

The 5th Meeting of Japan-China-Korea Quality Assurance Council Results

■ Council Meeting

- Date and Time: Monday 5 August 2013, 14:00-17:00
- Venue: Conference Room 3 and 4, 2F National Center of Science Building, Tokyo, Japan
- Participants (total 27): 20 from Japan including NOGAMI Tomoyuki, President of NIAD-UE, 3 from China including WANG Zhanjun, Deputy Director-General of HEEC, and 4 from Korea including SEO Min Won, President of KUAI, KCUE

■ Agenda and Future Initiatives:

PG1: Information Sharing

Key agreements:

- The Council reaffirmed its interest in information sharing among the three countries in order to foster mutual understanding of quality assurance in higher education in Japan, China and Korea. The Council works on this by creating an Information Package and developing a web-based platform (China-Japan-Korea Quality Assurance Council website).
- The Information Package is to be consisting of basic information and special subject information (for now, information related to CAMPUS Asia programs).
- The documents are to be compiled both in native language of each country and English in principle.
- The China-Japan-Korea Quality Assurance Council website will serve as an integrating platform for general QA information, a working platform for the Council and 3 project groups, and a publishing platform for CAMPUS Asia quality monitoring.
- The Council will consider developing the website in native language of each country and English.
- The Council website will be developed to be useful for users including students in future.

Future initiatives:

- The three QA agencies will exchange the latest information with each other in order to establish an information update mechanism on a regular basis. The agencies make full use of the web-based platform as well as websites of QA agencies in the three countries to disseminate the Council activities.

PG2: QA guidelines

Key agreements:

- The Council reaffirmed its primary interest in enhancing the higher education quality assurance in the three countries, but not only quality monitoring for CAMPUS Asia.
- The PG2 conduct a monitoring project on the basis of circumstances in each country focusing on university's quality assurance activities for the CAMPUS Asia pilot programs. Through this monitoring project, the Council will draw up joint guidelines on quality assurance of transnational education for future joint monitoring by the three institutions.
- The monitoring project is to promote quality enhancement of the pilot programs. The monitoring process will be carried out twice during a five-year period. The project will identify good practices from the aspect of the quality of education and disseminate them broadly to higher education community.
- The first monitoring process in 2013 is to be carried out separately in the three countries in line with the criteria developed by each agency. For the development of joint guidelines, it is extremely important to compare and analyze different and common aspects of good practices identified by each country and increase further mutual understanding.

Future initiatives:

- In 2014, PG2 will compare and analyze quality assurance activities in the three countries, and then will examine the criteria and methods for the second monitoring process to be conducted in 2015.
- Good practices of transnational education identified in the first monitoring will be shared and made available broadly in the higher education community by publishing a report on good practices and holding international symposiums.
- Three agencies will hold an international joint seminar in the fall of 2014 in cooperation with each other.

PG3: Personnel Exchanges

Key agreements:

- The Council reaffirmed its interest in improving mutual understanding of quality-assured higher education and CAMPUS Asia program through personnel exchange.
- The Council is to promote mutual understanding through personnel

exchanges and implement exchange programs step by step, starting with the one available at this moment. Staff or researcher exchanges will be facilitated as the first step, and then the Council will extend human resources exchanges to evaluators or evaluation experts.

- Exchange programs will be implemented through the following ways:
 - A. International seminars held at an individual organizational level
 - B. International seminars jointly held by the three countries
 - C. Joint workshop
 - D. Conducting joint research
 - E. Dispatching and exchanging human resources

Future initiatives:

- The Council will utilize international seminars on quality-assured higher education/university evaluation held by each agency as a short-term training and personnel exchange program. Higher education experts and staff of the three institutions will be invited to the seminar as presenter or debater.
- The Council will jointly hold international seminars on a regular basis. The joint seminars will be held biennially with the first opening in 2014. The three countries will take turns arranging and hosting the seminar considering the timing of the event in relation with the Council meeting or CAMPUS Asia expert meeting. In cooperation with PG 2, the theme of the first joint seminar will be on details and results of monitoring CAMPUS Asia programs.
- The Council will foster personnel exchange among the three QA agencies while seeking solutions for issues one by one, including issues of cost sharing and language for joint seminars and human resources exchanges.

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