

Decision of the institutional certified evaluation and accreditation:

The National Institute of Technology, Tokuyama College, complies with the Standards for the Establishment of Colleges of Technology and other relevant laws and regulations. Furthermore, it meets the Standards for Evaluation and Accreditation of Colleges of Technology set by the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education (NIAD-QE).

Reasons for the Decision:

This college meets all 37 Standards, except Standards 4-2, 5-6, 6-6, and 6-10, which comprise the Standards for Evaluation and Accreditation of Colleges of Technology.

Regarding Standards 4-2, 5-6, 6-6, and 6-10, certain improvements are necessary. However, this college meets all the priority evaluation standards (Standards 1-1, 1-2, and 1-3). Considering all factors comprehensively, including materials collected during the on-site review, no significant concerns were identified regarding the management of educational and research activities. This college maintains the quality of its educational and research activities.

Points to be improved:

- 1) The high-pressure gas management regulation is not established. (Standard 4-2)
- 2) For some learning-based credit subjects, outside-class study is not appropriately evaluated. (Standard 5-6)
- 3) In some course subjects, identical questions were used for midterm, final, and make-up exams. (Standard 5-6)
- 4) In some course subjects, identical evaluations were given to all enrolled students for assignments, failing to provide an appropriate assessment. (Standard 5-6)
- 5) In some course subjects, materials used for grading (model answers) were not properly stored. (Standard 6-6)
- 6) In academic selection based on entrance exams, oral interviews are used for specialized subject tests. However, since examinees' responses are not recorded or preserved, it is impossible to verify that student admissions are being conducted appropriately. (Standard 6-10)

The best practices identified by the review committee include the following:

- 1) Led by the *Center for Collaborative Research and Education*, this college vigorously pursues regional industrial development through industry-academia-government collaboration. This includes organizing industry-academia research conferences, special seminars, and technical workshops; deploying industry-academia coordinators for technical consultation; and providing grants for joint research with member companies. (Standard 4-2)

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