

## **Decision of Institutional Certified Evaluation and Accreditation**

Okinawa Prefectural University of Arts complies with the Standards for the Establishment of Universities and other relevant laws and regulations, and meets the Standards for Evaluation and Accreditation of Universities set by NIAD-UE.

Good practices identified by the review committee include:

- The Ryukyuan Performing Arts Major, Department of Music, Faculty of Music and the Theater Arts Major, Graduate School of Music Arts (MA Program) (Ryukyuan Classical Music course, Theater Arts Major, and Ryukyuan Dance Kumiodori course, Theater Arts Major) being organizations that provide education and conduct research on traditional Okinawan music and arts, and embody the Founding Principles of this Institution, which include the “continuation and creation of distinctive arts and culture cultivated in the unique environment of Okinawa” and “fostering of human resources who will undertake these tasks,”
- Practical examinations for students’ specialty at the Faculty of Music and the Graduate School of Music Arts being administered openly in front of an audience of students of the university, ensuring the objectivity of the examinations by making clear each examiner’s comments and grades for each examinee, and
- The fact, stated in the report on the comprehensive external audit of the prefecture in FY2010, that a majority of human resources developed by the university are involved in activities to inherit, promote and develop arts and culture, exemplified by young artists who inherit and pass down “Kumiodori,” inscribed on UNESCO’s Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, being mostly graduates of the university.

Areas for improvement identified by the review committee include:

- An inadequate admission rate far below the admission capacity at some graduate schools in the graduate program, and
- The lack of explicitly formulated rules regarding credits in the graduate program.

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