

Decision of Institutional Certified Evaluation and Accreditation

The National Institute of Technology, Akita 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 offers *Mechanical Design and Technology* and *Architectural Design Exercises IV and V* as educational methods for fostering creativity. This initiative has enabled students to demonstrate remarkable creativity and produced successful outcomes, such as the Excellence Award at the 2019 KOSEN Design Competition and the Special Award at the 2020 KOSEN Robot Contest.
- 2) The employment rate (the number of students employed divided by those 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 that the College hopes to produce. The rate of students advancing to higher education (the number of students advancing to higher education divided by those wishing to do so) for the associate and diploma 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 syllabus does not describe the content related to the relationship with educational goals (Viewpoint 5-2-(2)).

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