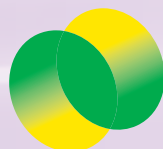


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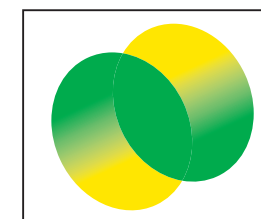
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〔The NIAD-UE logo〕



This logo is a stylized representation of both the Earth and the letter 'N' the initial letter in the name of NIAD-UE, which is progressing and developing toward a new age, as a symbol of fairness and trustworthiness in university evaluation and the awarding of academic degrees. It expresses the hope that higher education institutions and people awarded academic degrees will play an active role on the global stage, achieving significant progress and advances toward the future. Moreover, the yellow in the logo represents development, while the green represents hope.

The NIAD-UE Charter

The National Institution for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation (NIAD-UE), originally established in July 1991 as the National Institution for Academic Degrees, was reorganized in April 2000 and became an incorporated administrative agency in April 2004. During this time, the environment surrounding higher education in Japan has changed considerably, with the spread of globalization and the diversification of universities. Not only quality assurance and improvement but also international recognition are more important than ever throughout higher education.

Under these circumstances, NIAD-UE started the third mid-term objective period from FY2014. Taking this opportunity to reaffirm its mission and role as well as its basic goals, it is establishing the NIAD-UE Charter to serve as a guideline for all members, and pledges to live up to the trust and expectations of society by performing its duties responsibly.

July 1, 2014

(The Mission and Role of NIAD-UE)

NIAD-UE supports efforts to improve the quality of higher education in Japan, thereby contributing to the development of Japanese higher education, through the evaluation of universities and colleges, the awarding of academic degrees, collaboration in quality assurance, and studies and research on these topics.

1. Conducting evaluations with a high level of international recognition

NIAD-UE plays a pioneering role in the development of evaluation systems in Japan, as a core third-party evaluation organization which evaluates the status of education and research activities at universities and colleges in Japan. NIAD-UE develops advanced evaluations with a high level of international recognition and conducts those evaluations itself. NIAD-UE also promotes partnership and collaboration with evaluation organizations both within Japan and overseas.

2. Providing opportunities to obtain an academic degree based on diverse learning outcomes

NIAD-UE offers an increasingly diverse array of learners the opportunity to obtain an academic degree, as Japan's only non-university body which awards academic degrees. This activity contributes to the transition to a system of lifelong learning and the diverse development of higher education.

3. Collaborating with universities, colleges, and quality assurance organizations

As Japan's leading organization for quality assurance in higher education, NIAD-UE undertakes partnership and collaboration with universities, colleges, and quality assurance organizations, both within Japan and overseas, in order to gather, collate, and publish relevant information, and develop and provide quality assurance programs. Through these endeavors, NIAD-UE supports autonomous quality assurance at universities and colleges, and contributes to improving the quality of higher education in Japan.

4. Promoting quality assurance studies and research

NIAD-UE promotes basic research to serve as the foundation of its aforementioned projects and practical research to verify these projects, as an organization which has the capability to conduct research concerning quality assurance in higher education. In addition, NIAD-UE conducts selective studies and research focused on policy issues relating to quality assurance, thereby contributes to the enhancement of quality assurance in Japanese higher education.

(The Management Policy of NIAD-UE)

1. Steadily undertaking duties and ensuring efficient, effective management

As an incorporated administrative agency, NIAD-UE remains conscious at all times of the fact that it has been entrusted with its duties by the citizens of Japan, and will carry out its duties smoothly and steadily, to ensure that it achieves its mid-term objectives and mid-term plan. In addition, NIAD-UE endeavors to achieve improvements and revisions based on ceaseless self-assessment, and will strive to ensure efficient, effective management, while seeking to improve the quality of its operations.

2. Management with the participation of those involved with universities

NIAD-UE implements independent projects with the participation of experts and others involved with universities, based on their specialist judgment, in light of NIAD-UE's history as an organization founded with the similar status as an inter-university research institute, which works in partnership with universities and colleges to carry out the projects which universities cannot do alone.

3. Ensuring neutrality, fairness, and transparency

To ensure neutrality, fairness, and transparency in the execution of its duties, and secure the understanding of those involved with higher education and other diverse parties, as well as gaining the trust of society, NIAD-UE gives adequate consideration to compliance, respect for human rights, and the protection of information. In addition, through the proactive dissemination and disclosure of information, NIAD-UE strives to feed the outcomes of its activities back into society, while ensuring transparency. In particular, in carrying out its duties in partnership with universities, colleges, and quality assurance organizations, NIAD-UE affirms its commitment to remaining independent from projects in which fairness should be ensured and adheres to a policy of neutrality in regard to such projects.

4. Strengthening internal controls and deepening partnerships between staff and faculty members

NIAD-UE seeks to strengthen internal controls under the leadership of the President. In addition, when carrying out its duties, NIAD-UE deepens the mechanisms for partnerships between staff and faculty members that are a feature of its operations, and makes the most of the combined strength of the organization.

Introduction

Originally established in July 1991 as the National Institution for Academic Degrees, the National Institution for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation (NIAD-UE) was reorganized under its current name in 2000 and became an incorporated administrative agency in 2004.

The environment surrounding higher education in Japan has changed considerably. In FY2004, national universities were incorporated as national university corporations; in addition, an obligation was imposed on all universities, junior colleges, and colleges of technology to undergo evaluation by an evaluation organization certified by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.

Amid this situation, NIAD-UE has primarily carried out activities focused on university evaluation and the awarding of degrees, in order to improve the standard of education and research at universities and colleges, and achieve a society in which diverse learning outcomes at the higher education level are evaluated appropriately, thereby contributing to the development of higher education in Japan.

University Evaluation

NIAD-UE has been accredited by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology as a certified evaluation and accreditation organization for the evaluation of universities, colleges of technology, and law schools; from FY2005 to date, a total of 157 universities, 97 colleges of technology, and 52 law schools have been evaluated on the basis of evaluation criteria set forth by NIAD-UE, and the results of these evaluations have been published. Moreover, at the request of MEXT's National University Corporation Evaluation Committee, NIAD-UE is evaluating the education and research performance of national university corporations and inter-university research institute corporations in the Committee's evaluations of the performance of their duties during the mid-term objective period. In the future, NIAD-UE intends to continue to carry out evaluations that will enable the universities and colleges that it has evaluated to engage in more dynamic education and research activities, as well as improving the standard thereof.

Awarding of Degrees

NIAD-UE has also achieved steady progress in the awarding of degrees; employing a stringent screening process ever since it awarded degrees for the first time in March 1992, NIAD-UE has awarded degrees to more than 60,000 people to date. NIAD-UE awards two types of degree: (1) degrees awarded to graduates of junior colleges and colleges of technology, and to those who have successfully completed courses at professional training colleges that meet certain requirements prescribed by MEXT (bachelor's degrees); and (2) degrees awarded to those who have successfully completed courses at educational institutions operated by government ministries and agencies that NIAD-UE deems to be equivalent to university undergraduate programs or graduate school master's or doctoral programs (bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees). In the future, NIAD-UE intends to continue to award degrees steadily and appropriately, thereby contributing to the development of diverse learning opportunities at the higher education level in Japan.

Concerning Collaboration in Quality Assurance

Moreover, to support quality assurance at universities and colleges, NIAD-UE works in partnership with universities and colleges to gather, collate, and distribute information concerning quality assurance in higher education both within Japan and overseas, as well as information concerning various learning opportunities at universities and colleges. In addition, it conducts human resource development in the field of quality assurance. Furthermore, to increase international confidence in Japanese higher education, NIAD-UE engages in activities based on partnership and cooperation with quality assurance organizations both within Japan and overseas. NIAD-UE will continue to be proactive in supporting universities and colleges within Japan, while working in partnership with universities and quality assurance organizations.

Furthering the Development of Higher Education in Japan

Today, expectations of - and interest in - higher education are greater than ever, not only among those directly involved in the higher education sector, but also among the populace as a whole. In the future, NIAD-UE intends to achieve even greater transparency in its operations, ensuring appropriate, efficient evaluation, awarding of degrees, collaboration in Quality Assurance and Research and study, thereby properly fulfilling its appointed mission and role. Accordingly, NIAD-UE would greatly appreciate your continued understanding and support.

April 1986	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.
July 1989	The Committees for Graduate Education and University Education of the Council for Higher Education report the necessity to establish such an organization.
June 1990	The preparation committee for the organization is formed and its office is located at Graduate University for Advanced Studies.
February 1991	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".
July 1991	The National Institution for Academic Degrees is founded.
March 1992	The first NIAD degrees are awarded.
March 1998	The number of people granted NIAD degrees exceeds 10,000.
October 1998	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.
April 1999	The preparatory office and the preparatory committee for founding a national organization for university evaluation are established in NIAD.
February 2000	The preparatory committee publishes "A Report on Founding a National Organization for University Evaluation".
April 2000	NIAD is reorganized as a new entity charged with carrying out the evaluation of universities in addition to its degree-awarding functions.
September 2001	NIAD celebrates the 10th anniversary of its degree-awarding activities.
March 2002	NIAD publishes the first university evaluation results for the trial university evaluation period. The number of people granted NIAD degrees exceeds 20,000.
March 2003	NIAD publishes the second university evaluation results for the trial university evaluation period.
April 2003	NIAD moves to its new offices in Kodaira City, Tokyo.
May 2003	The English name is changed from National Institution for Academic Degrees (NIAD) to National Institution for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation (NIAD-UE).
March 2004	NIAD-UE publishes the third university evaluation results for the trial university evaluation period, completing the trial evaluations.
April 2004	NIAD-UE is newly established as an Incorporated Administrative Agency.
November 2004	NIAD-UE publishes the meta-evaluation reports of the university evaluations conducted during the trial period.
January 2005	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.
February 2005	NIAD-UE publicly announces evaluation results for college of technology evaluation (trial evaluations).
March 2005	The number of people granted NIAD-UE degrees exceeds 30,000.
July 2005	NIAD-UE is certified by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology as an evaluation and accreditation organization for colleges of technology.
October 2005	NIAD-UE establishes a Center for International Relations.
March 2006	NIAD-UE publicly announces results of Institutional certified evaluation and accreditation (universities, junior colleges, colleges of technology) for the first time.
March 2008	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.
March 2009	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.
March 2010	The number of people granted NIAD-UE degrees exceeds 50,000.
April 2011	NIAD-UE integrates its Department of Research for University Evaluation and Department of Assessment and Research for Degree Awarding to form a new Research Department.
May 2011	NIAD-UE finalizes the results of evaluation of education and research activities at national university corporations and inter-university research institute corporations and publicly announces them.
May 2013	The number of people granted NIAD-UE degrees exceeds 60,000.

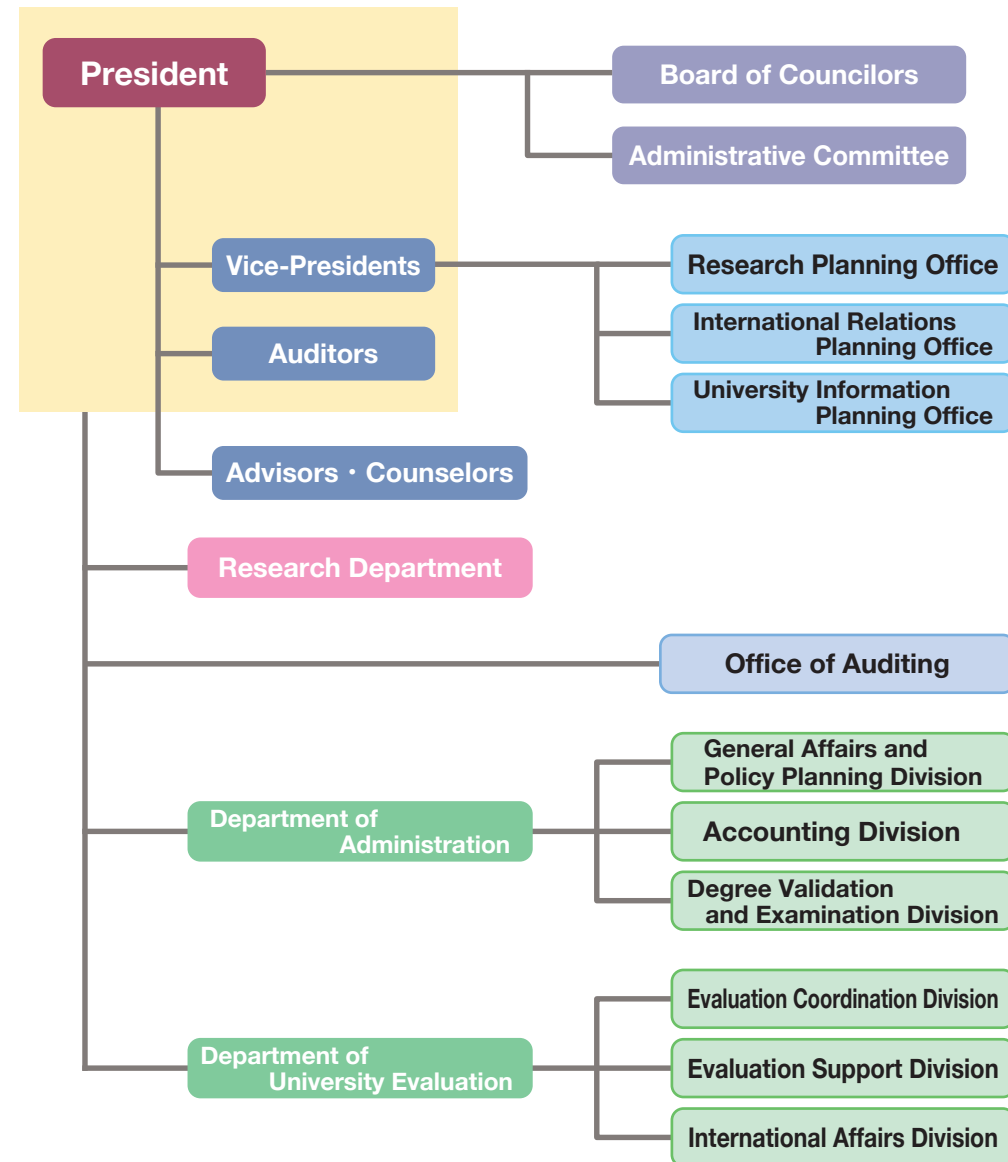
NIAD-UE was established in accordance with the Act on General Rules for Independent Administrative Agency and the Act on the National Institution for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation, Independent Administrative Agency. NIAD-UE seeks to improve the standard of education and research at universities and colleges (viz. universities, junior colleges, colleges of technology, and inter-university research institutes; the same shall apply hereinafter) by evaluating education and research activities at such higher education institutions. Furthermore, by awarding academic degrees based on its evaluation of various learning outcomes at higher education institutions other than universities, it seeks to achieve a society that appropriately evaluates diverse learning outcomes. In doing so, its ultimate objective is to contribute to the development of higher education in Japan; as such, NIAD-UE carries out the following duties.

1. Evaluation of education, research, and other activities of universities and colleges, and disclosure of evaluation results to the universities and colleges concerned, as well as to the public, in order to contribute to enhancing the standard of education and research at universities and colleges;
2. Awarding of academic degrees (bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees) in accordance with the provisions of the School Education Law;
3. Research concerning the evaluation of education and research activities at universities and colleges, and research concerning the evaluation of the learning outcomes required for the awarding of academic degrees;
4. Gathering, collation, and dissemination of information concerning the evaluation of education and research activities at universities and colleges, and information concerning various learning opportunities at universities;
5. Evaluation of education and research activities at national universities and inter-university research institutes, based on requests from MEXT's National University Corporation Evaluation Committee, and disclosure of the results thereof to the Committee, the national university or inter-university research institute concerned, and the general public.



Organizational Chart

(As of April 2014)



Committees for University Evaluation

- Committee for Certified Evaluation and Accreditation of Universities
- 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

Committee for Awarding of Degrees

- Committee for Validation and Examination of Degrees

Past and Presidents

TANAKA Ikuzo	July 1991 to March 1998
KIMURA Tsutomu	April 1998 to March 2009
HIRANO Shin-ichi	April 2009 to March 2012
NOGAMI Tomoyuki	April 2012 to present

Executive Members

President	NOGAMI Tomoyuki
Vice-President	OKAMOTO Kazuo
Vice-President	YAMADA Michio
Auditor	SHIMADA Kyoko
Auditor	TACHI Akira
Director, Office of Auditing	KAWAMURA Atsushi
Executive Director, Department of Administration	KOSHIN Toshimitsu
Director, General Affairs and Policy Planning Division	KAWAMURA Atsushi
Director, Accounting Division	NAGATSUKA Masaaki
Director, Degree Validation and Examination Division	SAINO Takahiro
Executive Director, Department of University Evaluation	KAMAZUKA Satoshi
Director, Evaluation Coordination Division	OYAMADA Ryouji
Director, Evaluation Support Division	HIRANO Tadashi
Director, International Affairs Division	HATA Eri

Advisors · Counselors

Advisors	KIMURA Tsutomu	HIRANO Shin-ichi	KAWAGUCHI Akihiko
Counselors	HASHIMOTO Hironobu	KIMURA Seiji	

Academic Staff

Research Department

Dean	TAKEICHI Masato	
Professor and Director, Research for University Evaluation	TUTIYA Syun	
Professor and Director, Assessment and Research for Degree Awarding	YOSHIKAWA Yumiko	
Professor	IDA Masaaki	KADOTA Toshikazu
	MOHRI Naotake	NAKAHARA Kazuhiko
	TANAKA Yayoi	KONO Michikata
		SUZUKI Kenjiro
Special Appointed Professor	AOKI Kyosuke	KOSHI Mitsuo
		MUGURUMA Masaaki
Associate Professor	ASANO Shigeru	HAYASHI Takayuki
	MORI Rie	NODA Ayaka
		MIYAZAKI Kazuteru
		SAITO Kiyoko
Special Appointed Associate Professor	KIM SoungHee	
Visiting Professor	HIROBATA Yasuhiro	HUANG Meiyong
	KAWASHIMA Tatsuo	MORITA Yutaka
	YAMAMOTO Shin-ichi	YAMAMOTO Yasushi
		KATO Tetsuo
		SAKUMA Ichiro
		YANO Masakazu
Visiting Associate Professor	HAMANAKA Yoshitaka	KURITA Kayoko
	SHIBUI Susumu	SAITO Takahiro

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 2014)

Name	Current Position	Name	Current Position
ABO Junko	Professor, Health Sciences University of Hokkaido	KOSO Toshiaki	Chancellor, Sophia School Corporation
ARINOBU Mutsuhiro	Comptroller, The University of Tokyo	KURODA Toshiji	Chancellor, Kanazawa Institute of Technology
Hans-Jürgen MARX	Chairman, Board of Directors/ NANZAN SCHOOL CORPORATION	MATSUMOTO Hiroshi	President, Kyoto University
HANYU Sawako	President, The National University Corporation Ochanomizu University	NAYA Hiromi	Executive Advisor for Academic Affairs, Meiji University
HIRANO Toshio	President, Osaka University	OIKAWA Ryoichi	Adviser, National Association of Upper Secondary School Principals
HOMMA Kenji	President, Hokkaido University of Education	ONO Hiroyuki	President, Kokusai Gakuin Saitama Collage
KINAE Naohide	President, University of Sizuoka	◎SASAKI Takeshi	President, The Association For Promoting Fair Elections
KITAGAWA Genshiro	President, Research Organaization of Information and Systems	SEIKE Atsushi	President, Keio University
○KOIDE Tadataka	Chancellor, Aichi-Gakuin	URANO Mitsudo	Adviser, Nichirei Corporation
KOBATAKE Hidefumi	President, National Institute of Technology		

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 2014)

Name	Current Position	Name	Current Position
ARAI Noriko	Professor, National Institute of Informatics	OSAWA Yoichiro	Editorial Writer, The Yomiuri Shimbun
IKEDA Shunsuke	General Manager, Ikeda Laboratory, CTI Engineering Co.Ltd.	OTAKE Midori	Professor, Tokyo Gakugei University
ISHII Katsue	Professor, Chiba University	SAKAI Yoshinori	Professor, Director, TOKYO SHIBUYA STUDY CENTER THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF JAPAN
KAWASHIMA Tatsuo	Professor,Osaka University	SHIROYAMA Masaki	General Manager, Institute of Social System Research, Nikko Financial Intelligence,Inc.
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KUMON Hiroshi	Professor, Hosei University	TAKAHASHI Tetsuya	Advisor to the President, Osaka Prefecture University
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MOHRI Naotake	Professor, NIAD-UE	TUTIYA Syun	Professor and Director, Research for University Evaluation NIAD-UE
NAMBA Masayoshi	President, Niimi College	YAMAMOTO Kazuhiko	Professor, Hitotsubashi University
NINOMIYA Akira	President, Hijiyama University	YOSHIKAWA Yumiko	Professor and Director, Assessment and Research for Degree Awarding NIAD-UE

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 2014)

Name	Current Position	Name	Current Position
ARAKAWA Masaaki	Director General, Niigata Institute for Health & Sports Medicine	MAEDA Sanae	Professor, Chiba University
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GEJYO Fumitake	Professor Emeritus,Niigata University	NOJIMA Sayumi	Vice President, University of Kochi
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Hans-Jürgen MARX	Chairman, Board of Directors/NANZAN SCHOOL CORPORATION	OIKAWA Ryoichi	Adviser, National Association of Upper Secondary School Principals
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INAGAKI Takashi	President, Fukuyama City University	SUZUKI Kenjiro	Professor, NIAD-UE
KAJITANI Makoto	Senior Adviser to the President, The University of Electro-Communications	SUZUKI Norihiko	Chair and President of Akita International University
KATAYAMA Eiji	Senior Consultant, Nomura Securities Co.,LTD	TUTIYA Syun	Professor and Director, Research for University Evaluation NIAD-UE
KAWASHIMA Tatsuo	Professor, Osaka University	YADA Toshifumi	Professor Emeritus, Kyushu University Professor Emeritus, The University of Kitakyushu
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KOMA Atsushi	President, Akita Prefectural University	YANAGISAWA Yasunobu	President, Ehime University
KONO Michikata	Professor, NIAD-UE	◎YOSHIKAWA Hiroyuki	Director-General, Japan Science and Technology Agency, Center for Research and Development Strategy

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 2014)

Name	Current Position	Name	Current Position
AGEMURA Youichiro	Principal, Tokai University Gyosei Senior High School and Junior High School	MUTOH Yoshiharu	Executive Director · Vice President, Nagaoka University of Technology
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ARAGANE Yoshihiro	Former President, Tokyo Metropolitan College of Industrial Technology	◎OCHIAI Hidetoshi	Executive Vice President, Kyushu University
○HASEGAWA Jun	Professor Emeritus, Hokkaido University	TANIGAKI Masataka	Professor Emeritus, Kyoto University
HIROBATA Yasuhiro	Professor, Toyohashi University of Technology	TANNO Kouichi	Former President, Ichinoseki National College of Technology
IKEDA Masao	Specially Appointed Professor, Osaka University	TOKUDA Masanori	Professor Emeritus, Tohoku University
INOUE Mitsuteru	Executive Trustee, Vice President, Toyohashi University of Technology	YAGISHITA Fukuzo	President, Numazu National College of Technology
KOJIMA Tsutomu	Managing Director, Educational Corporation Ikuei Gakuin	YOSHIKAWA Yumiko	Professor and Director, Assessment and Research for Degree Awarding NIAD-UE
KOMETANI Tadashi	Part-time Professor, Toyama National College 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 2014)

Name	Current Position	Name	Current Position
AMANO Yoshihiro	Professor, Kyoto University	OKADA Hiromi	Consumer Consulting Specialists
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○ISOMURA Tamotsu	Professor, Waseda University	SHIOMI Yoshio	Professor, Kyoto University
KATO Tetsuo	Professor, Waseda University	TAKEI Yasutoshi	Attorney at Law, Hiroshima All-In Law and Accounting Office
KIMURA Mitsue	Professor, Tokyo Metropolitan University	TAKIZAWA Tadashi	Professor, Sophia University
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MATSUSHITA Junichi	Professor, The University of Tokyo	TATSUOKA Sukeaki	Attorney at Law, NISHI SOGOH LAW OFFICE
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MURATA Wataru	Judge-Professor, The Legal Training and Research Institute of Japan	YASUNAGA Masaaki	Professor, Doshisha University
NAGUMO Hiroyuki	President, INSTITUTE OF LABOR EDUCATION & CULTURE	YOSHIHARA Kazushi	Professor, Tohoku University
NOSAKA Yasuji	Professor, Gakushuin University		

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 2014)

Name	Current Position	Name	Current Position
FUKUYAMA Hidetoshi	Director General, Research Institute for Science & Technology, Tokyo University of Science	OSAWA Yoichiro	Editorial Writer, The Yomiuri Shimbun
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KAINO Tamie	Professor Emeritus, Ochanomizu University	SEKIMOTO Teruo	Professor Emeritus, The University of Tokyo
◎KAJIYAMA Tisato	Board Chairman and President, Fukuoka Women's University	○SUGIYAMA Takehiko	Professor, Faculty of Social Innovation, Seijo University
KOBATAKE Hidefumi	President, Institute of National Colleges of Technology	SUZUKI Norihiko	Advisor of Japan University Accreditation Association Chair and President of Akita International University
NAKASHIMA Hideyuki	President, Future University Hakodate	TOYA Kenji	Councilor, National Center for University Entrance Examinations Specially Appointed Professor, Shumei University
NOJIMA Sayumi	Vice President, University of Kochi	TOYODA Nagayasu	President, Suzuka University of Medical Science

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 2014)

Name	Current Position	Name	Current Position
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KOSHI Mitsuo	Specially Appointed Professor, NIAD-UE	OSHIBA Ryo	Professor, Hitotsubashi University
MATSUO Hiroshi	Professor, Tokyo University of the Arts	◎SAKAI Yoshinori	Professor, Director, of Tokyo Shibuya Study Center, The Open University of Japan
MOHRI Naotake	Professor, NIAD-UE	SATO Shinji	Professor, The University of Tokyo
NAKAHARA Kazuhiko	Professor, NIAD-UE	SUZUKI Emiko	Professor, Ochanomizu University
NAKAMURA Satoshi	Professor, Tokyo Institute of Technology	TAKATO Tsuyoshi	Professor, The University of Tokyo
NISHIDE Kazuhiko	Professor, The University of Tokyo	TANAKA Yukitane	Specially Appointed Professor, University of KinDAI Himeji
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Subcommittees

○The Committee for Validation and Examination of Degrees is currently assisted by 19 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.

With the participation of those involved with universities, NIAD-UE will develop effective methods of evaluating education and research activities at universities and colleges, and will conduct appropriate evaluations. Through this, NIAD-UE will play a pioneering role in the development of third-party evaluation of universities and colleges in Japan. Moreover, NIAD-UE will assist in creating the infrastructure for and improving the overall standard of evaluation in Japan by actively conducting research concerning university evaluation both within Japan and overseas, as well as gathering, collating, and disseminating information regarding this.

University Evaluation Plans for University Evaluation Activities in FY2014

● Certified Evaluation and Accreditation

At least once every seven years, national, public, and private universities (including junior colleges) and colleges of technology are obliged to undergo evaluation by an evaluation organization certified by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (certified evaluation and accreditation organization), focusing on the overall status of their education and research, organizational management, and facilities and equipment, with the objective of improving the standard of their education and research. Universities with professional graduate schools (such as law schools) are obliged to undergo evaluation by a certified evaluation and accreditation organization at least once every five years, focusing on their academic programs, organization of academic staff, and other matters relating to education and research activities, taking into account the objective of establishing the professional graduate school in question.

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

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

NIAD-UE will carry out the following activities relating to evaluation of the overall status of education and research at universities and colleges of technology.

Institutional Certified Evaluation and Accreditation of universities and colleges of technology

In FY2013, NIAD-UE conducted certified evaluation and accreditation of 21 universities and 14 colleges of technology, as a certified evaluation and accreditation organization accredited by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology. In FY2014, NIAD-UE will evaluate universities and colleges of technology from which NIAD-UE has received applications. Moreover, separately from its certified evaluation and accreditation activities, NIAD-UE will conduct third-party evaluations in its own right at the request of universities and colleges, focusing on 3 institutional optional evaluation items (viz. the status of research activities, the status of activities that make a contribution to the local community, and the status of efforts to internationalize education) in the case of universities, and 2 optional evaluation items (viz. the status of research activities and the status of educational services for those other than full-time students) in the case of colleges of technology.

2. Certified Evaluation and Accreditation of professional graduate schools

NIAD-UE will carry out the following activities relating to the evaluation of education and research activities at professional graduate schools.

Certified Evaluation and Accreditation of law schools

In FY2013, NIAD-UE conducted certified evaluation and accreditation of 14 law schools, as a certified evaluation and accreditation organization accredited by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology. In FY2014, NIAD-UE will evaluate law schools from which NIAD-UE has received applications.

3. Verification of Certified Evaluation and Accreditation

Every fiscal year, NIAD-UE conducts a questionnaire-based survey among the institutions that have undergone certified evaluation and accreditation (universities, colleges of technology, and law schools) and the committee members who have conducted evaluations, focusing on such matters as evaluation methods; it then verifies the effectiveness and appropriateness of evaluations based on the content of these.

In FY2013, NIAD-UE analyzed and verified the certified evaluation and accreditation carried out in FY2012, focusing on both the results of the questionnaire and the results of the evaluations.

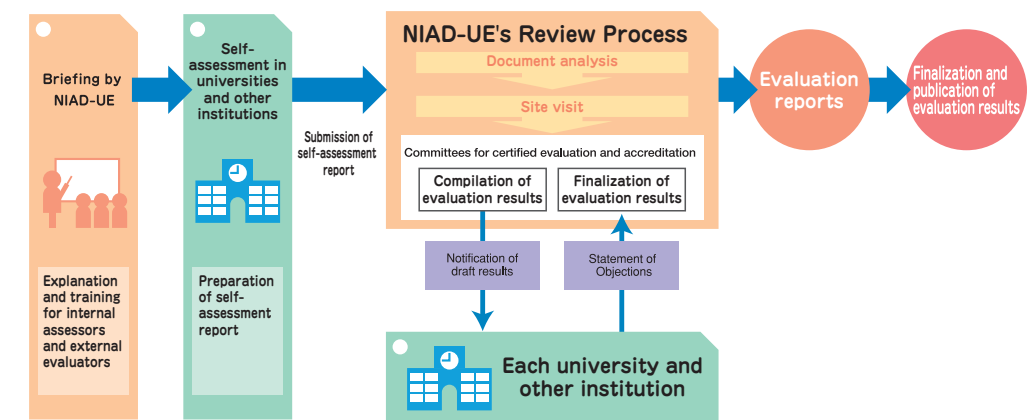
As well as assisting in improving evaluation methods in the future, the results of this verification have been compiled as a report that has been published via its website, among other avenues.

4. Japan Network of Certified Evaluation and Accreditation Agencies

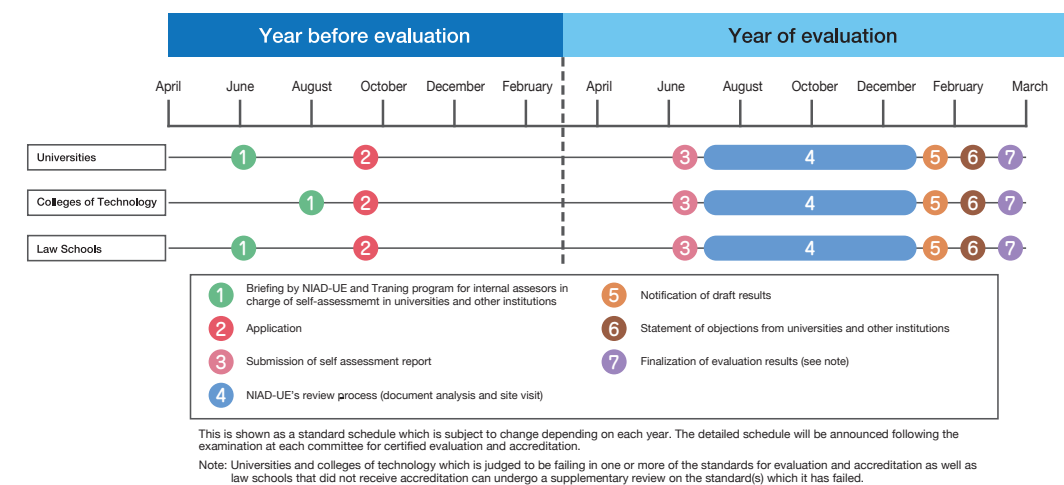
NIAD-UE collaborates with other certified evaluation and accreditation organizations through its participation in the Japan Network of Certified Evaluation and Accreditation Agencies, which consists of 12 certified evaluation and accreditation organizations. One of this Network's objectives is to foster in relevant quarters an awareness conducive to assuring the quality of higher education in Japan and enhancing certified evaluation and accreditation thereof. In addition, it seeks to promote collaboration and the sharing of information among certified evaluation and accreditation organizations. Accordingly, it is involved in such activities as the proactive dissemination of information concerning evaluation results and outstanding initiatives by universities, as well as cultivating staff in this field through training courses.

Outline of Certified Evaluation and Accreditation

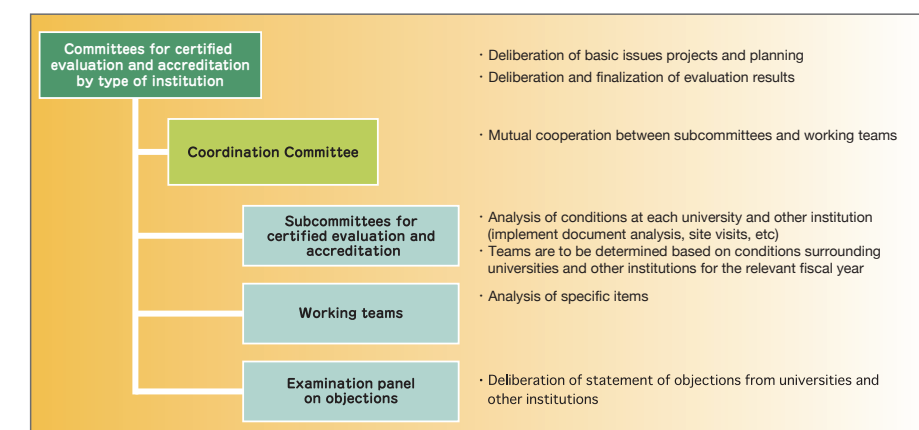
Process



Schedule (Planned)



Implementation System



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

At the request of the National University Corporation Evaluation Committee established under the auspices of MEXT, NIAD-UE will evaluate the performance of national university corporations and inter-university research institute corporations in terms of the performance of their duties during the mid-term objective period, focusing specifically on education and research at these corporations. The National University Corporation Evaluation Committee is expected to respect the results of these evaluations in their comprehensive evaluations of the performance of duties during the mid-term objective period.

[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.]

Evaluations of national university corporations must fulfill the duty of accountability to society by presenting the status of the corporation in an easily-comprehensible manner, taking into account the characteristics of its education and research and the autonomy and independence of its management.

In FY2010, NIAD-UE submitted to MEXT's National University Corporation Evaluation Committee the results of its evaluation of education and research during the first mid-term objective period for national university corporations and inter-university research institute corporations; once confirmed by the Committee in May 2011, these results were made available to the general public.

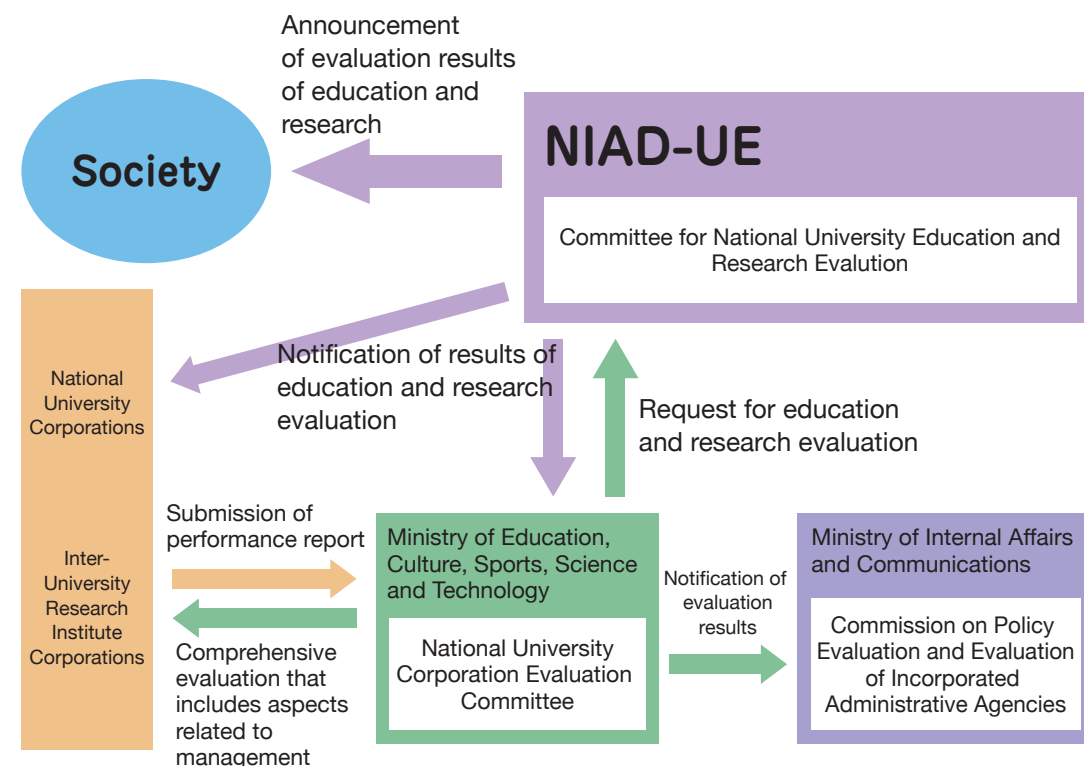
Based on the results of the verification of the methods used to evaluate the status of education and research during the first mid-term objective period, NIAD-UE is currently examining methods for the evaluation of education and research during the second mid-term objective period. This evaluation will take place in FY2016.

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 FY2013, a total of **65,465** 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



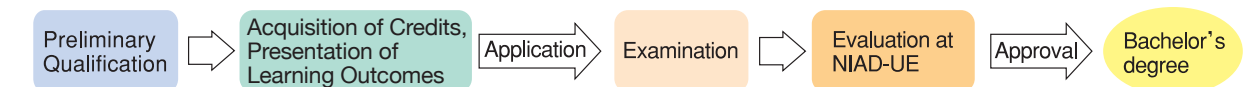
System of National University Corporation Evaluation



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 Qualification

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 Tokyo and Osaka in June, and in Sapporo, Tokyo, Osaka, Okayama, and Fukuoka 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

Literature	Commerce	Nutrition
Education	Business Administration	Engineering
Theology	Science	Design
Sociology	Pharmaceutical Sciences	Mercantile Marine Science
Liberal Arts	Nursing	Agriculture
Social Sciences	Health Science	Fisheries
Law	Acupuncture and Moxibustion	Home Economics
Political Science	Oral Health Science	Art
Economics	Judo Therapy	Physical Education

Recipients of Degrees thus far

From the time NIAD-UE was established as a degree-awarding institution in FY1991 until FY2013, a total of **41,096** 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/n_gakui/shinseishiryoku/no7_5_gakushiH26.pdf
Q&A on Awarding of Degrees http://www.niad.ac.jp/n_gakui/tsumiagi/qa/index.html

● New Examination System for Those Expected to Successfully Complete a Diploma Course Accredited by NIAD-UE

In light of the January 2011 report by the Central Council for Education, NIAD-UE will, from FY2015, use a new examination system for examining students expected to successfully complete a diploma course accredited by NIAD-UE, in accordance with the provisions of Article 6, paragraph 1 of the Rules for Degrees (1953, Education Ministry Ordinance No.9). This new system will be based on the outcomes of study on the diploma course in question, with the objective of gaining a more accurate understanding of each student's ability, as well as further enhancing students' independent learning activities on diploma courses.

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.

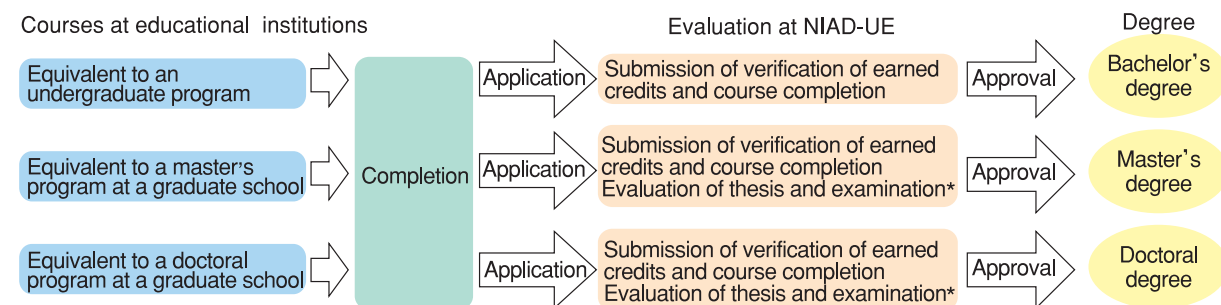
Program Approval and Examination of Educational Conditions

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, Science in Manufacturing Technology	—	—
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 FY2013, a total of **24,369** people had been awarded Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctoral degrees through this system.

To support quality assurance at universities and colleges in Japan, NIAD-UE works in partnership with universities and colleges to gather, collate, and distribute information concerning quality assurance at universities and colleges, as well as information concerning various learning opportunities at universities and colleges. In addition, it conducts skills development for personnel in the field of quality assurance. Moreover, in partnership with evaluation organizations within Japan, it carries out activities aimed at improving and enhancing evaluation. Furthermore, to contribute to higher education quality assurance activities that take account of international trends, NIAD-UE gathers, collates, and disseminates details of institutional information and trends relating to quality assurance overseas. It also actively participates in quality assurance activities in collaboration with other countries, to enhance the international credibility of higher education in Japan. Through these activities conducted in partnership with universities and colleges, NIAD-UE will contribute to the development of higher education in Japan.

Collecting, storing and disseminating information concerning university and other institutions

Dissemination of Information Concerning Evaluation and Awarding of Academic Degrees by NIAD-UE

Information concerning evaluation and the awarding of academic degrees by NIAD-UE is actively disseminated, primarily via its website (<http://www.niad.ac.jp>).

This carries reports on all certified evaluation and accreditation, optional evaluation, and evaluation of education and research at national university corporations conducted by NIAD-UE between FY2005 and FY2013, and on all trial evaluations embarked upon between FY2000 and FY2002.

Moreover, it carries an overview of NIAD-UE's system of awarding academic degrees, as well as information about applications and examinations for the awarding of academic degrees.

Furthermore, NIAD-UE publishes a monthly newsletter via its website, featuring the latest information on NIAD-UE's evaluation activities, as well as details of events concerning university evaluation.

Gathering, Collation, and Dissemination of Information Concerning the Status of Education and Research Activities at Universities and Colleges

To assist in improving both evaluation activities and education and research activities at universities and colleges, NIAD-UE gathers and collates information on such topics as the status of education and research activities self-assessment by universities and colleges, and evaluation within Japan, disseminating this online via the University Evaluation Information Portal.

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

The aim of this portal is to promote the collection and dissemination of information about the evaluation of each university and college; publish it in a form that is convenient for those involved with evaluation at each university and college, as well as third parties with an interest in evaluation; and support the proactive information dissemination activities of each university and college by making this information available to the public.

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 Information Website

NIAD-UE runs a University Information Website in collaboration with the Promotion and Mutual Aid Corporation for Private Schools of Japan, as a common scheme for utilizing and publishing information about education at universities. NIAD-UE will contribute to the ongoing improvements and enhancements to the University Information Website to make it more user-friendly for applicants.

● Dissemination of Information Concerning Trends in Quality Assurance in Higher Education Overseas

NIAD-UE conducts research and gathers information concerning trends in quality assurance in higher education overseas and guidelines for quality assurance in the internationalization of universities, as well as in international joint educational programs such as double degrees. The information gathered and the outcomes of studies are published in the Information Package, the International Collaboration mini-site, research reports, and forums that NIAD-UE organizes on the subject of quality assurance. These publications serve as a tool to be used by Japanese higher education institutions for enhancing quality, as well as being used by NIAD-UE for project development.

The Information Package



The Information Package provides a comprehensive array of basic information concerning quality assurance in Japanese higher education, and is distributed by NIAD-UE to a widespread readership among those involved in the field of higher education. The information Package includes:

- Glossary of Quality Assurance in Japanese Higher Education (Japanese-English bilingual)
- Overview Quality Assurance System in Higher Education (Japanese, English*)
- Quality Assurance in Higher Education in Asia: Lists and Briefing Materials for Each ASEAN Country (Japanese)
- Institutional Certified Evaluation and Accreditation of Universities: Principles, and Standards for Evaluation and Accreditation (English)

*Overviews for China and South Korea are available in Japanese only
"Overviews" provide information on Japan, USA, Australia, UK, the Netherlands, France, South Korea and China. Moreover, NIAD-UE publishes Briefing Materials on Malaysia and Indonesia.

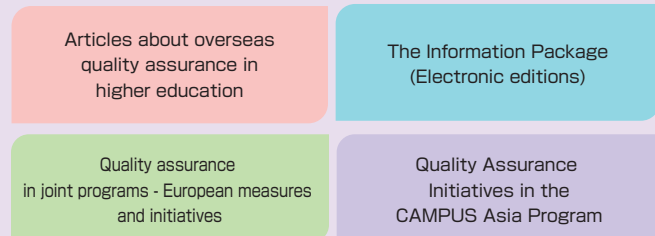
The publications provide basic information on their respective countries higher education and quality assurance systems and serve to promote mutual understanding between Japanese universities and their overseas counterparts. Electronic editions are available on the International Collaboration Webpage.

The International Collaboration Webpage (www.niad.ac.jp/n_kokusai/)



NIAD-UE maintains the International Collaboration mini-site as part of its website, to provide those involved with higher education in Japan with information about quality assurance systems in higher education overseas and trends in reforms.

The Main contents



University Evaluation Forum (FY2013)

Theme: Student's Role in Higher Education Quality Assurance

Date: Monday, July 22, 2013 13:00~17:40

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

Participants: about 411

Overview:

If higher education is a theater of learning, students are the leading actors. Focusing on the role of students, this forum offered an opportunity to gain an understanding of quality assurance conducted with student participation, examining the historical background in Europe, as well as basic approaches and the reality of its implementation. Highlighting the experiences of students who participated in quality assurance programs in European countries, participants reported on attempts to improve education in Japan with the participation of students, while discussing approaches to the future of quality assurance in higher education in greater depth.

Three experts from overseas and six from Japan attended as guests, and the forum featured two keynote speeches and four group sessions (GS) divided by theme. In the plenary session that followed the GS, there was a lively discussion among all participants, including reports on each session by the students who had taken part in the GS, as well as a question and answer session.

Information Services

Information services on various learning opportunities in higher education

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 (FY2014) were published and can be accessed at the following website:

http://www.niad.ac.jp/n_shuppan/kamokoutou/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 were published and can be accessed at the following website:

http://www.niad.ac.jp/n_shuppan/senkouka/index.html (in Japanese)

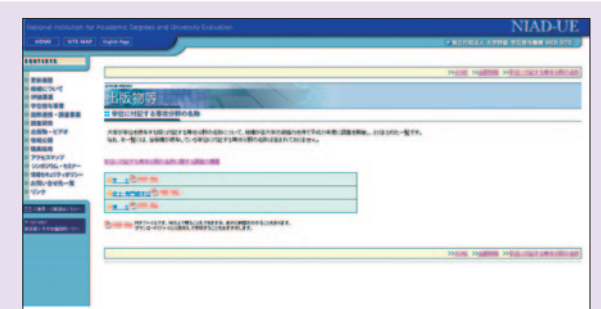


Nomenclature of Academic Degrees in Japan

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 FY2009 are posted on the following website:

http://www.niad.ac.jp/n_shuppan/meishou/index.html (in Japanese)

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



Initiatives for Skills Development of Personnel in the Field of Quality Assurance

● Training in Quality Assurance

NIAD-UE holds workshops and seminars to provide more in-depth knowledge and understanding of certified evaluation and accreditation carried out by NIAD-UE itself and internal quality assurance conducted by universities and colleges. In addition, it is currently working in partnership with universities and colleges to develop a training program for those involved in quality assurance, based on the studies and research conducted by the Research Department. Through these initiatives, NIAD-UE is supporting efforts to improve the capabilities of personnel involved in quality assurance in Japan.

Collaboration with Quality Assurance Organizations within Japan and Overseas

● Participation in the Council for the Coordination of Certified Evaluation and Accreditation Organizations

NIAD-UE collaborates with other certified evaluation and accreditation organizations through its participation in the Council for the Coordination of Certified Evaluation and Accreditation Organizations, which consists of 12 certified evaluation and accreditation organizations. One of this Council's objectives is to foster in relevant quarters an awareness conducive to assuring the quality of higher education in Japan and enhancing certified evaluation and accreditation thereof. In addition, it seeks to promote collaboration and the sharing of information among certified evaluation and accreditation organizations. Accordingly, it is involved in such activities as the proactive dissemination of information concerning evaluation results and outstanding initiatives by universities, as well as cultivating staff in this field through training courses.

● Partnership and Cooperation with Overseas Quality Assurance Organizations

NIAD-UE engages in various collaborative exchange endeavors with quality assurance organizations in countries with which Japan has a strong relationship in the higher education sector. Its exchange projects include exchanging memorandums of understanding on partnership and cooperation with various quality assurance organizations overseas, as well as organizing information and personnel exchange, implementing joint projects, and holding joint international workshops. Moreover, through its full membership of both the International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE) and the Asia-Pacific Quality Network (APQN), it is striving to promote mutual understanding through the formation of networks, as well as joint efforts to encourage outstanding initiatives. In addition to disseminating information about the situation in Japan to a wide-ranging audience across the globe through such activities, NIAD-UE is making an active contribution to the development of quality assurance in higher education.

Organizations that have Concluded Memorandums of Understanding with NIAD-UE



● Japan-China-Korea collaboration

NIAD-UE has organized the Japan-China-Korea Quality Assurance Council with the respective quality assurance organizations in China and South Korea, and is working on joint projects for the purpose of promoting inter-university exchange among the three countries involving quality assurance. Specifically, within the framework of the CAMPUS Asia program, which was launched for the same purpose by the governments of Japan, China and South Korea in April 2010, student exchange programs have been carried out among the universities of the three countries. In addition, as part of the Japan-China-Korea Quality Assurance Council, NIAD-UE is undertaking joint quality assurance initiatives as a means of quality assurance and improvement.

Many efforts have taken in the area of quality assurance for international collaborative programs on the regional level, such as the Erasmus Mundus project of the EU region for one example. In East Asia as well, through the widespread dissemination and sharing of information about the outcomes of joint quality assurance initiatives, NIAD-UE is contributing to cultivating the human resources who will lead the region's future development.

Monitoring of "Campus Asia" Programs

In terms of university education quality assurance initiatives within the CAMPUS Asia program, NIAD-UE is jointly monitoring ten pilot programs with quality assurance organizations in China and South Korea, with the support of the governments of the three nations. The goal of this is to further clarify the "quality that should be assured" when engaging in education based on international collaboration, while at the same time identifying examples of best practice among the programs, so that the three countries can formulate common guidelines for quality assurance organizations.

Having jointly determined the monitoring framework, the three countries conducted the first round of monitoring individually in FY2013; in Japan, this began in April 2013 and the Monitoring Committee decided on the results in January 2014. The results of this round of monitoring have been compiled in the form of reports on each pilot program, containing details of initiatives identified as outstanding from the perspective of the quality of education.

Moreover, with a view to achieving student participation in external quality assurance activities, NIAD-UE established a Student Subcommittee and held a workshop in December 2013 with the participation of students from across the country who had previously taken part in the CAMPUS Asia program. The participating students put together a list of proposals for making CAMPUS Asia a more in-depth program and these proposals were reported to the Monitoring Committee.

http://www.niad.ac.jp/n_kokusai/jckcouncil/campusasia_monitoring.html



Overview of the First Monitoring in Japan

The Research Department plays the central role in promoting basic research to serve as the foundation of NIAD-UE's projects focused on university evaluation, the awarding of academic degrees, and quality assurance, as well as practical research to verify these projects. In addition, it conducts selective studies and research focused on policy issues relating to quality assurance in Japanese higher education. It conducts studies and research jointly with the departments and divisions of NIAD-UE that actually conduct those projects. In addition, it works in partnership with universities, colleges, and quality assurance organizations within Japan and overseas, sharing the fruits of its research and ensuring that they become firmly established in practice. Furthermore, as well as reflecting the outcomes of this research in NIAD-UE's projects, the Research Department strives to disseminate them to a wider audience by making them available to society as a whole.

● Research for University Evaluation

1. Studies and research concerning evaluation of education and research activities at universities and colleges

In its research concerning approaches to the evaluation of education and research at universities and colleges, the Research Department investigates future approaches to the evaluation of Japan's universities and colleges by verifying the appropriateness and effectiveness of the evaluation of education and research activities at universities and colleges in Japan. As well as the Institutional Certified Evaluation and Accreditation conducted hitherto, institutional optional evaluation was introduced in FY2013. In preparation for introducing this new form of evaluation, the department conducted research and development focused on the concepts and methods required for evaluating each theme, including research, contribution to the community, and internationalization of the university. It has also gathered and collated data that will be of reference when actually conducting these evaluations. Moreover, it carries out research concerning approaches to the evaluation of education and research activities with a view to international recognition of such evaluation, and evaluation systems that meet the needs arising from advances in higher education policy. The Research Department is already involved in research aimed at verifying the quality of educational activities as part of the CAMPUS Asia program based on international collaboration between universities in Japan, China and South Korea. It is also studying initiatives aimed at further improving the quality of activities in this program and clarifying methodologies for measures that will enable evaluation organizations to contribute further, as well as points to bear in mind in implementing such measures.

2. Studies and research concerning the effectiveness of NIAD-UE's evaluation of education and research activities

The Research Department analyzes the results of NIAD-UE's evaluations of universities, colleges of technology, law schools, and education and research activities, and verifies whether or not evaluations are functioning effectively in universities and colleges. In addition, it conducts empirical research into approaches that will ensure effective, efficient evaluations. The outcomes are reflected in evaluations in practice as needed and form the cornerstone of NIAD-UE's efforts to ensure that evaluation is constantly evolving. As well as assisting in the analysis of the questionnaire-based surveys conducted annually by the Department of University Evaluation, the Research Department has been involved in analyzing the status of higher education in Japan in light of the realities and outcomes that emerged from evaluations conducted throughout the recently-concluded five- to seven-year-long first cycle of certified evaluation and accreditation of various types of institution, as well as the improvement measures implemented and the actual results of those evaluations. It has compiled and published a report on its findings, as well as presenting them in an academically-verifiable form at various academic gatherings and in academic publications.

● Publication of Research on Academic Degrees and University Evaluation

Since FY2004, NIAD-UE has published its peer-reviewed academic journal *Research on Academic Degrees and University Evaluation* in print and online. This journal presents the outcomes of NIAD-UE's studies and research in the form of academic papers and research notes. It is an amalgamation of NIAD-UE's previous publications *Research in University Evaluation* and *Research in Academic Degrees*. All of the papers and other articles can be viewed via the web page below.

http://www.niad.ac.jp/n_shuppan/gakujutsushi/index.html

In addition, in March 2013, NIAD-UE set up the NIAD-UE Academic Repository, at which articles carried in the aforementioned academic journals can be viewed, along with other papers and articles presenting NIAD-UE's research outcomes.

<https://niad.repo.nii.ac.jp/>

● Research on Academic Degrees

NIAD-UE is engaged in comprehensive research closely related to its role of awarding degrees in a lifelong learning society. Research activities focus on current topics of higher education as well as on various systems available for obtaining of academic degrees, especially non-traditional degree programs.

It makes the results of its research widely available so that they will serve as a reference for universities and higher education institutions.

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

Student mobility is growing extensive both in and outside the country while the provision of study programs is becoming diversified, as is evidenced by programs offered collaboratively by two or more institutions or through distance learning including e-learning. In this context, it is much more important for the degree-awarding institutions to ensure the academic standards of credits and qualifications, as well as the accuracy of any formal transcript or record of achievement confirming these. NIAD-UE conducts research on themes concerning the comparability and compatibility of academic qualifications and credits, focused on higher education in Japan and other countries.

2. The Awarding of Academic Degrees through Credit Accumulation and Transfer

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

Moreover, NIAD-UE conducts research and development focused on the course classification support system, which is a system for supporting efforts to classify subjects for the awarding of academic degrees, using syllabuses in electronic form.

3. Follow-up Surveys of NIAD-UE Degree Recipients

NIAD-UE conducts follow-up questionnaire-based surveys among the recipients of its degrees to improve the process in Scheme I under the NIAD-UE degree-awarding system. These periodic surveys target the same cohort and are conducted at different stages, namely 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.

4. Workshops and Symposia

NIAD-UE holds workshops that enable and enhance international dialogues on various topics concerning higher education, particularly credits recognition and quality assurance in degree-awarding. In FY2013, NIAD-UE held an open workshop on the theme of Europe's credit system under the Bologna Process and Japan's own credit system. Guests attending the workshop at NIAD-UE's invitation included a group of researchers from Switzerland's University of Zurich and a number of Japanese researchers. Since FY2004, NIAD-UE has held regular research conferences to work in partnership with external researchers in the field of higher education on comparative studies of degrees and credit systems in Japan and overseas.

● Studies and Research for Quality Assurance in Higher Education

Collaborative research with universities, colleges, and other organizations for quality assurance purposes

1. Research on the use of information regarding quality assurance in higher education

The Research Department conducts research concerning the use of self-assessment at universities and colleges and evaluation by evaluation organizations. As part of these activities, it examines the gathering, collation, analysis, and publication of information required in evaluations to ensure quality assurance, and develops indicators concerning education and research activities. In particular, in light of the fact that a University Information Website will begin operating in FY2014, serving as a mechanism that allows universities themselves to publish information, the Research Department will conduct research that will enable NIAD-UE to contribute to the development and implementation of the basic database technology and the display, search, security, and certification technologies required for publication online. Furthermore, it will utilize the available data to conduct basic research aimed at gaining a quantitative understanding of the status of Japanese universities.

2. Research on quality assurance in education and research at universities and colleges, and the construction of quality assurance systems

To contribute to quality assurance in education and research at Japanese universities and colleges, the Research Department conducts basic studies and research concerning approaches to the design of academic programs leading to the awarding of academic degrees and techniques for evaluating learning outcomes. In addition, it encourages independent efforts by universities to conduct their own quality assurance activities, thereby developing diverse self-assessment techniques for increasing individuality. It also works in partnership with universities, colleges, and other institutions on research and development concerning the formulation of reference guidelines, as well as human resource development and skills development programs based on these.

3. Research on international quality assurance in higher education and the international recognition of academic degrees and credits

The Research Department conducts studies and research based on partnership and cooperation with universities and colleges, examining approaches to international educational programs involving quality assurance and to the provision of information aimed at mutual recognition of academic degrees and credits earned within Japan and overseas. It also examines mechanisms to support universities and colleges in this regard.

Japanese education is becoming increasingly internationalized at present, through joint programs undertaken by Japanese universities in collaboration with universities in neighboring countries, primarily those in Asia. Taking this into account, the Research Department works in partnership with relevant universities within Japan and overseas, as well as quality assurance organizations and other international organizations, conducting not only basic research required for quality assurance in joint programs undertaken via international collaboration in East Asia in particular, but also research aimed at offering specific proposals for quality assurance policies based on this.

● Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research Received

Some of NIAD-UE's academic research projects are carried out in partnership with higher education researchers from both within Japan and overseas, funded by grants-in-aid for scientific research. As well as publishing the outcomes of such studies and research as papers in such journals as Research on Academic Degrees and University Evaluation, NIAD-UE feeds its output back to domestic and overseas researchers and the general public through seminars and symposiums - both those organized by NIAD-UE itself and those held by other organizations - and also via various media reports. Research projects that have recently been awarded such grants are shown below.

"Assessing Public Sphere -boundaries of government, market and nonprofit sectors in dynamics of public goods -" (FY2011 to FY2014)
"Study on Spatial Ability of Students Entering University by Using a Mental Cutting Test" (FY2012 to FY2014)
"Common elements of Bachelor's degree programs with respect to their comparability and international recognition"(FY2012 to FY2014)
"Study on Discussions on Quality Assurance of Higher Education through Credit-Hour-Mechanisms in Political Arena in U.S.A."(FY2013 to FY2015)
"Accreditation Mechanism for Credit Hour System: Comparative Study between Japan and the U.S."(FY2013 to FY2015)
"Study of data-informed decision making in Japanese universities"(FY2013 to FY2015)
"Theory and Applications of Exploitation-oriented Learning XoL in Multi-agent Systems"(FY2014 to FY2016)
"An Epistemological Study on Theoretical and Practical Implications of 'Open Knowledge'"(FY2014 to FY2016)

Certified Evaluation and Accreditation

● Results of certified evaluation and accreditation

The following universities, junior colleges, colleges of technology, and law schools have undergone evaluation in accordance with the evaluation criteria set forth by NIAD-UE.

The evaluation results are published on the website (http://www.niad.ac.jp/n_hyouka/index.html) in the form of Certified Evaluation and Accreditation Reports.

1. Certified Evaluation and Accreditation of Universities (National)

Institution	Fiscal Year	Institution	Fiscal Year	Institution	Fiscal Year
Hokkaido University	2009	The University of Electro-Communications	2009	Nara Women's University	2013
Hokkaido University of Education	2009	Hitotsubashi University	2007	Wakayama University	2013
Muroran Institute of Technology	2013	Yokohama National University	2007	Tottori University	2007
Otaru University of Commerce	2009	Niigata University	2007	Shimane University	2009
Obihiro University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine	2010	Nagaoka University of Technology	2012	Okayama University	2007
Asahikawa Medical College	2007	Joetsu University of Education	2007	Hiroshima University	2009
Kitami Institute of Technology	2013	University of Toyama	2010	Yamaguchi University	2009
Hirosaki University	2013	Kanazawa University	2007	The University of Tokushima	2013
Iwate University	2013	University of Fukui	2009	Naruto University of Education	2013
Tohoku University	2007	University of Yamanashi	2007	Kagawa University	2009
Akita University	2013	Shinshu University	2013	Ehime University	2007
Yamagata University	2013	Gifu University	2013	Kochi University	2007
Fukushima University	2007	Shizuoka University	2009	Fukuoka University of Education	2009
Ibaraki University	2009	Hamamatsu University School of Medicine	2007	Kyushu University	2007
University of Tsukuba	2010	Nagoya University	2007	Kyushu Institute of Technology	2009
Tsukuba University of Technology	2011	Aichi University of Education	2007	Saga University	2009
Utsunomiya University	2008	Nagoya Institute of Technology	2009	Nagasaki University	2007
Gunma University	2009	Toyoashi University of Technology	2012	Kumamoto University	2009
Saitama University	2009	Mie University	2007	Oita University	2009
Chiba University	2007	Shiga University	2009	University of Miyazaki	2007
The University of Tokyo	2009	Shiga University of Medical Science	2009	Kagoshima University	2007
Tokyo Medical and Dental University	2009	Kyoto University	2013	National Institute of Fitness and Sports in Kanoya	2007
Tokyo University of Foreign Studies	2013	Kyoto University of Education	2012	University of the Ryukyus	2010
Tokyo Gakugei University	2010	Kyoto Institute of Technology	2008	National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies	2010
Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology	2013	Osaka University	2009	The Graduate University for Advanced Studies	2013
Tokyo University of the Arts	2010	Osaka Kyoiku University	2013	Japan Advanced Institute of Science and Technology	2013
Tokyo Institute of Technology	2007	Hyogo University of Teacher Education	2007	Nara Institute of Science and Technology	2009
Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology	2008	Kobe University	2008		
Ochanomizu University	2009	Nara University of Education	2009		

(Public)

Institution	Fiscal Year	Institution	Fiscal Year	Institution	Fiscal Year
Future University Hakodate	2011	Ishikawa Prefectural University	2010	Nara Medical University	2013
Akita International University	2008	Yamanashi Prefectural University	2011	Okayama Prefectural University	2009
The University of Aizu	2010	Shizuoka University of Art and Culture	2010	Onomichi University	2008
Fukushima Medical University	2010	Aichi Prefectural University	2011	Prefectural University of Hiroshima	2011
Gunma Prefectural College of Health Sciences	2011	Aichi Prefectural University of Fine Arts and Music	2010	Kochi Women's University	2009
Gunma Prefectural Women's University	2009	Nagoya City University	2010	The University of Kitakyushu	2009
Maebashi Institute of Technology	2009	The University of Shiga Prefecture	2010	Kyushu Dental College	2010
Advanced Institute of Industrial Technology	2012	Kyoto Prefectural University	2009	Fukuoka Prefectural University	2010
Tokyo Metropolitan University	2010	Kyoto Prefectural University of Medicine	2010	Fukuoka Women's University	2010
Kanagawa University of Human Services	2008	Osaka City University	2008	Oita University of Nursing and Health Sciences	2010
Yokohama City University	2009	Osaka Prefecture University	2009	Miyazaki Prefectural Nursing University	2008
Niigata College of Nursing	2010	University of Hyogo	2009	Okinawa Prefectural College of Nursing	2013
Toyama Prefectural University	2009	Nara Prefectural University	2010	Okinawa Prefectural University of Arts	2013

(Private)

Institution	Fiscal Year	Institution	Fiscal Year	Institution	Fiscal Year
Seitoku University	2011	The Graduate Schools for the Creation of New Photonics Industries	2008	Tokyo University of Career Development	2010
Otsu Women's University	2007			The Open University of Japan	2010
Japan College of Social Work	2008	Osaka Jogakuin University	2010		

※ University conducted the accreditation of the second cycle from FY2012, fill in the implementation of the latest fiscal year.

2. Certified Evaluation and Accreditation of Junior Colleges

※ Certified Evaluation and Accreditation of Junior Colleges was ended with FY2011.

(Public)

Institution	Fiscal Year	Institution	Fiscal Year	Institution	Fiscal Year
Akita Municipal Junior College of Arts and Crafts	2008	Ohtsuki City College	2008	Kurashiki City College	2010
Yonezawa Women's Junior College	2007	Nagano Prefectural College	2005	Niimi College	2005
The University of Aizu, Junior College Division	2010	Gifu City Women's College	2009	Kochi Junior College	2010
Kawasaki City College of Nursing	2006	Tsu City College	2010	Oita Prefectural College of Arts and Culture	2010

(Private)

Institution	Fiscal Year
Otsu Women's University Junior College Division	2007

3. Certified Evaluation and Accreditation of Colleges of Technology

(National)

Institution	Fiscal Year	Institution	Fiscal Year	Institution	Fiscal Year
Hakodate National College of Technology	2007	Ishikawa National College of Technology	2007	Oshima National College of Maritime Technology	2007
Tomakomai National College of Technology	2007	Fukui National College of Technology	2012	Anan National College of Technology	2011
Kushiro National College of Technology	2012	Nagano National College of Technology	2012	Takamatsu National College of Technology	2007
Asahikawa National College of Technology	2011	Gifu National College of Technology	2013	Takuma National College of Technology	2007
Hachinohe National College of Technology	2011	Numazu National College of Technology	2011	Niihama National College of Technology	2007
Ichinoseki National College of Technology	2012	Toyota National College of Technology	2007	Yuge National College of Maritime Technology	2013
Miyagi National College of Technology	2005	Toba National College of Maritime Technology	2013	Kochi National College of Technology	2012
Sendai National College of Technology	2005	Suzuka National College of Technology	2012	Kurume National College of Technology	2013
Akita National College of Technology	2007	Maizuru National College of Technology	2013	Ariake National College of Technology	2012
Tsuruoka National College of Technology	2013	Akashi National College of Technology	2011	Kitakyushu National College of Technology	2013
Fukushima National College of Technology	2007	Nara National College of Technology	2013	Sasebo National College of Technology	2013
Ibaraki National College of Technology	2012	Wakayama National College of Technology	2012	Kumamoto National College of Technology	2006
Oyama National College of Technology	2007	Yonago National College of Technology	2007	Yatsushiro National College of Technology	2006
Gunma National College of Technology	2007	Matsue National College of Technology	2013	Oita National College of Technology	2007
Kisarazu National College of Technology	2013	Tsuyama National College of Technology	2007	Miyakonojo National College of Technology	2012
Tokyo National College of Technology	2013	Hiroshima National College of Maritime Technology	2011	Kagoshima National College of Technology	2012
Nagaoka National College of Technology	2007	Kure National College of Technology	2013	Okinawa National College of Technology	2010
Toyama National College of Technology	2007	Tokuyama College of Technology	2012		
Toyama National College of Maritime Technology	2005	Ube National College of Technology	2013		

(Public)

Institution	Fiscal Year	Institution	Fiscal Year	Institution	Fiscal Year
Tokyo Metropolitan College of Industrial Technology	2012	Osaka Prefectural College of Technology	2010	Kobe City College of Technology	2008

(Private)

Institution	Fiscal Year	Institution	Fiscal Year	Institution	Fiscal Year
Salesian Polytechnic	2008	Kanazawa Technical College	2012	Kinki University Technical College	2007

※ Colleges of technology conducted the accreditation of the second cycle from FY2011, fill in the implementation of the latest fiscal year.

4. Certified Evaluation and Accreditation of Law Schools

(National)

Institution	Fiscal Year	Institution	Fiscal Year	Institution	Fiscal Year
Hokkaido University Law School	2012	Division of Legal Affairs, Kanazawa University Law School	2012	Kobe University School of Law	2013
Law School, Tohoku University	2013	School of Law, Professional Degree Program, Shinshu University	2009	Hiroshima University Law School	2013
University of Tsukuba Law School	2009	Shizuoka University Law School	2009	Kagawa-Ehime Universities' Graduate School of Law Legal Practice Course	2012
Chiba University Law School	2011	Department of JD Program for Legal Practice, Graduate School of Law (Nagoya University Law School)	2013	Kyushu University Law School	2013
The University of Tokyo, School of Law	2013	Kyoto University Law School	2013	Kumamoto University School of Law	2012
Hitotsubashi University School of Law	2012	Department of Legal Practice, Osaka University Law School	2013		
Yokohama National University School of Law, International Graduate School of Social Sciences	2013				
Professional Degree Program of Law, Law School, Niigata University	2012				

(Public)

Institution	Fiscal Year	Institution	Fiscal Year
Tokyo Metropolitan University Graduate Schools of Law Professional Course in Law	2013	Osaka City University Law School	2013

(Private)

Institution	Fiscal Year	Institution	Fiscal Year	Institution	Fiscal Year
Sophia University Graduate Programs Graduate Division of Law Juries Doctor Program	2012	Gakushuin University Professional School of Law Professional Course in Law	2013	Kinki University Law School	2013
Senshu University Law School	2012	Meiji Law School	2008	Kobe Gakuin University Graduate School The Graduate Schools of Law Practices Major in Law Practices	2008
Aichi Law School	2012	Doshisha University Law School	2013		

※ Law School conducted the accreditation of the second cycle of the FY2011, fill in the implementation of the latest fiscal year.

● Implementation of Institutional Optional Evaluation and Evaluation of Optional Evaluation Items

The following universities, junior colleges, and colleges of technology have undergone evaluation in relation to the optional evaluation items set forth by NIAD-UE.

The evaluation results are published on the website (http://www.niad.ac.jp/n_hyouka/index.html) in the form of Evaluation Reports on Optional Evaluation Items.

1. University ※ Conducted in the form of evaluation of optional evaluation items in FY2006-2011. Conducted as institutional optional evaluation from FY2012

[FY2013] (3 universities)

(National)	Akita University		
(Public)	Okinawa Prefectural college of Nursing	Okinawa Prefectural college of Arts	

[FY2012] (1 university)

(Public)	Advanced Institute of Industrial Technology		
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[FY2011] (4 universities)

(Public)	Gunma Prefectural College of Health Sciences	Aichi Prefectural University	Prefectural University of Hiroshima
(Private)	Seitoku University		

[FY2010] (13 universities)

(Public)	Tokyo Metropolitan University	Niigata College of Nursing	Shizuoka University of Art and Culture
	Aichi Prefectural University of Fine Arts and Music	Nagoya City University	The University of Shiga Prefecture
	Kyoto Prefectural University of Medicine	Kyushu Dental College	FUKUOKA PREFECTURAL UNIVERSITY
	Fukuoka Women's University	Oita University of Nursing and Health Sciences	
(Private)	Osaka Jogakuin University	The Open University of Japan	

[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
(Public)	Toyohashi University of Technology		
(Public)	Nara Medical University		

2. Junior College ※ Conducted in the form of evaluation of optional evaluation items.

Certified Evaluation and Accreditation of Junior Colleges was ended with FY2011.

[FY2010] (2 junior colleges)

(Public)	The University of Aizu, Junior College Division	Tsu City 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	Nagano Prefectural College	
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3. College of Technology

※ Conducted in the form of evaluation of optional evaluation items.

[FY2013] (14 colleges of technology)

(National)	Tsuruoka National College of Technology	Kisarazu National College of Technology	Tokyo 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
	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	

[FY2012] (12 colleges of technology)

(National)	Kushiro National College of Technology	Ichinoseki National College of Technology	Ibaraki National College of Technology
	Fukui National College of Technology	Nagano National College of Technology	Suzuka National College of Technology
	Wakayama National College of Technology	Tokuyama College of Technology	Kochi National College of Technology
	Ariake National College of Technology	Miyakonojo National College of Technology	Kagoshima National College of Technology

[FY2011] (6 colleges of technology)

(National)	Asahikawa National College of Technology	Hachinohe National College of Technology	Numazu National College of Technology
	Akashi National College of Technology	Hiroshima National College of Maritime Technology	Anan National College of Technology

[FY2010] (1 college of technology)

(Public)	Osaka Prefectural College of Technology		
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[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)

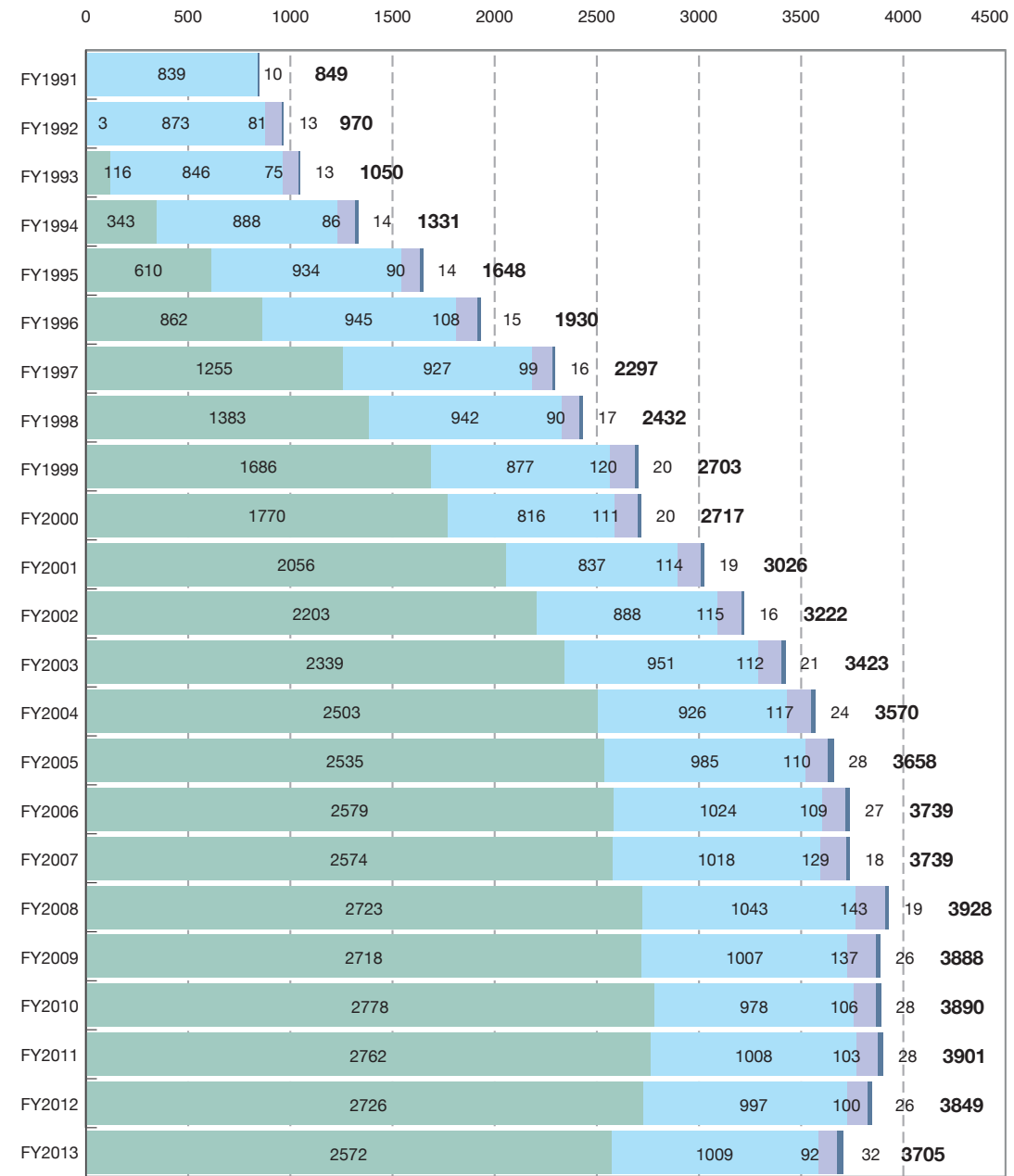
(National)	Ichinoseki National College of Technology	Kisarazu National College of Technology	Nagano National College of Technology
	Gifu National College of Technology	Toba National College of Maritime Technology	Maizuru National College of Technology
	Nara National College of Technology	Matsue National 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



As well as issuing a certificate of accreditation (a certificate of competence, in the case of law schools) to universities and colleges that have undergone certified evaluation and accreditation by NIAD-UE and have been found to meet the evaluation criteria, NIAD-UE also permits those universities and colleges to use its accreditation logo, which serves as an easily-comprehensible symbol demonstrating the accredited status of the university or college to the public.

Awarding of Degrees

Annual Number of Degrees Awarded as of April 2014



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

■ Bachelor

Degrees Awarded upon Successful Completion of Study at a NIAD-UE-Approved Educational Institution

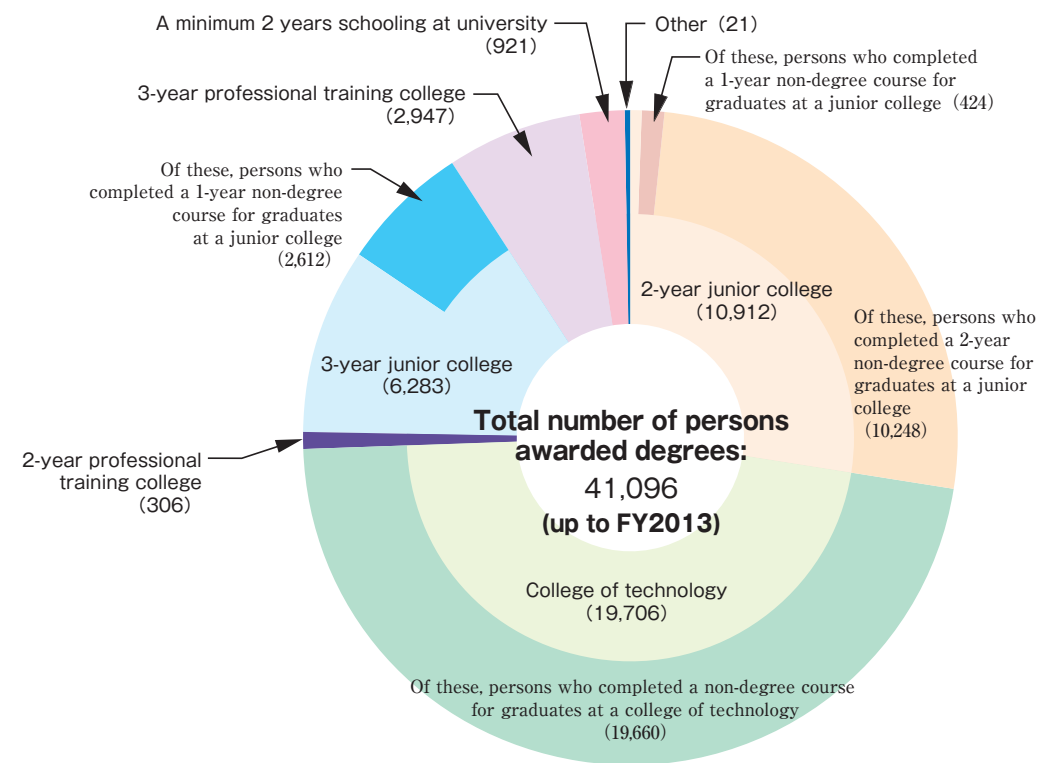
■ Bachelor ■ Master ■ Doctor

Number of Bachelor's Degrees Awarded Based upon Credit-Accumulation (Scheme I)

(as of April 2014)

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	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013		
Literature																							521	
Education																							2,675	
Theology																							20	
Sociology																							92	
Liberal Arts																							150	
Liberal Arts																							42	
Social Science																							26	
Law																							86	
Political Science																							22	
Economics																							67	
Commerce																							71	
Business Administration																							200	
Science																							139	
Pharmacy																							2	
Pharmaceutical Sciences																							1	
Nursing																							4,922	
Health Science																							4,202	
Acupuncture and Moxibustion																								
Oral Health Science																							127	
Nutrition																							215	
Engineering																							2,406	
Design																							19,776	
Mercantile Marine Science																							381	
Agriculture																							121	
Fisheries																							135	
Home Economics																							5	
Art																							99	
Physical Education																							4,510	
TOTAL	3	116	343	610	862	1,255	1,383	1,686	1,770	2,056	2,203	2,339	2,503	2,535	2,579	2,574	2,723	2,718	2,778	2,762	2,726	2,572	41,096	

(2) Breakdown of number of persons awarded degrees by preliminary qualification



(3) Number of NIAD-UE-Recognized Advanced Programs by Field (as of April 2014)

	Advanced Program of Junior College		Advanced Program of College of Technology		Total
	National/Public	Private	National/Public	Private	
Humanities, Liberal Arts		9			9
Education	1	24			25
Social Sciences		2	2		4
Science, Engineering, Agriculture		2	117	2	121
Mercantile Marine Science			5		5
Nursing, Health Science	2	18			20
Home Economics, Nutrition	1	11			12
Art	2	8			10
Total	6	74	124	2	206

● Awarding of Degrees (Scheme II)

NIAD-UE-Approved Courses and Number of Awarded Degrees (Scheme II)

Bachelor's level (as of April 2014)

	Years required to complete course	Date of Approval	Disciplinary field	Number of awarded degrees (Unit: Person)	
				FY2013	Total
National Defense Academy of Japan (Undergraduate Course)	4	Dec.1991	Science	36	668
	4	Dec.1991	Engineering	326	6,817
	4	Dec.1991	Social Sciences	57	1,368
	4	Mar.2001	Humanities	29	254
National Defense Medical College (School of Medicine, Medical Course)	6	Aug.1991	Medicine	63	1,428
National Fisheries University (Undergraduate Course)	4	Dec.1991	Fisheries	178	4,078
Japan Coast Guard Academy (Regular Course)	4	Dec.1991	BS in Coast Guard Operations and Law Enforcement	41	886
Meteorological College (Regular Course)	4	Dec.1991	Science	16	311
Polytechnic University (Undergraduate Course)	4	Dec.1991	Engineering	158	4,798
Polytechnic University (Faculty of Manufacturing Science & Technology)	4	Feb.2012	Science in Manufacturing Technology	—	—
National College of Nursing (Undergraduate Course)	4	Mar.2001	Nursing	105	950
				1,009	21,558

Master's level (as of April 2014)

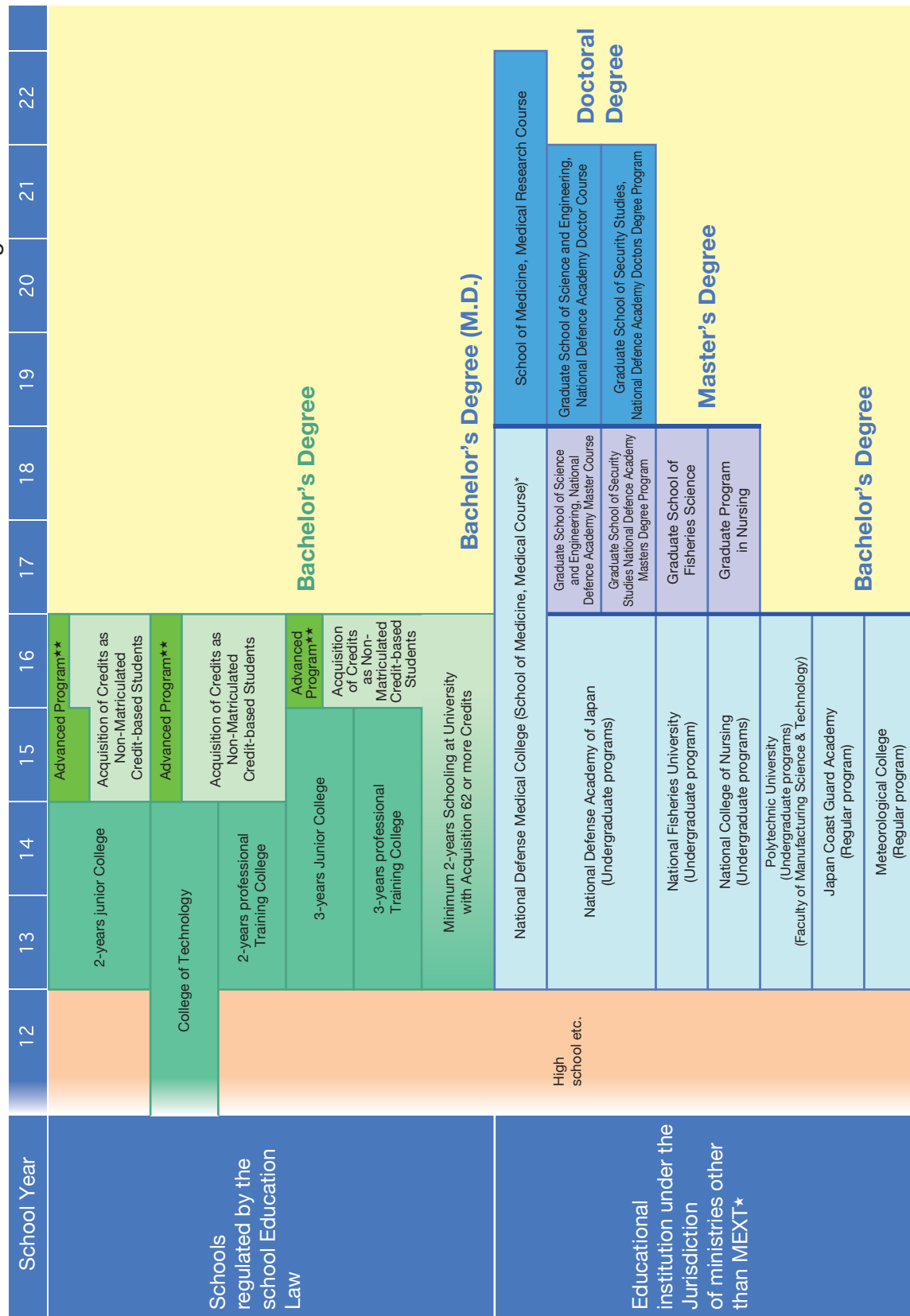
	Years required to complete course	Date of Approval	Disciplinary field	Number of awarded degrees (Unit: Person)	
				FY2013	Total
National Defense Academy (Graduate School of Science and Engineering)	2	Dec.1991	Science	7	132
	2	Dec.1991	Engineering	55	1,239
National Defense Academy (Graduate School of Security Studies)	2	Mar.1997	Security Studies* ¹	13	261
Polytechnic University (Graduate School of Engineering)* ²	2	Dec.1991	Engineering	2	470
National Fisheries University (Graduate School of Fisheries Science)	2	Jun.1994	Fisheries	7	185
National College of Nursing (Training Center for Nursing Development)	2	Feb.2005	Nursing	8	60
				92	2,347

*¹ Referred to as "Social Sciences" until FY2002
*² It abolishes at the end of the FY2012.

Doctoral level (as of April 2014)

	Years required to complete course	Date of Approval	Disciplinary field	Number of awarded degrees (Unit: Person)	
				FY2013	Total
National Defense Medical College (School of Medicine, Medical Research Course)	4	Aug.1991	Medical Science	21	399
National Defense Academy (Graduate School of Science and Engineering)	3	Mar.2001	Science	0	6
	3	Mar.2001	Engineering	6	51
National Defense Academy (Graduate School of Security Studies)	3	Feb.2009	Security Studies	5	8
				32	464

Illustration of Schools and Educational Institutions Connected With NIAD-UE Degrees



★ MEXT: Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
 ★★ NIAD-UE recognized Course
 * A nursing division (four-year program) was newly established in the School of Medicine, the National Defense Medical College, in April 2014, and is currently under examination by NIAD-UE with regard to its curricula, etc.

FY2014 Budget of NIAD-UE

(Unit: Million yen)

Classification	Amount
< Revenue >	
Subsidies for administration expenses	1,250
Handling fees for certified evaluation	387
Fees for examinations to award degrees	133
Other income	8
Total	1,778
< Expenditure >	
General and administrative expenses	1,036
Expenses for evaluation of higher education institutions	387
Expenses for examinations to award degrees	133
Other administrative expenses	222
Total	1,778

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

Land and Buildings

(Unit: m²)

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 2014)

(Unit: Person)

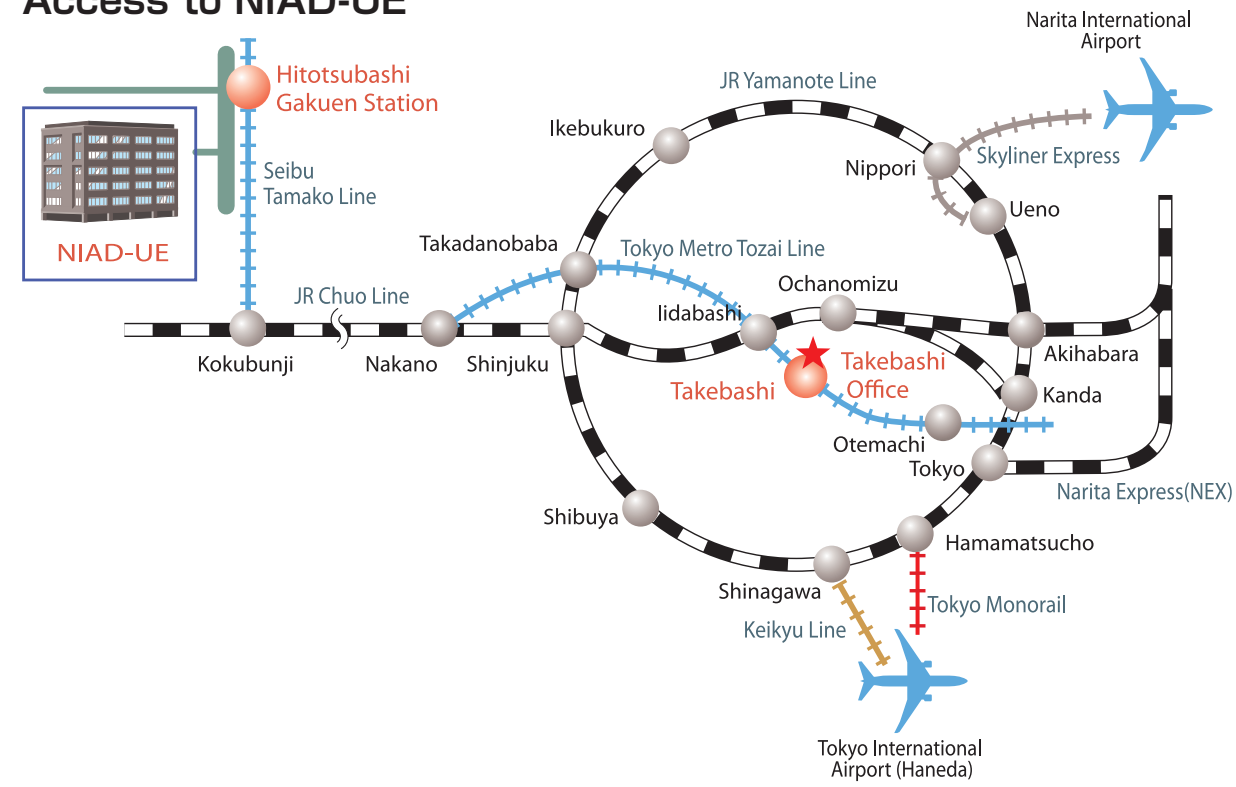
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President	Vice-Presidents	Auditors	Total	Academic Staff	General Staff	Total	
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* The numbers in parentheses are the numbers of outside directors who are not full-time administrators.

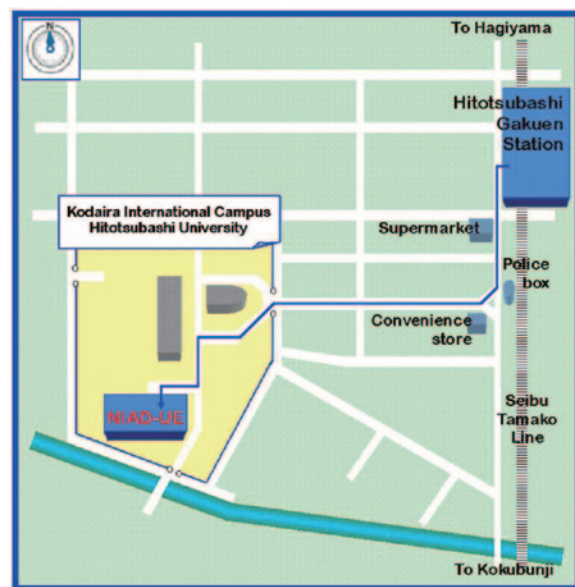


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(National Center of Science Bldg. 11F)



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