

## Decision of Institutional Certified Evaluation and Accreditation

The National Institute of Technology, Nara College complies with the Standards for the Establishment of Colleges of Technology and other relevant laws and regulations and 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). It fulfills all requirements defined as Priority Evaluation Items in Viewpoint 1-1.

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

- 1) The College is actively engaged in education that fosters creativity, such as offering multiple project-based learning (PBL) lessons, with these initiatives resulting in notable achievements that include winning the Robocon Grand Prize and the Special Award at the KOSEN Robot Contest (Robocon), the Excellence Award at the College Space Camp 2018 CubeSat Model Contest, and a prize at the Magnesium Design Contest.
- 2) The employment rate (the number of students employed divided by the number of students seeking post-graduation employment) for the associate and diploma courses is extremely high, with graduates employed in the manufacturing and other industries suitable for engineers the College hopes to produce. The rate of students advancing to higher education (the number of students advancing to higher education divided by the number of students wishing to do so) for the regular and advanced courses is also extremely high, with graduates advancing to the diploma courses at the colleges of technology, faculties of engineering, or graduate schools related to their associate and diploma courses.

Areas for improvement identified by the review committee include the following:

- 1) The College has not conducted opinion surveys of people involved in students' career paths after graduation to examine the academic skills, qualifications, and abilities acquired by the time of graduation (Viewpoint 7-1-(2)).

The College's response to the coronavirus pandemic:

NIAD-QE asked the College to report its response to the coronavirus pandemic, as the spread of infections has affected educational activities in unprecedented ways since the beginning of the 2020 school year. Consequently, it was confirmed that the College is dealing with the situation as mentioned in the appendix.

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