

Decision of Institutional Certified Evaluation and Accreditation

Kochi University 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:

- Effective self-evaluations and appraisals of the academic staff on their teaching performance and research activities, with the results reflected in their salaries and bonuses;
- Publishing maps visualizing the organization of curriculums for all courses offered in each department and students' achievements in the undergraduate program;
- Developing the Internship Program for Developing the Ability to Explore Research Themes selected for the FY2004 Support Program for Contemporary Educational Needs funded by MEXT into various new programs after the support period ended, such as the Collaboration Based Internship (CBI) that allows students to work as interns for six months in the Tokyo metropolitan area); and playing a leading role in the Society Based Internship (SBI) carried out in collaboration with other universities and local industries as part of the Chugoku Shikoku Collaborative Human Resource Development Network in Industry and Higher Education selected for the FY2012 Program to Improve Education and Establish a Framework for Academia-Industry Cooperation to Meet the Needs of Industry funded by MEXT;
- Offering and enhancing community-based courses under the Kochi University Inside Community System (KICS), which was selected for the FY2013 Program for Promoting Universities as the Center of Community funded by MEXT;
- The Program of Nurturing Talented People to Establish a Sustainable Society in the Kuroshio Region selected for the FY2013 International Priority Graduate Programs funded by MEXT, in which the university offers five learning programs to promote the preservation of marine protected areas;
- Implementing a practical education program to train science teachers with extensive expertise and skills who will play a leading role in each school and community as part of the Kochi CST Program for Improving Science Education with Emphasis on the Establishment of a Solid Foundation selected for the FY2010 Establishing Training Centers for Core Science Teachers funded by the Japan Science and Technology Agency;
- Opening a program office on campus as part of a joint program with other national universities

in Shikoku entitled the Collaborative Program for University Education in Shikoku Based on E-knowledge led by Kagawa University under MEXT's FY2010 Program for Promoting the Reform of National Universities, and striving to enhance the self-directed learning environment in view of the analyses of needs and seeds conducted using the e-learning education support system devised in cooperation with other universities; and

- Disseminating information on the university's education, research activities, local community contributions, and community-based PR activities through the Kochi University Club and Family Doctor for Better Health radio programs.

Areas for improvement identified by the review committee include:

- Enrollment far below the capacity in the doctoral program.

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