

Decision of Institutional Certified Evaluation and Accreditation

The Graduate University for Advanced Studies (Sokendai) 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:

- Establishing the Center for the Promotion of Integrated Sciences, a university-wide education and research center that serves as a base for academic interaction at the institutional level, and works to develop leading interdisciplinary fields of study through the promotion of integrated sciences,
- Carrying out programs to promote the internationalization of education, including the Short-Stay Study Abroad Program to provide students opportunities to study at universities, research institutes or other institutions abroad; the Sokendai International Lectures to hold seminars with researchers, students and other people at universities, research institutes and other institutions abroad; and the Sokendai Lectures (International Communication Program) to provide opportunities for students to participate in English training programs and to interact with young researchers visiting Japan through poster sessions, which coincides with the JSPS (Japan Society for the Promotion of Science) Summer Program, where young researchers from North America and Europe engage in research exchanges at Japanese research institutes and other institutions, and
- The “Course-by-Course Education Program to Develop Student Research Capability and Aptitude” (from FY2009 through 2011), selected in the FY2009 Program for Enhancing Systematic Education in Graduate Schools offered by MEXT; and the university continuing to carry out the program after the end of FY2011 as well.

Areas for improvement identified by the review committee include:

- An excessive admission rate above the admission capacity or an inadequate admission rate far below the admission capacity at some schools in the graduate program,
- The need to strengthen faculty development activities, and
- Department information being published separately on the websites of their parent

institutes, making it difficult to say that the university systematically organizes information at an institutional level.

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