
Law	2		1	3	2	6	6	3	3	3	2	7	3	3	2	10	9	4	69
Political Science				1	2		1	1	3	1		1			2	1		2	15
Economics		1		3	1	6	3	6	4	2	2	6		3	4	3	3	3	50
Commerce	1		6	4	4	2	3	7	7	3	1	3	3	1	4	8	3	5	65
Business Administration		1	1	2	8	7	5	6	7	6	9	13	8	16	15	14	18	8	144
Science		1	4	5	5	5	4	12	6	8	11	10	11	1	6	8	6	8	111
Pharmaceutical Sciences												1						1	2
Nursing		21	39	84	104	131	153	191	240	239	251	248	332	311	266	286	274	3,325	
Health Science		4	39	95	167	294	254	324	304	351	311	278	221	204	192	185	141	3,739	
Acupuncture and Moxibustion				1	3	2	16	7	11	15	6	17	10	13	2	5	6	114	
Oral Health Science																10	35	45	
Nutrition			4	7	35	79	106	164	172	205	241	241	254	131	109	122	127	98	2,095
Engineering		46	126	197	281	366	409	513	602	754	840	968	1,126	1,230	1,343	1,365	1,446	1,600	13,212
Design				1	2	23	24	22	34	28	31	28	32	37	32	25	29	16	364
Mercantile Marine Science																28	18	16	62
Agriculture					1			17	15	14	14	15	17	10	13	12			128
Fisheries													1		1	1			3
Home Economics				2	10	11	7	6	3	4	2	2	1	5	7	6	7	5	78
Art		39	114	165	170	205	209	234	222	263	289	270	280	300	284	230	297	258	3,829
Physical Education				1	3	7	3	3	2	5	7	6	4	13	13	11	3		81
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>862</b>	<b>1,255</b>	<b>1,383</b>	<b>1,686</b>	<b>1,770</b>	<b>2,056</b>	<b>2,203</b>	<b>2,339</b>	<b>2,503</b>	<b>2,535</b>	<b>2,579</b>	<b>2,574</b>	<b>2,723</b>	<b>2,718</b>	<b>30,258</b>

● **Breakdown of number of persons awarded degrees by preliminary qualification**



● **Number of NIAD-UE-Recognized Advanced Programs by Field (as of April 2010)**

	Advanced Program of Junior College		Advanced Program of College of Technology		Total
	National/Public	Private	National/Public	Private	
Humanities, Liberal Arts		10			10
Education	1	28			29
Social Sciences		6	2		8
Science, Engineering, Agriculture	1	2	139	2	144
Mercantile Marine Science			6		6
Nursing, Health Science	3	15			18
Home Economics, Nutrition	2	16			18
Art	2	17			19
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>252</b>

## Awarding of Degrees (Scheme II)

### NIAD-UE-Approved Courses and Number of Awarded Degrees

#### ● Bachelor's level (as of April 2010)

	Years required to complete course	Date of Approval	Disciplinary field	Number of awarded degrees (Unit: Person)	
				FY2009	Total
National Defense Academy of Japan (Undergraduate Course)	4	Dec.1991	Science	31	520
	4	Dec.1991	Engineering	272	5,612
	4	Dec.1991	Social Sciences	53	1,150
	4	Mar.2001	Humanities	19	159
National Defense Medical College (School of Medicine, Medical Course)	6	Aug.1991	Medicine	63	1,161
National Fisheries University (Undergraduate Course)	4	Dec.1991	Fisheries	206	3,316
Japan Coast Guard Academy (Regular Course)	4	Dec.1991	BS in Coast Guard Operations and Law Enforcement	38	737
Meteorological College (Regular Course)	4	Dec.1991	Science	10	257
Polytechnic University (Undergraduate Course)	4	Dec.1991	Engineering	217	4,085
National College of Nursing (Undergraduate Course)	4	Mar.2001	Nursing	98	569
Total				1,007	17,566

#### ● Master's level (as of April 2010)

	Years required to complete course	Date of Approval	Disciplinary field	Number of awarded degrees (Unit: Person)	
				FY2009	Total
National Defense Academy (Graduate School of Science and Engineering)	2	Dec.1991	Science	8	108
	2	Dec.1991	Engineering	55	1,035
National Defense Academy (Graduate School of Security Studies)	2	Mar.1997	Security Studies★	36	206
Polytechnic University (Graduate School of Engineering)	2	Dec.1991	Engineering	20	423
National Fisheries University (Graduate School of Fisheries Science)	2	Jun.1994	Fisheries	10	141
National College of Nursing (Training Center for Nursing Development)	2	Feb.2005	Nursing	8	33
Total				137	1,946

★ Referred to as "Social Sciences" until FY2002

#### ● Doctoral level (as of April 2010)

	Years required to complete course	Date of Approval	Disciplinary field	Number of awarded degrees (Unit: Person)	
				FY2009	Total
National Defense Medical College (School of Medicine, Medical Research Course)	4	Aug.1991	Medical Science	16	322
National Defense Academy (Graduate School of Science and Engineering)	3	Mar.2001	Science	2	6
	3	Mar.2001	Engineering	8	22
National Defense Academy (Graduate School of Security Studies)	3	Feb.2009	Security Studies	—	—
Total				26	350

# Illustration of Schools and Educational Institutions Connected with NIAD-UE Degrees

School Year	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22					
Schools regulated by the School Education Law	High School etc.	College of Technology	2-years junior College	Advanced Program**	Acquisition of Credits as Non-Matriculated Credit-based Students	Advanced Program**	Acquisition of Credits as Non-Matriculated Credit-based Students	<b>Bachelor's Degree</b>	<b>Bachelor's Degree (M.D.)</b>	<b>Doctoral Degree</b>	<b>Master's Degree</b>					
			2-years professional Training College	3-years Junior College	3-years professional Training College							Minimum 2-years Schooling at University with Acquisition 62 or more Credits				
	Educational institution under the jurisdiction of ministries other than MEXT*	High School etc.	National Defense Medical College (School of Medicine, Medical Course)	National Defense Academy of Japan (Undergraduate programs)	Polytechnic University (Undergraduate programs)	National Fisheries University (Undergraduate program)	National College of Nursing (Undergraduate programs)					Japan Coast Guard Academy (Regular program)	Meteorological College (Regular program)	School of Medicine, Medical Research Course	Graduate School of Science and Engineering, National Defence Academy Doctor Course	Graduate School of Security Studies, National Defence Academy Doctor's Degree Program
			Graduate School of Science and Engineering, National Defence Academy Master Course	Graduate School of Engineering	Graduate School of Fisheries Science	Graduate Program in Nursing	Graduate School of Science and Engineering, National Defence Academy Doctor Course					Graduate School of Security Studies, National Defence Academy Master's Degree Program				
			Graduate School of Security Studies, National Defence Academy Master's Degree Program	Graduate School of Fisheries Science	Graduate Program in Nursing	Graduate School of Security Studies, National Defence Academy Doctor's Degree Program	Graduate School of Security Studies, National Defence Academy Doctor's Degree Program					Graduate School of Security Studies, National Defence Academy Doctor's Degree Program				
			Graduate School of Security Studies, National Defence Academy Master's Degree Program	Graduate School of Fisheries Science	Graduate Program in Nursing	Graduate School of Security Studies, National Defence Academy Doctor's Degree Program	Graduate School of Security Studies, National Defence Academy Doctor's Degree Program					Graduate School of Security Studies, National Defence Academy Doctor's Degree Program				
<b>Bachelor's Degree</b>																

\* MEXT: Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology  
 \*\* NIAD-UE recognized Course

## Budget

### FY2010 Budget of NIAD-UE

(Unit: Million yen)

Classification	Amount
<Revenue>	
Subsidies for administration expenses	1,755
Handling fees for certified evaluation	91
Fees for examinations to award degrees	106
Other income	8
Total	1,960
<Expenditure>	
General and administrative expenses	1,413
Expenses for evaluation of higher education institutions	91
Expenses for examinations to award degrees	106
Other administrative expenses	349
Total	1,960

\*Figures in each section and the totals may not match due to rounding off.

## Land and Buildings

(Unit: m<sup>2</sup>)

District and building name	Land	Total building area	Building area
Kodaira district	10,588	13,212	1,719
Takebashi office (11F, National Center of Sciences)	284	1,677	146
Kodaira No. 2 Residence (employee housing)	4,609	2,769	917
Total	15,481	17,658	2,782

## Number of Full-time Positions

(As of April 2010)

(Unit: Person)

Executive Staff				Staff			Total
President	Vice-Presidents	Auditors	Total	Academic Staff	General Staff	Total	
1	2	(2)	3 (2)	19	111	130	133 (2)

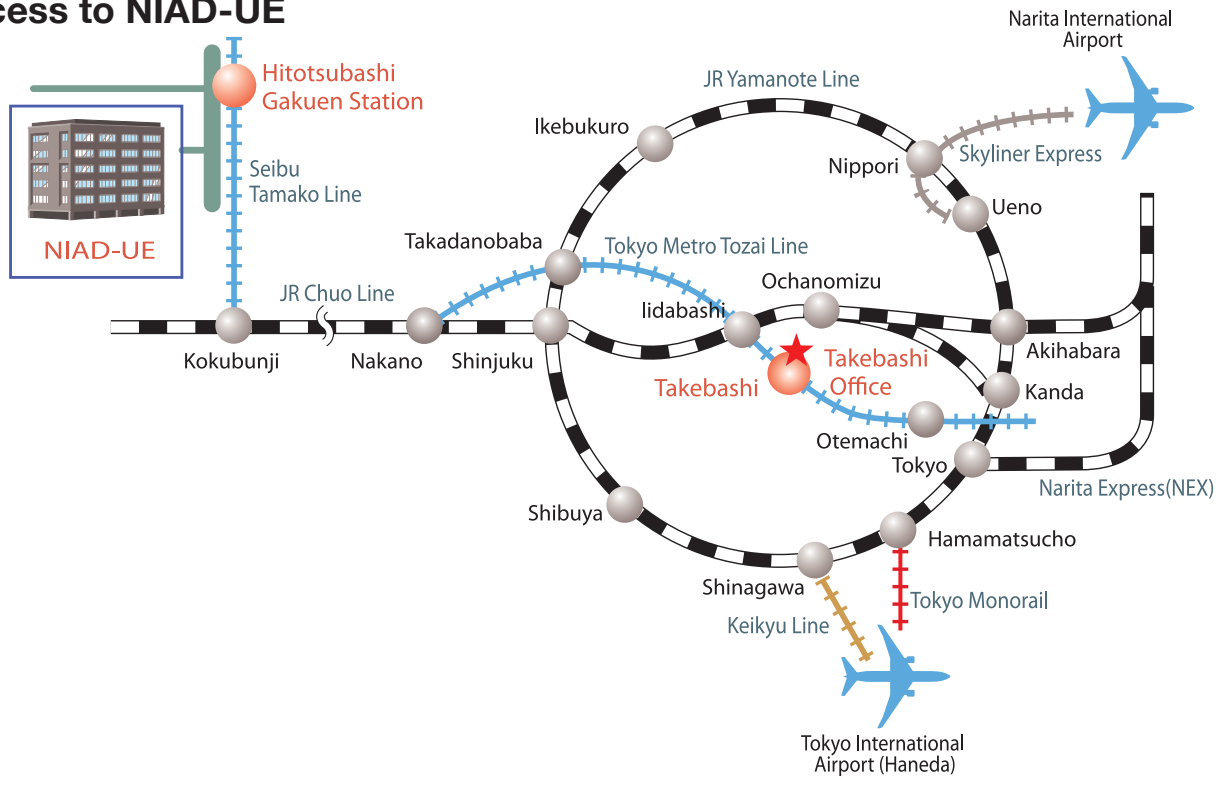
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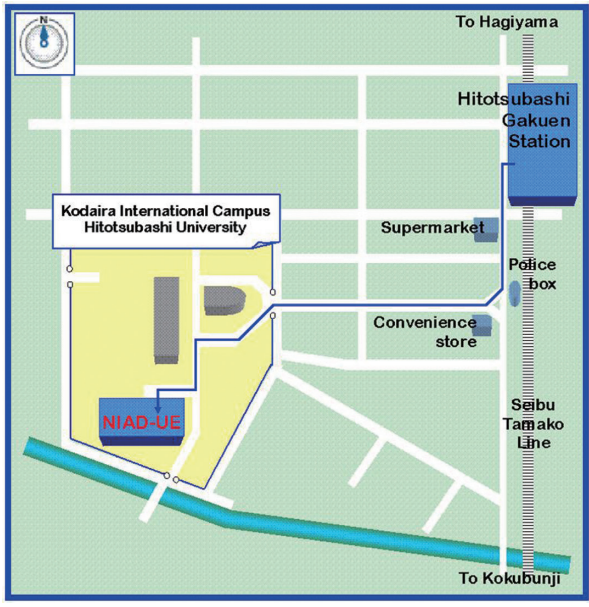
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# Access Maps

## Access to NIAD-UE



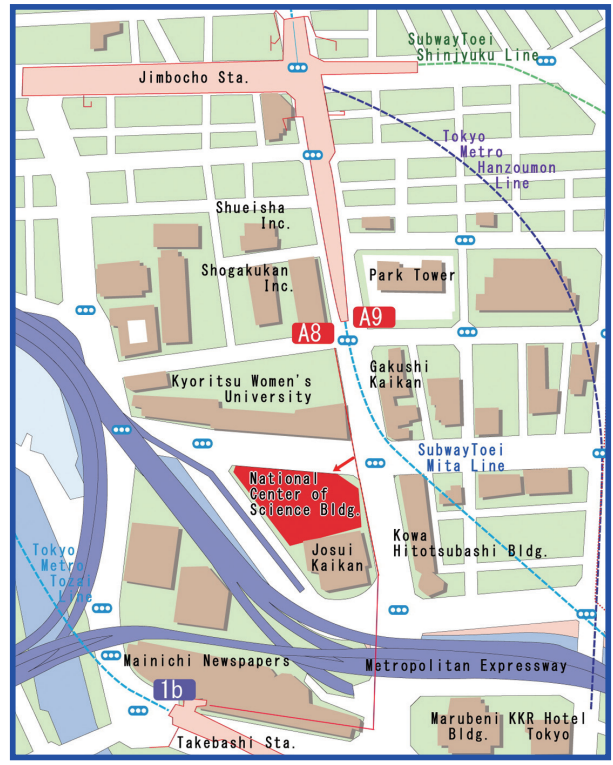
## NIAD-UE Headquarters



Hitotsubashi Gakuen Station  
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## Takebashi Office

(National Center of Science Bldg. 11F)



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