

Decision of institutional certified evaluation and accreditation:

The National Institute of Technology, Anan 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 5-6 and 6-6, which comprise the Standards for Evaluation and Accreditation of Colleges of Technology.

Regarding Standards 5-6 and 6-6, certain improvements are necessary. However, this college fully 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) In some course subjects, identical exam questions were used for the regular and the make-up exam. (Standard 5-6)
- 2) In some course subjects, identical evaluations were given to all enrolled students for assignments, failing to provide an appropriate assessment. (Standard 5-6)
- 3) In some course subjects, identical exam questions were used for final exams over multiple academic years. (Standard 6-6)

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

- 1) In April 2025, new programs were established: the *Intelligent Systems Program* in the *Course of Mechanical Engineering*, the *Optical Information Program* in the *Course of Electrical Engineering*, the *Smart City and Architecture Design Program* in the *Course of Civil Engineering*, and the *Chemistry and Information Program* in the *Course of Chemical Engineering*. Furthermore, the *Center for Education in Advanced Information Technology (CEAIT)* was established to introduce cutting-edge equipment and build a sustainable system for fostering advanced IT specialists, responding to societal needs. (Standard 2-1)
- 2) Initiatives to enhance faculty and staff capabilities are underway through training programs, such as *DMM Eikaiwa*, *Udemy Business*, and the *Shikoku Professional and Organizational Development Network in Higher Education*. (Standard 2-4)
- 3) *The Electrotechnical Innovation Practice* offered in the *Course of Electrical Engineering* is a unique entrepreneurship practicum. By starting a mock business with various operational tasks, students in their 2nd to 5th years engage as virtual working professionals, developing competencies essential for the workplace. This distinctive education fosters creativity and practical skills. (Standard 5-3)

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