

The 2nd Finnish and Japanese Higher Education Seminar

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Preamble

The second seminar on Finnish and Japanese Higher Education Seminar is hosted by Center for National University Finance and the University of Helsinki. The theme is University Reform in Finland and Japan. This is the second seminar and the first seminar was held at University Tampere in 2007. We discussed university reform in each country and the result of discussion was summarized into a book “University Reform in Finland and Japan” which is favorably reviewed by some European journals on higher education.

At the first seminar Japanese national university system has finished incorporation reform but Finnish system has not adopted the corporation system yet. But now Japanese system is in the second cycle of the six year mid-term goals and plans. And Finland has just begun new system of higher education in 2010. In this situation we will discuss the current both institutional and system reform and the consequences of the reform in finance and management of university, funding and evaluation for universities in order to hopefully get some perspectives and ideas of possible university reform in the future.

Finnish Speakers

Jari Gustafsson, the Ambassador of Finland in Japan

Timo Aarrevaara, the University of Helsinki

Evanthia Kalpazidou Schmid, Aarhus University, Denmark

Seppo Holtta, the University of Tampere

Turo Virtanen, the University of Helsinki

Ian R Dobson, the University of Helsinki

Japanese Speakers

Teiich Sato, Former Permanent Delegate of Japan to UNESCO, Former Vice Administrative Minister of Education

Yasunaga Toyoda, President of Center for National University Finance and Management

Motohisa Kaneko, Director of Research Division, Center for National University Finance and Management

Fumihiko Maruyama, Professor, Center for National University Finance and Management

Kensuke Mizuta, Professor, Center for National University Finance and Management

Japanese Participants Selected

Naoki Murata, Director of Press and Culture Exchange, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Takashi Goda, Director of Science and Technology Policy Bureau, the Ministry of Education.

Eiji Watanabe, Research Promotion Division, the Ministry of Education.

Masayuki Shibata, Director General, Agency for Cultural Affairs

Junnko Kawamura, Director of Private School Education, the Ministry of Education

Masayuki Matsuda, President of Aichi University of Education

Sei Kagawa, President of Tokushima University

Shinnich Yamamoto, Director of Research Center for Higher Education, Hiroshima University

Akira Tachi, Professor, Obirin University

Aya Yoshida, Professor, Waseda University

Kiyoshi Yamamoto, Professor, the University of Tokyo