Aim of the Symposium

Quality assurance in cross-border higher education (CBHE) has been on a worldwide agenda of higher education for more than 20 years, as exemplified by the Guidelines for Quality Provision in Cross-border Higher Education established by UNESCO and the OECD in 2005. It remains on a high priority agenda even today, along with contemporary emerging issues in higher education, such as introducing flexible learning and responding to the rapid advancement of artificial intelligence (AI.)

Many countries and regions have been working for years to develop and implement methods for CBHE quality assurance and are also attempting to update their methods to keep up with developments and changes in CBHE. Amid such trends, the quality assurance agencies of China, Japan, and Korea jointly developed the "Common Quality Assurance Standards" under the framework of "CAMPUS Asia," an initiative led by governments of the three countries to promote quality-assured inter-university exchange. NIAD-QE has been promoting this initiative as a subsidizer of the "Inter-University Exchange Project" by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan (MEXT).

In quality assurance of CBHE, it is important to understand and respect differences in national and regional contexts, as well as the elements they value while forming a common understanding of quality among the systems and institutions involved. Transparency is also an essential factor in quality assurance.

This symposium will focus on quality assurance in CBEH, particularly in international joint programs, and will introduce the latest practices of policies in Asia and Europe, which is advancing in this field, as well as initiatives by the Campus Asia Consortium and the "European University" consortium, a cross-border university consortium within Europe. Additionally, the symposium will highlight the content of the "Common Quality Assurance Standards" and discuss what constitutes quality inter-university exchange programs.

This symposium will be an opportunity to explore and deepen understanding of the perspectives, practices, and approaches to quality assurance in such programs and contribute to the further enhancement of the quality of international inter-university exchange programs in Asia.

Timetable   The program may be subject to change.

14:00−14:05 **Opening Address**
HATTORI Yasunao President, NIAD-QE

14:05−14:10 **Welcome Speech**
SATO Kuniaki Director, International Affairs Division, Higher Education Bureau, MEXT

14:10−14:40 **"Advancing International Higher Education in Asia: Functions and Implications of Common Quality Assurance Standards"**
SUGIMURA Miki

14:40−15:05 **"Initiatives of Internal Quality Assurance in the "Asia Real Problem Solving-Driven AI Education Program" in Partnership with Four Asian Universities"**
NISHIZAKI Hiromitsu
*Yamanashi University is a member of "A³I: Real Problem Solving Driven Artificial Intelligence Education Program"

15:05−15:25 Networking & Refreshment Break

15:25−15:55 **"Quality assurance - building trust and confidence in Cross Border HE"**
Douglas Blackstock

15:55−16:20 **"Shaping the umbrella. Una Europa's internal quality assurance process for joint education"**
Margot Van den Broeck [Online presentation]
*KU Leuven is a member of "Una Europa" University Alliance

16:20−16:50 **"Developing the Common Quality Assurance Standards"**
Dongseok Seo, Shuo Wang(Presentation style: TBD)**, HOTTA Taiji**

16:50−17:00 Refreshment Break

17:00−17:25 **Panel Discussion**

17:25−17:30 **Closing Remarks**
MITSUISHI Mamoru Vice President, NIAD-QE