



National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education

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Title: Transferring the History of the Subject/Transforming the History of the Subject

Language, culture, science, and laws of physics discovered by our ancestors continually evolve with the times. Education (at school) and culture serve as an interface between the past and the future: we learn from history, and then develop and apply this knowledge to shape the world of the future. After that, we pass on the cumulative fruits of this process of evolution, development, and application; that is the starting point of higher education, whose components provide the building blocks of our world.

In the plaque shown above, the sculptor Matt Mullican expresses this concept in his own way, with signs and symbols that he has created himself.

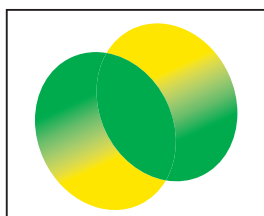
From the top left, this work starts with the Big Bang and then progresses in chronological order through the birth of life, the invention of tools, advances in technology, the development of communication, and a space capsule. It shows how changes over the course of history in life sciences, geosciences, archaeology, engineering, astronomy, and literature, among others, are related to the modern academic framework.

In addition, the five basic elements of which the world is composed – a consistent theme throughout Mullican's work – are shown at the bottom of the plaque: thought; the means of expressing thought, i.e., language; the world surrounded by language (the subjective world, i.e., that which humanity has created); the world outside language (the objective world, i.e., nature); and division and combination. This concept represents the fact that the things created by our ancestors are the components of our world, and that the world is constantly undergoing a repeated process of division and combination.

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『The NIAD-QE logo』



This logo is a stylized representation of the letter 'N,' the first letter in the name of NIAD-QE: NIAD-QE is moving toward a new age with focusing on fairness and trustworthiness. Yellow represents development; and green represents hope.

The NIAD-QE Charter

The NIAD-QE Charter

The environment surrounding higher education in Japan has changed considerably with the spread of globalization and the diversification of universities. Quality assurance and improvement, and international recognition are more important than ever throughout higher education. In this situation, the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education (NIAD-QE) was established through the merger of the National Institution for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation and the Center for National University Finance and Management.

Based on the achievements of both organizations since their founding, and to further strengthen its university support functions, NIAD-QE is taking the opportunity presented by this merger to reaffirm its mission and role, and its basic goals. Thus, it has adopted the NIAD-QE Charter as a guideline for all members, and NIAD-QE pledges to live up to the trust and expectations of society.

April 1, 2016

(The Role of NIAD-QE)

NIAD-QE supports improvements in the quality of higher education in Japan, which contribute to the development of Japanese higher education: the evaluation of universities and colleges, the awarding of academic degrees, cooperation in quality assurance, studies and research on all of these topics, and the provision of loans and grants for facilities at national university corporations.

1. Conducting evaluations with international recognition

NIAD-QE is a pioneer in the development of evaluation systems in Japan: It is a core third-party evaluation organization that evaluates the status of education and research activities at universities and colleges in Japan. NIAD-QE both develops advanced evaluations with wide international recognition, and conducts those evaluations. NIAD-QE also promotes cooperation with evaluation organizations in Japan and overseas.

2. Providing opportunities to obtain an academic degree based on diverse learning outcomes

NIAD-QE offers an increasingly diverse array of learners the opportunity to obtain an academic degree: It is Japan's only non-university body that awards academic degrees. This contributes to the transition to a system of lifelong learning and diverse development of higher education.

3. Cooperating with universities, colleges, and quality assurance organizations

NIAD-QE is Japan's leading organization for quality assurance in higher education. It works with universities, colleges, and quality assurance organizations in Japan and overseas, to gather, collate, and publish relevant information, and develop and provide quality assurance programs. Thus, NIAD-QE supports autonomous quality assurance at universities and colleges, and it focuses on improving the quality of higher education in Japan.

4. Promoting quality assurance studies and research

NIAD-QE promotes basic research on its projects, and practical research to verify these projects; it can do research on quality assurance in higher education. NIAD-QE also conducts selective studies and thus to research on policy issues related to quality assurance, so it contributes to the enhancement of quality assurance in Japanese higher education.

5. Providing loans and grants for facilities at national university corporations, etc.

NIAD-QE helps to enhance the education and research environment at national university corporations, etc., and thus to improve finance and management by providing loans and grants for the development of facilities, thereby contributing to the promotion of education and research at national university corporations, etc.

(The Management Policy of NIAD-QE)

1. Undertaking duties to ensure effective management

As an incorporated administrative agency, NIAD-QE never forgets that it has been entrusted with its duties by the citizens of Japan, and will carry them out. This will ensure that NIAD-QE achieves its mid-term objectives and mid-term plan. In addition, NIAD-QE aims to make improvements and revisions based on ceaseless self-assessment, and it will strive to guarantee, effective management, while also seeking to improve the quality of its operations.

2. Working with Colleagues involved with universities

NIAD-QE is an organization founded as an inter-university research institute. It cooperates with universities and colleges to do projects that universities cannot do alone.

3. Ensuring neutrality, fairness, and transparency

NIAD-QE ensures neutrality, fairness, and transparency in the execution of its duties, and gains the understanding of those involved in higher education, and other diverse parties. It aims to gain the trust of society. It emphasizes compliance, respect for human rights, and the protection of information. In addition, through proactive dissemination and disclosure of information, NIAD-QE informs society of the results of its activities, always ensuring transparency. In particular, while working closely with universities, colleges, and quality assurance organizations, NIAD-QE maintains neutrality by constantly being aware of differences in levels of information disclosure.

4. Strengthening internal controls and encouraging closer staff-faculty partnerships

NIAD-QE seeks to strengthen internal controls under the leadership of its President. In order to carry out its duties, NIAD-QE encourages closer relationships between staff and faculty members, thus making the most of the combined strength of the organization.

About NIAD-QE

Introduction

The National Institution for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation and the Center for National University Finance and Management merged on April 1, 2016 and formed the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education (NIAD-QE). Working with universities and colleges to ensure that higher education merits the expectations of society, NIAD-QE supports the efforts of universities and colleges to enhance the quality of their education and research, and strives to achieve recognition and appreciation of academic degrees as the results of learning at the higher education level. To achieve these objectives, NIAD-QE performs university evaluations, awards academic degrees, undertakes cooperation in quality assurance, provides loans and grants for facilities, and conducts studies and research on these topics.

University Evaluation

NIAD-QE conducts third-party evaluations of higher education institutions to support the efforts of universities and colleges to maintain and enhance the quality of their education and research. To realize this goal, NIAD-QE strives to make sure that universities and colleges help each other to enhance quality by conducting objective evaluations by university personnel, and other stakeholders. As an evaluation organization accredited by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, NIAD-QE has continued the certified evaluation and accreditation of 251 universities, 119 colleges of technology, and 62 law schools since FY2005. And at the request of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) National University Corporation Evaluation Committee, NIAD-QE has been evaluating the education and research at national university corporations and inter-university research institute corporations during the medium-term objective period.

Along with playing a leading role in the third-party evaluation of Japan's universities and colleges, NIAD-QE supports universities and colleges in improving the quality of their education and research through evaluation.

Awarding of Academic Degrees

NIAD-QE is the only organization in Japan that has the right to award academic degrees equivalent to university degrees. NIAD-QE has awarded degrees to more than 70,000 people since March, 1992. NIAD-QE awards degrees in two schemes: for graduates of junior colleges and colleges of technology, etc., who have accumulated credit hours to a certain level of learning (Bachelor's degrees); and for those who have completed courses at educational institutions operated by government ministries/agencies recognized as equivalent to university undergraduate programs or graduate programs (Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctoral degrees).

NIAD-QE's aims are to award academic degrees to learners with academic ability equivalent to that of people who have completed university undergraduate or graduate programs, and to ensure that diverse learning outcomes at the higher education level are recognized and appreciated.

Cooperation in Quality Assurance

To support quality assurance in higher education institutions, NIAD-QE works with universities and colleges to acquire, arrange, and distribute information on quality assurance in higher education both in Japan and overseas. NIAD-QE uses a variety of channels, including Japanese College and University Portraits, which is a common data portal that supplies information on education at universities and colleges in Japan. NIAD-QE also collates and publishes information about various learning opportunities provided by higher education institutions in Japan. And NIAD-QE works with universities and colleges to create programs for training in quality assurance. Furthermore, to increase international recognition of, and confidence in, Japanese higher education, NIAD-QE also engages in partnership and cooperation activities with quality assurance organizations both in Japan and overseas.

NIAD-QE actively supports the quality assurance activities of higher education institutions in Japan, and also works with universities and quality assurance organizations.

Studies and Research

NIAD-QE conducts research to form the foundation of its programs, and also research to verify these programs. In addition, it conducts research on quality assurance in Japanese higher education. NIAD-QE conducts this research with higher education institutions and quality assurance organizations in Japan and overseas, and NIAD-QE also ensures the neutrality of its programs.

In addition to improving the quality of higher education and reflecting the further development of its programs, NIAD-QE makes its research output available to universities, colleges, and other relevant organizations. NIAD-QE also conducts research that meets the expectations of society.

Loans and Grants for Facilities

NIAD-QE provides loans and grants for the development of facilities at national university corporations, inter-university research institute corporations, and the Institute of National Colleges of Technology, Japan.

To ensure that these institutions fulfill their mission by providing education, conducting research, and contributing to society, NIAD-QE provides loans and grants to national university corporations etc., to support them in developing a better education and research environment, and also improving their finances and management.

Greetings from the President

The National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education (NIAD-QE) was launched April 1, 2016, when the National Institution for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation merged with the Center for National University Finance and Management.

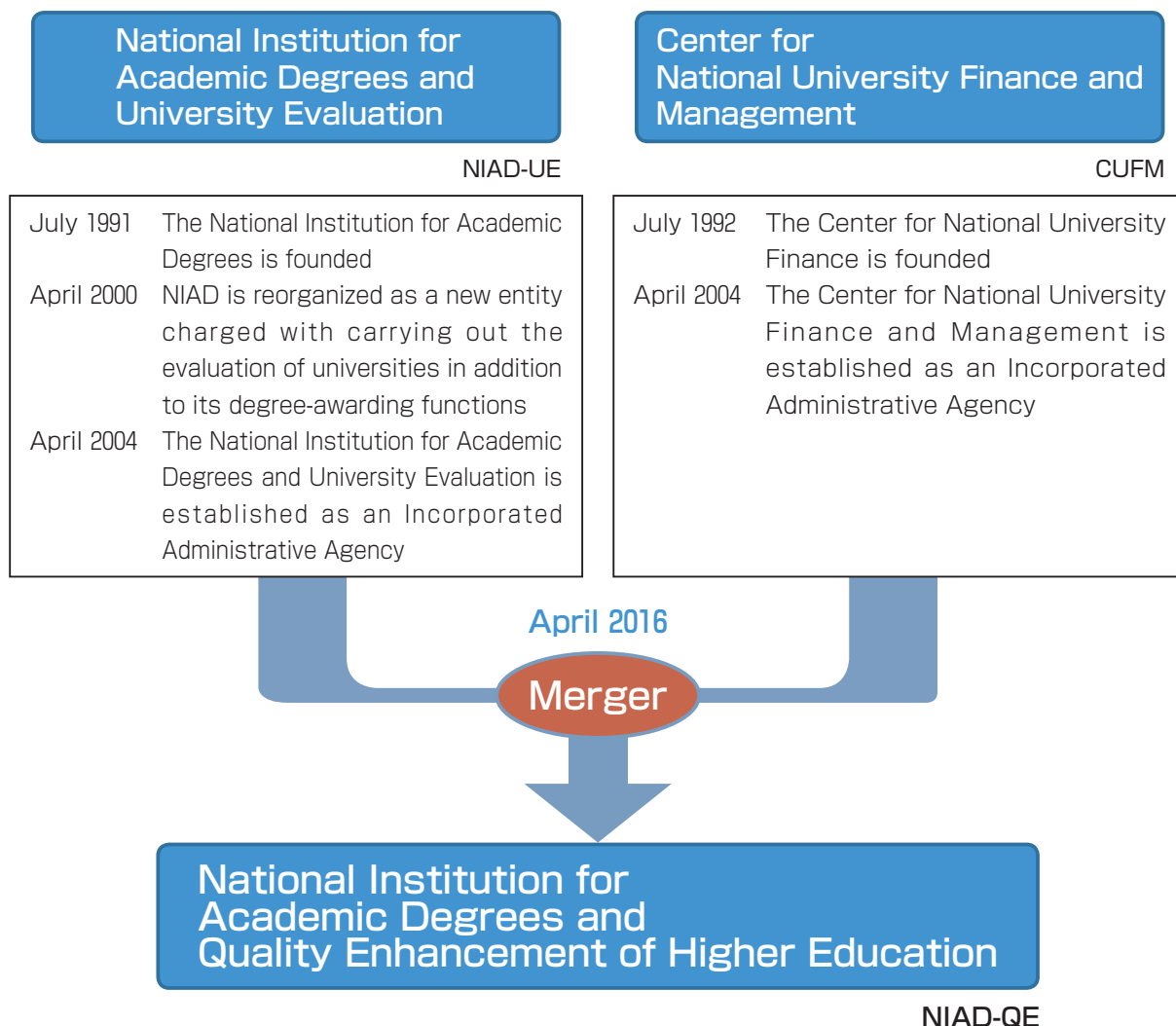
NIAD-QE will continue to carry out the work of both predecessors: evaluating universities and colleges, awarding academic degrees, conducting cooperative quality assurance, and providing loans and grants to facilities. In addition, we at NIAD-QE will use the achievements and strengths of the predecessors to generate synergy through the merger, and contribute to efforts to improve the quality of higher education.

The environment of higher education in Japan is changing rapidly with globalization and the diversification of universities. Thus, NIAD-QE and other organizations that support the work of universities are the focus of growing expectations, among both people involved in higher education and the public. I believe the role that organizations such as ours should play has increased tremendously in recent years.

NIAD-QE will use this merger to increase the clarity of our operations and fulfill our mission. Every member of NIAD-QE is dedicated to ensuring the further development of Japanese higher education, and we would appreciate your understanding and cooperation.



NIAD-QE President
FUKUDA Hideki



NIAD-QE Presented with APQN Quality Award

In March 2018, NIAD-QE was presented one of the 2018 APQN Quality Awards along with the Higher Education Evaluation Center of the Ministry of Education (HEEC) of China, and the Korean Council for University Education (KCUE).

These awards are presented by the Asia-Pacific Quality Network (APQN) to honor organizations and individuals who have made outstanding contributions to quality assurance and have undertaken exemplary initiatives in the Asia-Pacific region. NIAD-QE and its partners were jointly presented with the award for International Cooperation in QA, which recognizes organizations that demonstrate success in international cooperation. The Japanese, Chinese, and Korean quality assurance agencies' five-year partnership have monitored the CAMPUS Asia pilot programs since 2011, which was acknowledged as a notable achievement.

CAMPUS Asia is a joint initiative led by the governments of Japan, China, and Korea, and its aim is to expand student exchanges with quality assurance among universities in those three countries. Under this initiative, 10 joint international educational programs were adopted as pilot programs in 2011. NIAD-QE, HEEC, and KCUE monitored these CAMPUS Asia programs to identify outstanding examples, and they also drew up quality assurance guidelines for joint international educational programs, which the three agencies disseminated to a wider audience via international conferences and the like. The implementation of joint quality assurance activities by quality assurance agencies in three countries was a pioneering initiative in global perspective, and these three agencies continue to conduct joint monitoring activities concerning the new CAMPUS Asia programs, which began full-fledged operation in 2016.



Award ceremony



Certificate and commemorative plaque

Role of NIAD-QE

NIAD-QE was established in accordance with the Act on General Rules for Independent Administrative Agencies and the Act on the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education, as an Independent Administrative Agency. NIAD-QE seeks to improve the level of education and research at universities and colleges (i.e., universities, junior colleges, colleges of technology, and inter-university research institutes) by evaluating education and research activities at these higher education institutions. In addition, it seeks to improve the education and research environment at national university corporations, etc. (i.e., national university corporations, inter-university research institute corporations, and the Institute of National Colleges of Technology, Japan) by providing them with loans and grants to fund the development of facilities. Furthermore, by awarding academic degrees based on evaluation of various learning outcomes at higher education institutions other than universities, NIAD-QE seeks to achieve a society that appropriately evaluates diverse learning outcomes. In doing so, its ultimate objective is to contribute to the further development of higher education in Japan. For this purpose, NIAD-QE carries out the following duties:

1. Evaluation of education, research, and other activities of universities and colleges, and disclosure of evaluation results to the universities and colleges concerned, as well as to the public, in order to enhance the standard of education and research at universities and colleges;
2. Provision of loans to national university corporations and inter-university research institute corporations for the acquisition of land, construction or enhancement of facilities, and installation of equipment, as specified by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) (provision of loans for facilities);
3. Provision of grants to national university corporations, etc. for the acquisition of land, construction or enhancement of facilities, as installation of equipment, as specified by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (provision of grants for facilities);
4. Awarding of academic degrees (Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctoral degrees) in accordance with the School Education Act;
5. Research on the evaluation of education and research activities at universities and colleges, and research on the evaluation of the learning outcomes required for the awarding of academic degrees;
6. Gathering, collating, and disseminating information on the evaluation of education and research activities at universities and colleges, and information about various learning opportunities at universities;
7. Evaluation of education and research activities at national university corporations and inter-university research institutes, based on requests from MEXT's National University Corporation Evaluation Committee, and then disclosure of the results of this evaluation to the Committee, the national university or inter-university research institute concerned, and the general public;
8. Collection of money paid by national university corporations, repayment of previous liabilities, and payment of interest on those liabilities;
9. Management and disposal of Center for National University Finance and Management property, NIAD-QE's predecessor, so that proceeds can be used to repay liabilities and to fund grants for facilities.

*Items 8 and 9 are duties being carried out for a certain period

Historical Sketch

April 2016

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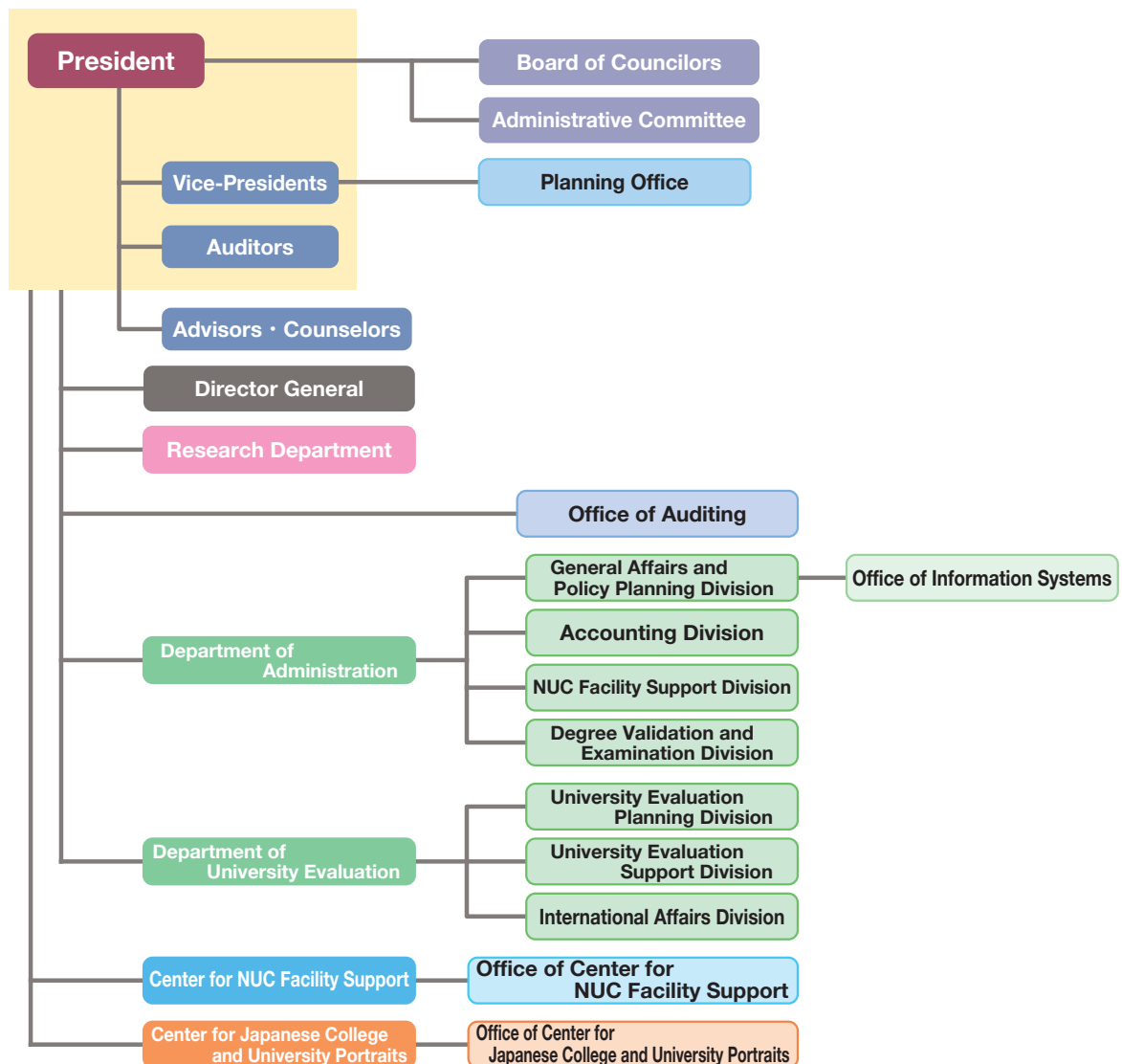
June 2017

The results of NIAD-QE's evaluation of education and research at national university corporations and inter-university research institute corporations during the second mid-term objective period are confirmed and published.

Organization and Administration

Organizational Chart

(As of June 2017)



* NUC : National University Corporation

Committees for University Evaluation

Committee for Certified Evaluation and Accreditation of Universities

Committee for Certified Evaluation and Accreditation of Colleges of Technology

Committee for Certified Evaluation and Accreditation of Law Schools

Committee for National University Corporation Education and Research Evaluation

Committee for Awarding of Academic Degrees

Committee for Validation and Examination of Degrees

Committee for Collaboration in Quality Assurance at Universities

Steering Committee for Japanese College and University Portraits

Committee for Loans and Grants for Facilities

Committee for National University Corporation Facility Support Center

Former Presidents

National Institution for Academic Degrees (July 1991 to March 2000)

National Institution for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation (April, 2000 to March 2016)

TANAKA Ikuzo	July 1991 to March 1998
KIMURA Tsutomu	April 1998 to March 2009
HIRANO Shin-ichi	April 2009 to March 2012
NOGAMI Tomoyuki	April 2012 to March 2016

Center for National University Finance (July 1992 to March 2004)

Center for National University Finance and Management (April, 2004 to March 2016)

MAEKAWA Tadashi	July 1992 to March 1999
OSAKI Hitoshi	April 1999 to March 2004
ENDO Akio	April 2004 to March 2010
TOYODA Nagayasu	April 2010 to March 2013
TAKAI Rikuo	April 2013 to March 2016

National Institution for Academic Degrees and
Quality Enhancement of Higher Education

FUKUDA Hideki April, 2016 to present

Executive Members

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CHO Shinichi

Visiting Professor

KATO Tetsuo

KAWASHIMA Tatsuo

KURODA Takaharu

HUANG Meiyong

TODAYAMA Kazuhisa

HAYASHI Takayuki

MIZUTA Kensuke

MITUDA Yoshitaka

YOSHITAKE Hiromichi

Visiting Associate Professor

SAITO Kiyoko

NODA Ayaka

■ Center for Japanese College and University Portraits

Executive Director

TUTIYA Syun

Professor

IDA Masaaki

Board of Councilors

The Board of Councilors discusses important matters concerning the institution's activities and management, at the President's request.

The Board can have up to 20 members who possess valuable insights concerning universities and other institutions, or who have the professional knowledge and experience necessary for managing NIAD-QE activities.

Administrative Committee

The Administrative Committee advises the President on management and implementation of NIAD-QE activities that the President determines to be necessary.

The committee can have up to 20 members, each with experience as a university president, specialist engaged in education and research, or a NIAD-QE professor.

Committee for Certified Evaluation and Accreditation of Universities

The Committee for Certified Evaluation and Accreditation of Universities discusses evaluations of the overall condition of education and research activities at universities. The committee can have up to 30 members, each a university president, professor, or a specialist with experience in society, economics, and culture.

Committee for Certified Evaluation and Accreditation of Colleges of Technology

The Committee for Certified Evaluation and Accreditation of Colleges of Technology holds deliberations about evaluations of the overall status of education and research at colleges of technology. The committee can have up to 20 members, each a college of technology president, professor, or a specialist with experience in society, economics, and culture.

Committee for Certified Evaluation and Accreditation of Law Schools

The Committee for Certified Evaluation and Accreditation of Law Schools holds deliberations on evaluations of the overall status of education and research activities at law schools. The committee can have up to 30 members, each an academic with broad knowledge of law schools, judicial officers, or a specialist with experience in society, economics, and culture.

Committee for National University Corporation Education and Research Evaluation

The Committee for National University Corporation Education and Research Evaluation makes evaluations of the conditions of education and research at national university corporations and inter-university research institutes, based on requests from MEXT's National University Corporation Evaluation Committee. The committee can have up to 30 members, each a university president, professor, inter-university research institute president, or faculty member with experience in society, economics, and culture.

Committee for Validation and Examination of Degrees

The Committee for Validation and Examination of Degrees is in charge of both the examination involved in the awarding of academic degrees, and the approval and recognition of advanced courses provided by various educational institutions other than universities. The Committee can have up to 20 members, each with an advanced academic background, such as a professor at a university or NIAD-QE professor.

Steering Committee for Japanese College and University Portraits

The Steering Committee for Japanese College and University Portraits discusses how to manage the Portraits. The committee can have up to 12 members, who either have direct knowledge and experience in higher education, or have been nominated by community of higher education that concerns gathering, publishing and utilizing information in the Portraits.

Committee for National University Corporation Facility Support Center

This body gives advice to assist the National University Corporation Facilities Support Center in providing support based on the current financial and management status of national university corporations, etc., and the issues that they face. The Advisory Board has around 10 members, who possess broad and valuable insight concerning national university corporations.

NIAD-QE conducts third-party evaluation of higher education institutions to assist universities and colleges in enhancing the quality of their education and research activities. NIAD-QE tries to ensure that universities and colleges help enhance each other's quality by conducting objective evaluations with the involvement of university personnel and others who are highly qualified. NIAD-QE also leads the evaluation of education and research at Japanese universities and colleges by acquiring, arranging, and distributing information on university evaluations.

University Evaluation

● Certified Evaluation and Accreditation

At least once every seven years, national, public, and private universities (including junior colleges) and colleges of technology are evaluated by an organization certified by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (certified evaluation and accreditation organization). This evaluation focuses on the status of institutions' education and research, organizational management, and facilities and equipment. The aim is to improve the standard of their education and research. Universities with professional graduate schools (such as law schools) undergo evaluation by a certified evaluation and accreditation organization at least once every five years. And this evaluation focuses on the schools' academic programs, organization of academic staff, and other aspects of education and research activities, with the aim of establishing the professional graduate school.

[School Education Law, Article 109, Article 123, etc.]

1. Certified Evaluation and Accreditation of universities, and colleges of technology

NIAD-QE performs the following activities related to evaluation of the overall status of education and research at universities and colleges of technology:

Institutional Certified Evaluation and Accreditation of universities and colleges of technology

As a certified evaluation and accreditation organization accredited by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, NIAD-QE evaluates universities and colleges of technology that have applied for evaluation. In addition to its certified evaluation and accreditation activities, NIAD-QE conducts third-party evaluations on its own at the request of universities and colleges, focusing on 3 thematic items (i.e., Research Activities, Community Engagement, and Internationalization of Higher Education) in the case of universities, and 2 thematic items (i.e., Research Activities and Condition of Educational Services offered to Non-full-time Students) in the case of colleges of technology.

2. Certified Evaluation and Accreditation of professional graduate schools

NIAD-QE performs the following activities related to the evaluation of education and research activities at professional graduate schools:

Certified Evaluation and Accreditation of law schools

As a certified evaluation and accreditation organization accredited by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, NIAD-QE evaluates law schools that have applied for evaluation.

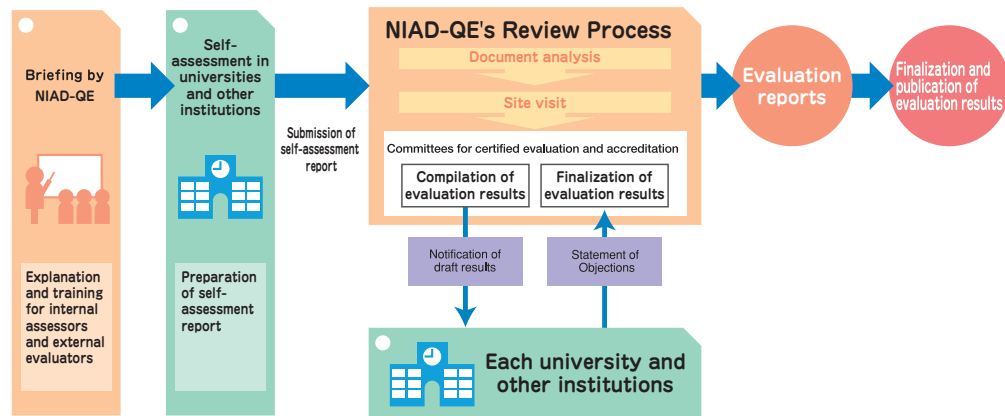


Universities and colleges that have met the evaluation criteria are permitted to use the NIAD-QE accreditation logo.

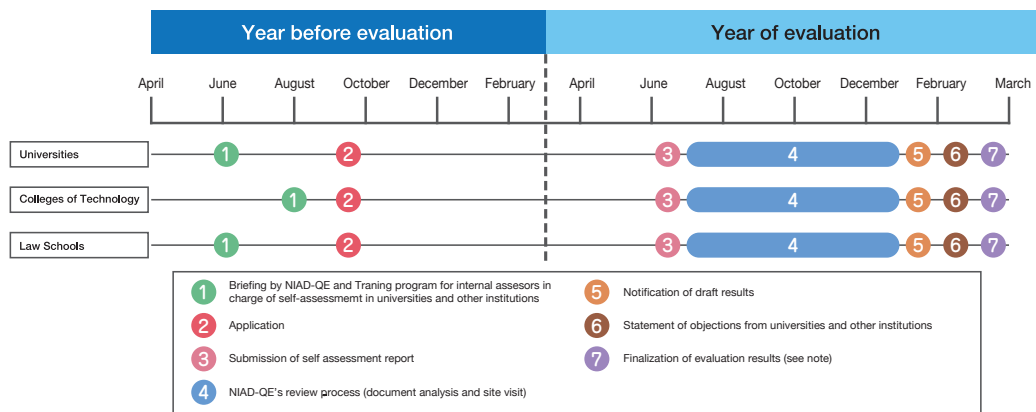
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Outline of Certified Evaluation and Accreditation

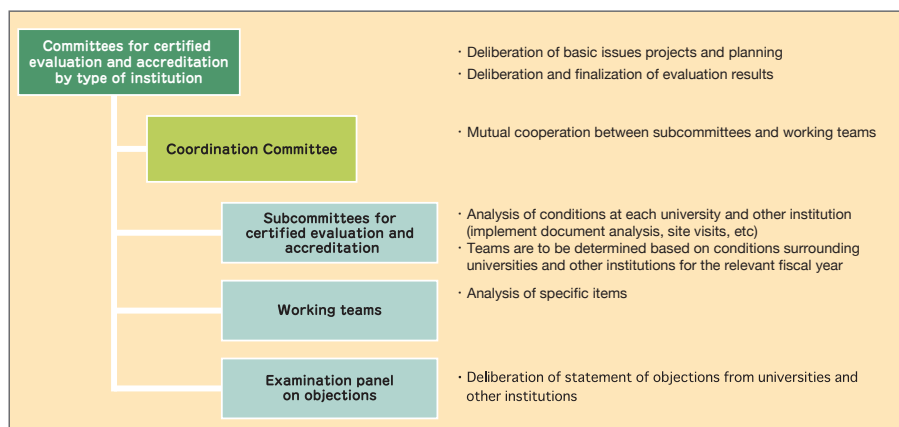
Process



Schedule of Certified Evaluation and Accreditation



Implementation System



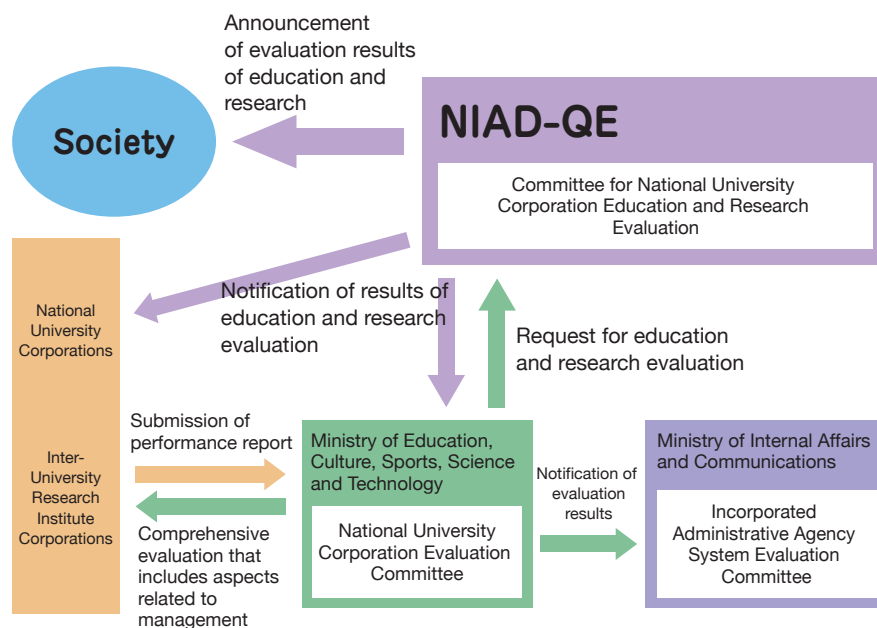
● Evaluation of education and research activities at national university corporations and inter-university research institute corporations

At the request of the National University Corporation Evaluation Committee, established under the auspices of MEXT, NIAD-QE will evaluate the performance of national university corporations and inter-university research institute corporations in terms of the performance of their duties during the mid-term objective period, focusing specifically on education and research at these corporations. The National University Corporation Evaluation Committee will respect the results of these evaluations in their comprehensive evaluations of the performance of duties during the mid-term objective period.

[National University Corporation Law, Article 31-1, Paragraph 1]

Evaluations of national university corporations must demonstrate accountability to society by presenting the status of each corporation in a comprehensible manner, taking into account the characteristics of the each corporations' education and research, and the independence and autonomy of its management. In FY2010, NIAD-QE evaluated the status of education and research at national university corporations and inter-university research institute corporations during the first mid-term objective period (FY2004-FY2009). NIAD-QE then conducted an evaluation for the second mid-term objective period (FY2010-FY2015) in FY2016. NIAD-QE submitted its findings to MEXT's National University Corporation Evaluation Committee in April 2017. After being confirmed by the committee, the results were made available to the general public in June that year. In FY2017, NIAD-QE reviewed the methods used to evaluate education and research during the second mid-term objective period. In FY2018, based on the findings from this review, NIAD-QE is examining ways to build a more appropriate evaluation system that will facilitate the evaluation of education and research during the third mid-term objective period.

System of National University Corporation Evaluation



Awarding of Academic Degrees

NIAD-QE provides alternative routes for learners to earn academic degrees (Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral) by evaluating various learning outcomes at the higher education level throughout society. NIAD-QE awards degrees to people recognized as having academic ability equal to those who have graduated from a university undergraduate program or graduate school. Under Japanese law, only universities and NIAD-QE are permitted to award degrees. NIAD-QE awards degrees based on examinations conducted jointly by its Committee for Validation and Examination of Degrees and expert committees in each specialty. The members of these committees are Japanese university and college professors with advanced academic backgrounds.

Awarding of Academic Degree

Awarding Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctoral Degrees

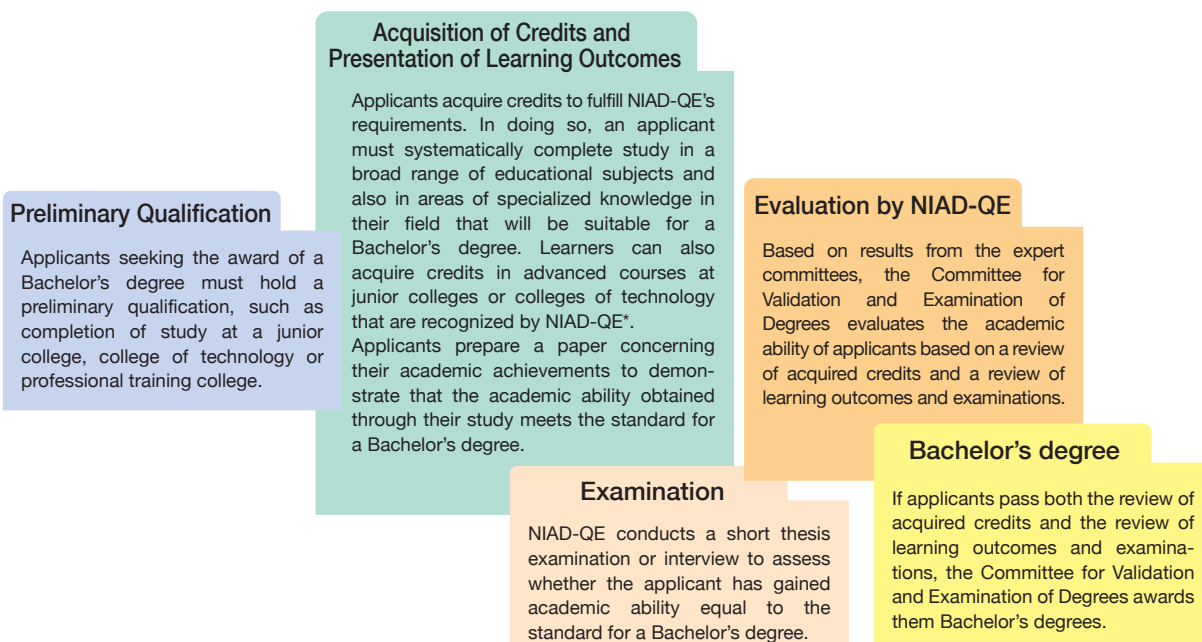


Scheme I

Awarding degrees to learners who have completed study at a junior college, college of technology or professional training college (Bachelor's degree)

NIAD-QE awards Bachelor's degrees to learners other than matriculated university students who have acquired enough academic credits and have sufficient academic attainments in their discipline. Applications are accepted twice a year, in April and October.

Flow of the Scheme



*A special provision has been introduced, under which students expected to complete an advanced course at a junior college or college of technology recognized by NIAD-QE may apply for a degree if NIAD-QE has determined that the special provision should apply to that course.

Degrees Awarded in Scheme I

In response to diversified interests among learners in this age of lifelong learning, NIAD-QE awards Bachelor's degrees in various major fields shown in the chart below. Based on deliberations by the Committee for Validation and Examination of Degrees, NIAD-QE revises the variety major fields as needed, in response to changing trends and social needs for specialized knowledge and learning.

● Major fields

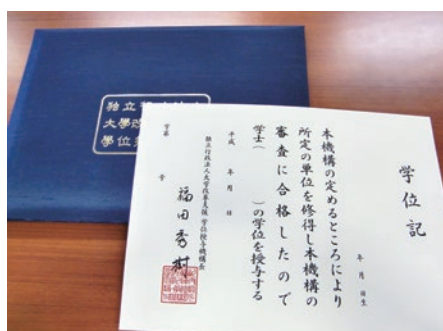
Literature	Commerce	Nutrition
Education	Business Administration	Engineering
Theology	Science	Design
Sociology	Pharmaceutical Sciences	Mercantile Marine Science
Liberal Arts	Nursing	Agriculture
Social Sciences	Health Science	Fisheries
Law	Acupuncture and Moxibustion	Home Economics
Political Science	Oral Health Science	Art
Economics	Judo Therapy	Physical Education

For more information on degrees awarded in Scheme I, please refer to the application guide, *Atarashii Gakushi e no Michi* (An Alternative Route to a Bachelor's Degree).

Atarashii Gakushi e no Michi can be viewed on the NIAD-QE website. A FAQ section about awarding of Bachelor's degrees through this system ("Q&A on Awarding of Academic Degrees") has also been set up on the website.

Atarashii Gakushi e no Michi https://www.niad.ac.jp/n_gakui/application/shinseishiryuu.html

Q&A on Awarding of Academic Degrees https://www.niad.ac.jp/n_gakui/tsumiage/degree_awards_system/qa.html



※ In FY2017, NIAD-QE launched a system of commendations, that are awarded to a select few Bachelor's degree recipients who are deemed to have demonstrated great diligence in lifelong learning.

Scheme II

Degrees Awarded upon Completion of Study at a NIAD-QE-Approved Program (Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral Degrees)

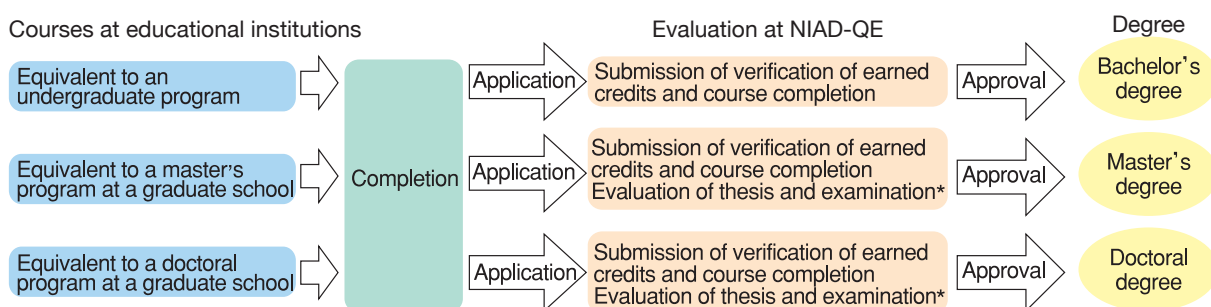
Under this scheme, NIAD-QE awards degrees to people who have completed courses in educational institutions other than universities that are recognized by NIAD-QE as providing education equivalent to an undergraduate or a graduate university program. When awarding these degrees, NIAD-QE assesses academic records and performances of individual applicants.

Program Approval and Examination of Educational Conditions

After receiving applications from educational institutions, the NIAD-QE Committee of Validation and Examination for Degrees examines these applications with regard to educational programs, faculty organization, facilities and other aspects by considering regulations connected with the School Education Law, the Standards for the Establishment of Universities, and the Standards for the Establishment of Graduate Schools. Those the committee judges as being at the same level as university undergraduate programs or graduate school master's/doctoral programs are recognized as offering education that is equivalent to these courses.

As a rule, NIAD-QE confirms that the above-mentioned level is being maintained by conducting a review of education conditions every 5 years for each program.

Flow of the Scheme



★ The expert committee overseeing the submitted thesis designates three or more members to conduct the examination. These members conduct the evaluation through verbal examination, etc.

Degrees Awarded in Scheme II

Educational facilities other than universities that are recognized by NIAD-QE as well as the types of degrees awarded are presented below. Awarded degrees bear the name of the President of NIAD-QE.

Educational institution	Degree type		
	Bachelor's degree	Master's degree	Doctoral degree
National Defense Academy	Humanities, Social Sciences, Science, Engineering	Science, Engineering, Security Studies ★	Science, Engineering, Security Studies
National Defense Medical College	Medicine, Nursing	—	Medical Science
National Fisheries University	Fisheries	Fisheries	—
Japan Coast Guard Academy	BS in Coast Guard Operations and Law Enforcement	—	—
Meteorological College	Science	—	—
Polytechnic University	Engineering, Science in Manufacturing Technology	Science in Manufacturing Engineering	—
National College of Nursing, Japan	Nursing	Nursing	Nursing

★ Referred to as "Social Sciences" until FY2002



Cooperation in Quality Assurance

NIAD-QE works in partnership with Japanese higher education institutions and evaluation organizations to gather, collate, and distribute information about universities and colleges, quality assurance in higher education, and learning opportunities at universities and colleges. In addition, NIAD-QE works with various organizations to develop programs for human development in the field of quality assurance. In particular, NIAD-QE operates the Japanese College and University Portraits portal to provide a mechanism for disclosing and utilizing information about education at universities and colleges in Japan. NIAD-QE also works with quality assurance organizations both in Japan and overseas for better understanding of the Japanese higher education system in the international community.

Collecting, Storing and Disseminating Information about Universities and other Institutions

● Dissemination of Information Concerning Evaluation and Awarding of Academic Degrees by NIAD-QE

Information concerning evaluation and the awarding of academic degrees by NIAD-QE is disseminated on its website. The website carries reports on all certified evaluation and accreditation, optional evaluation, and evaluation of education and research at national university corporations, which have been conducted by NIAD-QE since FY2005, and also on all trial evaluations performed between FY2000 and FY2002. The website also carries an overview of NIAD-QE's system of awarding academic degrees, along with information about applications and examinations for academic degrees. And NIAD-QE publishes a monthly newsletter on its website, featuring the latest information on NIAD-QE's evaluation activities, as well as details of events related to NIAD-QE activities.

● Gathering, Collation, and Dissemination of Information about the Status of Education and Research Activities at Universities and Colleges

To assist in improving both evaluation activities, and education and research activities at universities and colleges, NIAD-QE gathers, collates, and disseminates information on the status of education and research activities.

Basic information on universities (<http://portal.niad.ac.jp/ptrt/table.html>)

NIAD-QE compiles basic information supplied by national and public universities and junior colleges and publishes it online. The electronic data is made available on the website for the convenience of those involved with universities and junior colleges, and also third parties with an interest in higher education.

Year of publication Data is available for FY2012 onward

Key data

- Number of students
- Number of faculty members
- Information on school facilities
- Information on students after graduation

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● University Quality Assurance Forum 2017

NIAD-QE holds an annual University Quality Assurance Forum. Its aim is to ensure that the culture of quality assurance becomes firmly established in Japanese higher education. NIAD-QE achieves this by promoting the professional development of personnel involved in quality assurance at universities and colleges.

Theme: Faculty and Staff: Creating Universities for Students

Date: Monday, August 7, 2017

Venue: Hitotsubashi Hall (2nd Floor, National Center of Sciences Building) (Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo)

Participants: Approximately 300

Outline:

The 2017 forum aimed to achieve more in-depth discussion of university development that takes student viewpoints into account, and also to examine ways to enhance the quality of university teaching and administrative staff, and divide roles between them appropriately. Experts from other countries gave keynote speeches. These speeches covered the university reforms implemented by the British government under its policy of cutting government spending, quality assurance initiatives in the UK and Australia, and organizational management at Stanford University in the USA. Following these speeches, Japanese experts drew upon their own experience and knowledge to give presentations on the current state of efforts in Japan to achieve collaboration between faculty and staff in university management, along with some associated issues. The subsequent panel discussion involving all speakers featured a lively exchange of views on such topics as initiatives that universities can implement to enhance staff capabilities, and how universities should reflect student views.



● Japanese College and University Portraits

Japanese College and University Portraits is a voluntary independent activity developed by certified evaluation and accreditation organizations and other higher education-related associations. It is a data portal for the publication and use of educational information on national, public and private universities and colleges on databases. Portraits began publishing information about education at universities and colleges in Japan in March 2015.

Objectives

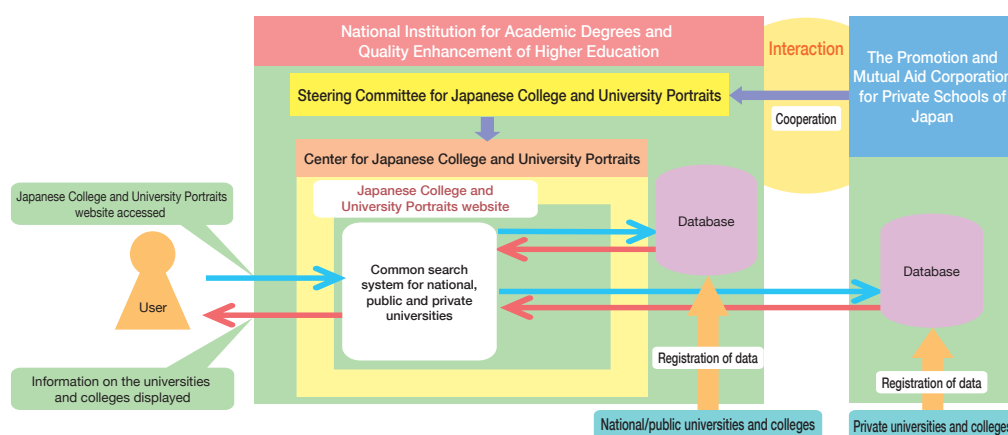
- This data portal provides information on educational activities undertaken by universities: The portal enhances accountability of universities and colleges, supports college choices of those who hope to participate in higher education, and increases international recognition of higher education institutions in Japan.
- Universities can use the educational information in the database to better understand the status of their own activities, and achieve any necessary changes in university education through internal quality assurance.
- The collation and publication of fundamental information helps universities when they respond to various surveys.

System for Acquiring and Distributing Information

NIAD-QE has established a Steering Committee for Japanese College and University Portraits. The Steering Committee discusses how to manage the Portraits. NIAD-QE provides a platform for initiatives common to national, public and private universities and colleges. NIAD-QE also deals with information about national and public universities, and the Promotion and Mutual Aid Corporation for Private Schools of Japan deals with information on private universities. These two bodies work together to ensure that the Portraits system operates effectively.

NIAD-QE's Center for Japanese College and University Portraits is responsible for the gathering, management, publication and use of university information, based on the management policy determined by the Steering Committee for Japanese College and University Portraits.

For the Steering Committee for Japanese College and University Portraits, see p. 10.



Publication of Educational Information

The Japanese College and University Portraits website (<http://portraits.niad.ac.jp>) enables the public to access information about education at each Japanese university. It is expected that those who hope to participate in higher education as students, and also a wide range of stakeholders in government, industry, and higher education will use this website to discover the distinctive features and characteristics of each higher education institution and the nature of the education that it provides.

Use of the Education Information

NIAD-QE seeks to ensure that the accumulated Japanese College and University Portraits data is used to obtain information for improving the quality of university education and research.



● Dissemination of Information on Trends in Quality Assurance of Higher Education Overseas

NIAD-QE gathers information on trends in quality assurance in higher education in other countries. NIAD-QE takes advantage of a variety of platforms to publish the information gathered, including the Information Package, the International Cooperation Website, research reports, and NIAD-QE forums on quality assurance. In addition to being a tool for supporting quality enhancement initiatives of Japanese higher education institutions, this information is used by NIAD-QE for project development.

The Information Package



The Information Package is a comprehensive selection of basic information on quality assurance in various nations' higher education. It is distributed by NIAD-QE to those involved in higher education. The Information Package includes:

- **Glossary of Quality Assurance in Japanese Higher Education (Japanese-English bilingual)**
- **Overviews of Quality Assurance Systems in Higher Education (Japanese, English*)**
- **Quality Assurance in Higher Education in Asia- A list and Briefing Materials of ASEAN countries (Japanese)**
- **NIAD-QE's General Principles, Standards for Evaluation and Accreditation, and Practical Instructions for Self-Assessment (English)**

*Overviews for China and Korea are available in Japanese only

The Overview series provides information on quality assurance systems in Japan, the USA, the UK, France, Germany, the Netherlands, China, Korea, and Australia. NIAD-QE also publishes Briefing Materials on these systems in Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, Taiwan, and Hong Kong.

The International Cooperation Website (<https://www.niad.ac.jp/consolidation/international/>)



NIAD-QE maintains the International Cooperation Website to provide those involved in higher education in Japan and abroad with information about quality assurance systems in higher education and also global trends in reforms.

Main contents

Basic information on higher education and quality assurance in each country and region

Information Package

Examples of the evaluation of internationalization at overseas universities and colleges

The following content is provided on external websites.

QA Updates – International (blog)



This blog publishes more than 100 articles every year, providing timely information on the latest developments in quality assurance in higher education overseas. Visitors can search for and browse articles by country/region or by keyword tag.

Quality Assurance in Joint Programs (blog)



This site provides examples from overseas which will probably be useful to those considering, establishing or managing international joint programs.

CAMPUS Asia Monitoring



This site provides the results and outcomes of monitoring activities carried out jointly by quality assurance organizations in Japan, China, and Korea, focusing on student exchange programs. It also explains "good practices" selected from among such programs.

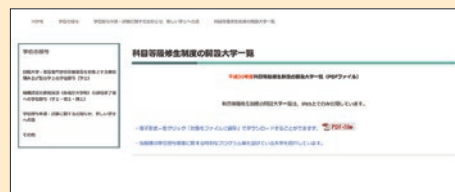
Information Services

Information services on various learning opportunities in higher education

NIAD-QE seeks to encourage lifelong learning in higher education by providing learners, higher education institutions, and researchers with the information that it gathers about university courses and various other lifelong learning opportunities in higher education.

List of Universities Providing Credited Auditors System

When applying for a bachelor's degree in Scheme I, it is essential that learners accumulate credits after obtaining a preliminary qualification. Since FY1992, NIAD-QE has been surveying credited auditors systems offered by universities. The results of the latest survey have been published and can be accessed at the following website;
https://www.niad.ac.jp/n_gakui/application/kamokutou/ (in Japanese)
In FY2018, in connection with its system of awarding academic degrees, NIAD-QE has also begun profiling universities that offer special programs for credited auditors.



List of NIAD-QE-Recognized Advanced Courses at Junior Colleges and Colleges of Technology

Credits needed by learners after they obtain preliminary qualifications can be earned by using the above-mentioned credited auditors system or advanced course of junior colleges or colleges of technology that have been approved by NIAD-QE. Since FY1993, NIAD-QE has been surveying information about approved courses offered by these colleges. The results of the latest survey have been published and can be accessed at the following website;
https://www.niad.ac.jp/n_gakui/application/senkouka.html (in Japanese)



Nomenclature of Academic Degrees in Japan

NIAD-QE surveys the nomenclature of major fields mentioned on degrees awarded by Japanese universities in order to engage in research and supply information on degree systems in Japan. Survey results for FY2016 are posted on the following website;
<https://www.niad.ac.jp/publication/gakui/meishou.html> (in Japanese)
The results of such surveys are also mentioned in Research in Academic Degrees and Research on Academic Degrees and University Evaluation.



Skill Development of Personnel in the Field of Quality Assurance

● Development of Quality Assurance Training Programs

NIAD-QE supports voluntary activities by higher education institutions that are striving to maintain and improve quality, including internal quality assurance activities. Therefore, NIAD-QE works with universities and evaluation organizations to develop training programs, such as workshops and seminars for those involved in quality assurance projects. With these initiatives, NIAD-QE aims to improve the abilities of personnel involved in quality assurance in higher education.

● Establishment of the University Quality Assurance Portal

NIAD-QE established the University Quality Assurance Portal to provide wider access to information about quality assurance in education, and research at universities and colleges. The portal provides basic data on quality assurance at universities and colleges, and it disseminates information that helps to promote a better understanding of quality assurance, including teaching materials to be used for human resource development in the field of quality assurance. NIAD-QE intends to further enhance the content of the portal in the future.



The University Quality Assurance Portal (<https://niadqe.jp/>)

Cooperation with Quality Assurance Organizations in Japan and Overseas

● Japan Network of Certified Evaluation and Accreditation Agencies

NIAD-QE collaborates with other certified evaluation and accreditation organizations in Japan through its participation in Japan Network of Certified Evaluation and Accreditation Agencies (JNCEAA), which consists of 13 certified evaluation and accreditation organizations. JNCEAA encourages cooperation and information sharing, with the aim of assuring the quality of higher education in Japan and enhancing certified evaluation and accreditation. It disseminates information about evaluation results and good practices by universities, and also holds a training seminar in quality assurance annually.



Website of Japan Network of Certified Evaluation and Accreditation Agencies
<https://jncaaa.jp/>

● Partnership and Cooperation with Overseas Quality Assurance Organizations

NIAD-QE concludes memoranda of understanding on cooperation with quality assurance organizations in other countries, under which it conducts people-to-people exchange through visits to those organizations and staff exchanges. In addition, NIAD-QE strives to contribute to improving quality assurance in Japanese higher education through joint projects and joint seminars. In addition, through its membership in both the International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE) and the Asia-Pacific Quality Network (APQN), NIAD-QE aims to promote mutual understanding through the formation of networks, and also shares information about recommended initiatives.

Organizations that have concluded Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) with NIAD-QE

Europe and North America	Asia/Oceania
Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA)	Higher Education Evaluation Center of the Ministry of Education (HEEC)
The Dutch organisation for internationalisation in education (Nuffic)	Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications (HKCAAVQ)
Accreditation Organisation of the Netherlands and Flanders (NVAO)	Korean Council for University Education (KCUE)
High Council for Evaluation of Research and Higher Education (HCERES)	Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA)
German Accreditation Council (GAC)	The National Accreditation Agency for Higher Education (BAN-PT)
US Council for Higher Education Accreditation International Quality Group (CIQG)	Higher Education Evaluation and Accreditation Council of Taiwan (HEEACT)
	Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA)
	The Office for National Education Standards and Quality Assessment (ONESQA)

● Japan-China-Korea Collaboration and Quality Assurance in Joint East Asian Educational Programs

NIAD-QE has set up the Japan-China-Korea Quality Assurance Council with quality assurance organizations in China and Korea, and is working on joint projects to promote inter-university exchange among the three countries, with a specific focus on quality assurance. The Council conducts joint monitoring on the quality assurance of student exchange programs carried out among the universities of the three countries, within the framework of the CAMPUS Asia program. International educational programs and associated quality assurance initiatives are being developed worldwide at the regional level, such as the EU Erasmus+ program. In East Asia as well, widespread dissemination and sharing of information about the benefits to be gained from joint quality assurance are expected.

Monitoring of CAMPUS Asia Programs

CAMPUS Asia is a joint initiative operated by the governments of Japan, China, and Korea. Its objective is to expand student exchanges with quality assurance among universities in those three countries. Since FY2011, NIAD-QE has carried out monitoring to provide quality assurance for student exchange programs within the CAMPUS Asia framework in partnership with quality assurance organizations in China and Korea. Two rounds of monitoring have been conducted to date. In the first round, the organizations in each country carried out monitoring in FY2013, based on existing legislation and evaluation methods in each of the three countries. In the second round, organizations from the three countries used their experience from the first round to put together a set of common standards, methods, and forms, which they then used to conduct joint monitoring in FY2015.

The results of these monitoring have been made widely available both in Japan and overseas in a joint monitoring report featuring examples of good practices and guidelines for the quality assurance framework. These publications will contribute to the development of joint international educational programs and quality assurance.

The joint monitoring report and guidelines can be viewed at the following URL:

https://www.niad.ac.jp/n_kokusai/campusasia/second_monitoring.html

The achievements resulting from these monitoring activities were recognized by the Asia-Pacific Quality Network (APQN), which presented the three agencies with a joint award at the 2018 APQN Quality Awards.

NIAD-QE plans to continue working with its Chinese and Korean counterparts on initiatives aimed at enhancing quality assurance in joint international educational programs.



Presentation at the APQN Conference (May 2017)

The Research Department plays the central role in conducting basic research that serves as the foundation of NIAD-QE's programs, and practical research to verify them. It also conducts research focused on issues related to quality assurance in Japanese higher education. In doing this research jointly with the departments and divisions of NIAD-QE that actually carry out those programs, the Research Department works in partnership with universities and quality assurance organizations within Japan and overseas, while ensuring the neutrality of its programs. Along with reflecting the results of this research in NIAD-QE's work, the Research Department aims to serve a wider audience by making them available to the public.

● Research for University Evaluation Studies and research concerning evaluation of education and research activities at universities and colleges

Taking into account trends in the awareness of the role of evaluation in higher education policy, NIAD-QE conducts research on a wide range of themes, from basic concepts adopted in approaches to university evaluation and the specific methods used for this to status and impact of NIAD-QE's actual evaluation projects, as well as the improvements that it could make.

1. Studies and research concerning approaches to the evaluation of education and research at universities and colleges

The Research Department investigates approaches to the evaluation of Japan's universities and colleges by verifying the appropriateness and effectiveness of the evaluation of education and research activities at universities and colleges in Japan. As well as Institutional Certified Evaluation and Accreditation, the department conducts research and development focused on institutional optional evaluation, examining the concepts and methods required for evaluating each theme, including research, activities that make a contribution to the community, and internationalization of the university. It also gathers and collates data that will be useful in conducting these evaluations. Moreover, while developing a deeper awareness of the status of higher education evaluation in other countries, it carries out research concerning approaches to the evaluation of education and research activities with a view to international recognition of such evaluations, and evaluation systems that meet the needs arising from advances in higher education policy. In particular, since certified evaluation and accreditation of universities and colleges currently focuses on the institution as a whole when evaluating educational activities, the department is conducting research aimed at identifying approaches to the evaluation of individual fields, methodologies for the evaluation of research activities and other university activities, and points to bear in mind when conducting such evaluations.

2. Studies and research about the effectiveness of NIAD-QE's evaluation of education and research activities

The Research Department analyzes the results of NIAD-QE's certified evaluation and accreditation of universities, colleges of technology, and law schools, and the outcomes of its selective evaluation of education and research activities, in order to verify whether such evaluations are effectively for both universities and colleges and various stakeholders. In addition, it conducts empirical research into approaches that will ensure effective, efficient evaluations. The outcomes are reflected in evaluations in practice as needed and form the cornerstone of NIAD-QE's efforts to ensure that evaluation is constantly evolving. In collaboration with the Department of University Evaluation, the Research Department analyzes the responses to the questionnaires distributed each year and, at the end of each certified evaluation and accreditation cycle, considers the experiences and results that emerged from evaluations throughout the cycle, and also examines ways to improve these. In addition, it analyzes the state of higher education in Japan as seen in the evaluation results.

Publication of Research on Academic Degrees and University Evaluation

Since FY2004, NIAD-QE has published its peer-reviewed academic journal Research on Academic Degrees and University Evaluation in print and online (https://www.niad.ac.jp/n_shuppan/gakujutsushi/index.html). This journal showcases the results of research into university evaluation and the academic degree system, and publishes peer-reviewed academic papers and research notes of notable academic significance contributed by authors from NIAD-QE and other organizations. The papers featured in the journal are also deposited in the NIAD-QE Repository, which was established in March 2013.



● Research on Academic Degrees

Studies and research concerning evaluation of learning outcomes required for academic degrees

Considering social requirements for diverse learning opportunities at the higher education level, NIAD-QE conducts research for the evaluation of the learning outcomes required for the awarding of academic degrees to those who have studied at different educational institutions on different occasions throughout their lives. Another crucial research topic is the promotion of research concerning higher education and identification of relevant issues, with a primary focus on the quality of academic degrees in Japan and a system of academic degrees that is assured of international recognition. As well as making use of the outcomes of this research in expanding its system of awarding academic degrees, NIAD-QE makes them widely available to universities and other higher education institutions, thereby contributing to the development of the academic degree system in Japan and to a more widespread understanding of academic degrees.

1. Systematic Learning as a Requirement for an Academic Degree

As the universalization of higher education progresses, alongside increasingly extensive movement of people across national borders, interest is growing in academic degrees as evidence of the ability of a person who has successfully completed higher education. Focusing on the institutional conditions required to ensure that academic degrees are properly recognized among higher education institutions and in labor markets, and the systematic nature of learning required at the higher education level to be eligible for the awarding of an academic degree, NIAD-QE is conducting research aimed at not only supporting its system of awarding academic degrees, but also contributing to higher education policy in Japan as a whole, by using comparative studies focused on Japan and other countries to gain an understanding of the theoretical basis of academic degree and credit systems.

2. The Educational and Social Functions of NIAD-QE's Awarding of Academic Degrees

Research aimed at improving NIAD-QE's system of awarding academic degrees focuses on mechanisms for recognizing learning outcomes at the higher education level that result from diverse opportunities throughout an individual's life and translating them into an academic degree. What form should higher education take to ensure that it is open to people in different socioeconomic conditions who are exploring careers? Keeping this key question in mind, NIAD-QE conducts research focused on methods of evaluating diverse forms of learning at non-university educational institutions and assessing the relevant credit hours. In addition, NIAD-QE is examining the significance of, and potential for, building systems for awarding Bachelor's degrees based on the accumulation of credit hours through learning at the higher education level. Also, in partnership with the Degree Validation and Examination Division, the Research Department conducts a questionnaire survey for those who have accumulated credit hours to a certain level of learning following the completion of their higher education at a junior college, college of technology, professional training college, or similar institution and who have received a Bachelor's degree from NIAD-QE. The results of this survey are reflected in improvements to NIAD-QE's system for the awarding of academic degrees.

Seminars and Lectures

NIAD-QE academics and staff work together to organize seminars and lectures, with the aim of sharing information about the progress and outcomes of their research activities, as well as gaining an accurate understanding of projects and research trends in relevant fields in Japan and overseas. Seminars and lectures were held on the following themes in FY2017.

- New Trends in US Higher Education: What is Competency-Based Education?
- Analysis of Financial Information Regarding National University Corporations: Overview and Some Observations Concerning the FY2016 Report on National University Corporation Finances
- NIAD-QE University Quality Assurance Forum: Faculty Members and Staff: Creating Universities That Benefit Students — Introduction to Keynote Speech Handouts
- Academic Achievements and Program Review: History
- Research on Consistency between Diploma Policy and Nomenclatures of Academic Degrees: Comparison of Machines and Humans



● Quality Assurance

Studies and research concerning development of quality assurance in higher education

The Research Department conducts studies and does research to lay the academic foundation for NIAD-QE's cooperative endeavors in the field of quality assurance, including support for quality assurance activities of universities and colleges, and international partnerships focused on quality assurance. The Research Department continues this research, cooperating with universities and colleges by working with them to identify and address issues faced by higher education institutions in their quality assurance activities. In addition, in partnership with universities and evaluation organizations, the Department does research focused on institutional requirements for mutual recognition of academic degrees and credit hours, in order to guarantee their international validity.

1. Research on the use of information regarding quality assurance in higher education

The Research Department conducts research on the use of information in self-assessment at universities and colleges and third-party evaluation by evaluation organizations. As part of these activities, it examines techniques for the gathering, collation, analysis, and publication of information required in evaluations for the purpose of quality assurance in higher education, and also develops indicators for education and research activities. In particular, the Department develops databases and web technology that lay the foundation for the use of information concerning universities, putting the fruits of its labors to use in the evaluations conducted by NIAD-QE, and reflecting them in the running of the Japanese College and University Portraits.

2. Research on quality assurance in education and research at universities and colleges, and the construction of quality assurance systems

In addition to investigating ways of establishing systems for quality assurance in education and research at Japanese universities and colleges, the Research Department conducts studies and research about approaches to the design of academic programs leading to the awarding of academic degrees and techniques for evaluating learning outcomes. To ensure that independent quality assurance activities at universities and colleges function properly, it is vital to develop reference guidelines for use in self-appraisal, as well as to develop special programs for personnel responsible for quality assurance and to enhance their skills.

The Department is also responsible for providing information based on analysis of the three policies of universities and colleges.

3. Research on international quality assurance in higher education and the international recognition of academic degrees and credits

The Research Department conducts studies and research in partnership with Japanese and foreign universities and colleges, and also quality assurance organizations, to determine the most effective approaches to international education programs involving quality assurance, and the provision of information aimed at mutual recognition of academic degrees and credit hours earned both within Japan and overseas.

Among these, this Department performs studies and research on proposals for quality assurance mechanisms for joint international education programs undertaken by universities in Japan and countries in East Asia.

The Department also investigates the handling of academic records when students transfer between higher education institutions in different countries.

Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research Received

Some of NIAD-QE's academic research projects are carried out in partnership with higher education researchers from both within Japan and overseas, funded by grants-in-aid for scientific research. In addition to publishing the outcomes of these studies and research as papers in such journals as *Research on Academic Degrees and University Evaluation*, NIAD-QE feeds its output back to domestic and overseas researchers and the general public through seminars and symposiums – both those organized by NIAD-QE itself and those held by other organizations – and also in various media reports. Research projects that have recently been awarded such grants are shown below.



"International Comparative Research on the Relation between Self-Reported Academic Achievements, Time Spent Studying by University Students and the Students' Objective Academic Achievements" (FY2016-18)
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"Research on the Development of New Machine Learning Methods Combining Exploitation-oriented Learning and Deep Learning" (FY2017-19)
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"Applied Ethics of Academic Integrity" (FY2017-19)
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"Development of a Checklist for Determining the Validity of Evaluation Indicators to Support University Evaluation" (FY2018-21)

"A History of the Relationship Between Religious and Political Movements Associated With Religious Universities in Postwar Japan" (FY2018-20)

"Research Concerning Standards for US Student Affairs Programs and Their Evaluation" (FY2018-20)
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Loans and Grants for Facilities

NIAD-QE provides loans and grants for development of facilities at national university corporations, inter-university research institute corporations, and the Institute of National Colleges of Technology, Japan. It supports development of facilities and equipment at national university corporations, etc., in accordance with the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) plans for the development of such facilities, in order to create a better education and research environment and improve the finances and management of national university corporations, etc.

Loans for Facilities

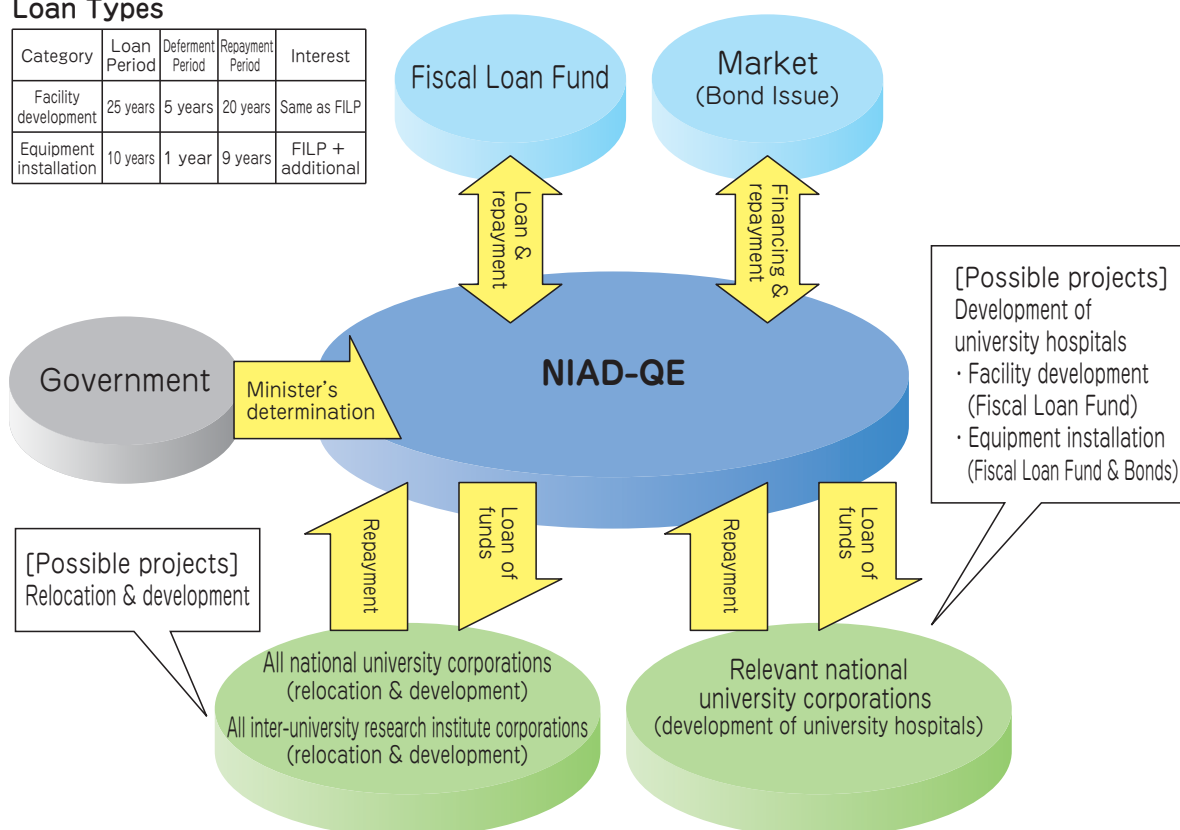
NIAD-QE provides loans to national university corporations and inter-university research institute corporations for the development of university hospitals.

The Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology determines which national university corporations, etc., may receive loans, to ensure that facilities are developed in accordance with MEXT plan (the loans provided by NIAD-QE are intended to supplement the facility development subsidies provided by MEXT. When university hospitals, e.g., are being developed, MEXT provides a subsidy covering 10% of the total project cost, while NIAD-QE funds the remaining 90% in the form of a loan). The loans are financed by (1) loans from the Fiscal Loan Fund and (2) bonds issued by NIAD-QE.

Outline of Loans for Facilities

Loan Types

Category	Loan Period	Deferment Period	Repayment Period	Interest
Facility development	25 years	5 years	20 years	Same as FILP
Equipment installation	10 years	1 year	9 years	FILP + additional



Examples of Facility Development



Central Clinical Building
(Tohoku University)



Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) system
(University of Fukui)

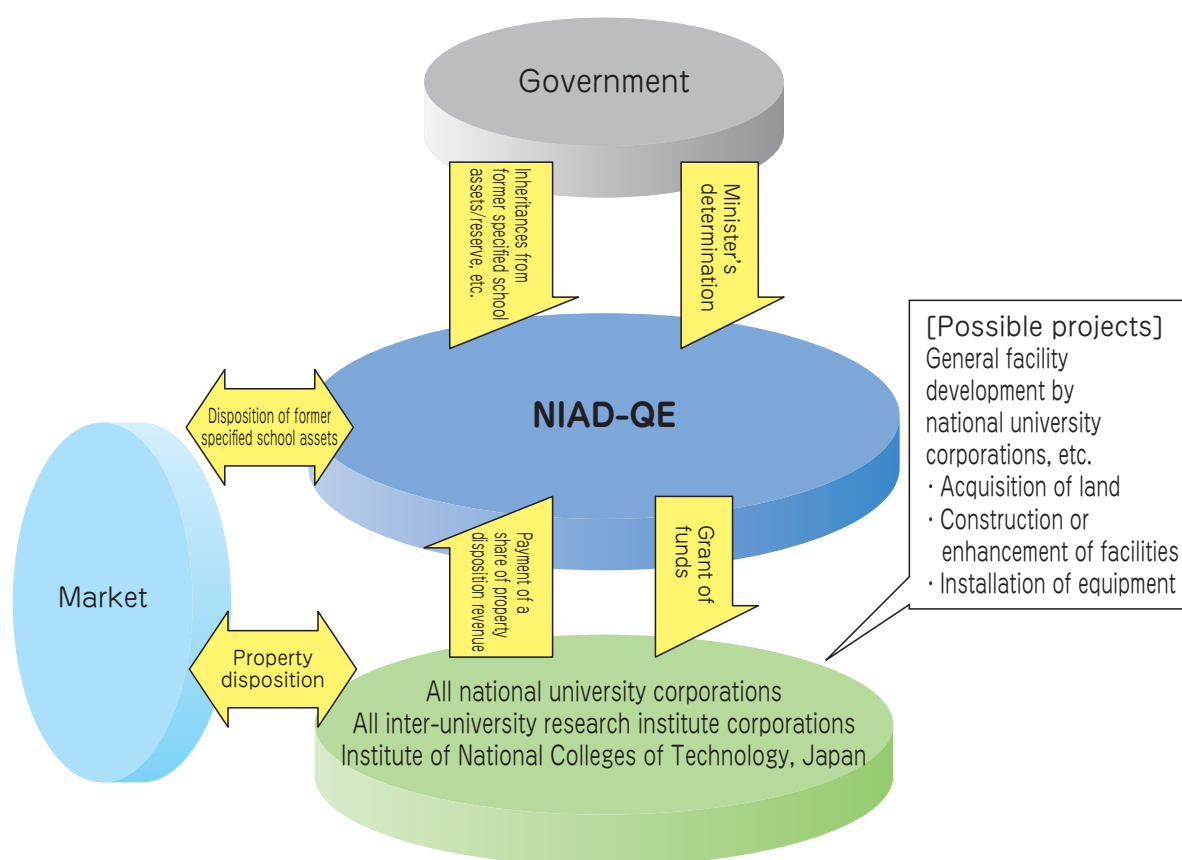
Grants for Facilities

NIAD-QE provides national university corporations, inter-university research institute corporations, and the Institute of National Colleges of Technology, Japan, with grants for development of facilities.

The Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology determines which national university corporations, etc., may receive grants, to ensure that facilities are developed in accordance with MEXT's facility development plan (the grants provided by NIAD-QE are intended to supplement the facility development subsidies provided by MEXT).

The grants are funded using (1) assets such as specified school assets and reserve inherited when the National School Special Account was abolished, and (2) a specified share of surplus income from disposition of national university corporation, etc., assets.

● Outline of Grants for Facilities



● Examples of Facility Development

Maintenance of the campus environment (road paving)
(Saitama University)



Before



After

Refurbishment of external walls at the International Faculty Dormitory
(Osaka University)



Before



After

Management and Disposition of Former Specified School Assets

Former specified school assets are prescribed in the former National School Establishment Act. Specifically, these are national school assets that have become superfluous to requirements by relocation or the development of high-rise facilities. This occurs when the income from their disposition amounts to more than ¥10 billion, and the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology has designated them as such assets following consultations with the Minister of Finance.

Along with managing and disposing of former specified school assets transferred to it by the government, NIAD-QE uses the income from these activities to fund its program of grants for facilities.

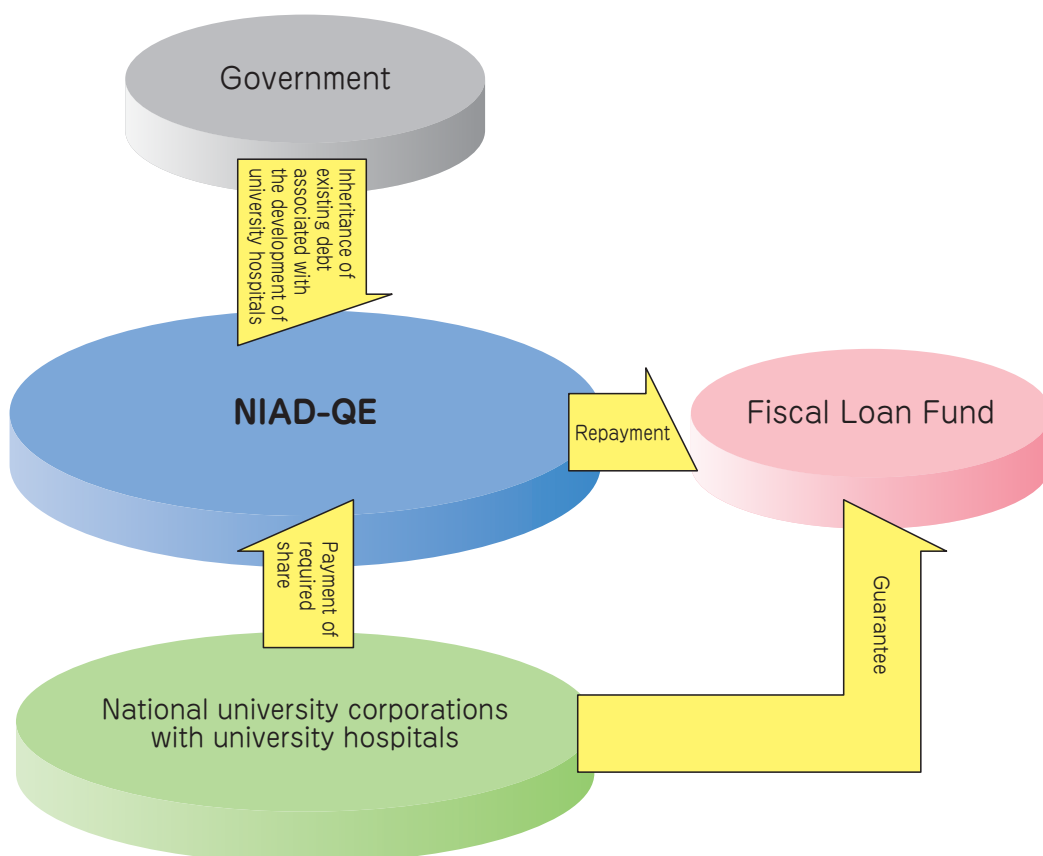
Repayment of Inherited Debts

NIAD-QE has inherited all of the debt owed by the former National School Special Account to the Fiscal Loan Fund, and so is charged with repayment.

To cover these repayments, national university corporations designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology are required to pay NIAD-QE a sum determined by the Minister. NIAD-QE collates these contributions and makes repayment to the Fiscal Loan Fund.

National university corporations with outstanding debt have pledged guarantees for the debt collectively assumed by NIAD-QE.

● Outline of Repayment of Inherited Debts



History Prior to the Merger

● NIAD-UE

April 1986	In "The Second Report on Educational Reform", the National Council for Educational Reform proposes to examine the possibility of establishing an organization which can grant academic degrees by assessment of academic achievement for the promotion of lifelong learning.
July 1989	The Committees for Graduate Education and University Education of the Council for Higher Education report such an organization is needed.
June 1990	The preparation committee for the organization is formed with office located at Graduate University for Advanced Studies.
February 1991	The Council for Higher Education publishes "A Report for Founding of the Organization which Grants Academic Degrees through Assessment." The preparation committee publishes "A Report on Agenda of the National Institution for Academic Degrees."
July 1991	The National Institution for Academic Degrees is founded.
March 1992	The first NIAD degrees are awarded.
March 1998	The number of people granted NIAD degrees exceeds 10,000.
October 1998	In its report "A Vision of Universities in the 21st Century," the Council for Higher Education proposes to establish a third-party organization for university evaluation.
April 1999	The preparatory office and the preparatory committee for founding a national organization for university evaluation are established in NIAD.
February 2000	The preparatory committee publishes "A Report on Founding a National Organization for University Evaluation".
April 2000	NIAD is reorganized as a new entity charged with carrying out the evaluation of universities in addition to its degree-awarding functions.
September 2001	NIAD celebrates the 10th anniversary of its degree-awarding activities.
March 2002	NIAD publishes the first university evaluation results for the trial university evaluation period. The number of people granted NIAD degrees exceeds 20,000.
March 2003	NIAD publishes the second university evaluation results for the trial university evaluation period.
April 2003	NIAD moves to its new offices in Kodaira City, Tokyo.
May 2003	The English name is changed from National Institution for Academic Degrees (NIAD) to National Institution for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation (NIAD-UE).
March 2004	NIAD-UE publishes the third university evaluation results for the trial university evaluation period, completing the trial evaluations.
April 2004	NIAD-UE is newly established as an Incorporated Administrative Agency.
November 2004	NIAD-UE publishes the meta-evaluation reports of the university evaluations conducted during the trial period.
January 2005	NIAD-UE is certified by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology as an evaluation and accreditation organization for universities, junior colleges, and law schools, among professional graduate schools.
February 2005	NIAD-UE publicly announces evaluation results for college of technology evaluation (trial evaluations).
March 2005	The number of people granted NIAD-UE degrees exceeds 30,000.
July 2005	NIAD-UE is certified by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology as an evaluation and accreditation organization for colleges of technology.
October 2005	NIAD-UE establishes a Center for International Relations.
March 2006	NIAD-UE announces results of Institutional certified evaluation and accreditation (universities, junior colleges, colleges of technology) for the first time.
March 2008	NIAD-UE announces the results of certified evaluation and accreditation of law schools for the first time. The number of people granted NIAD-UE degrees exceeds 40,000.
March 2009	NIAD-UE announces the results of evaluation of education and research activities at national university corporations and inter-university research institute corporations, for the first time.
March 2010	The number of people granted NIAD-UE degrees exceeds 50,000.
April 2011	NIAD-UE integrates its Department of Research for University Evaluation and Department of Assessment and Research for Degree Awarding to form a new Research Department.
May 2011	NIAD-UE finalizes the results of evaluation of education and research activities at national university corporations and inter-university research institute corporations, and announces them.
May 2013	The number of people granted NIAD-UE degrees exceeds 60,000.
July 2014	NIAD-UE establishes the Center for Japanese College and University Portraits.
March 2015	Publication of the information by the Japanese College and University Portraits providing information about education at universities begins.
March 2016	The number of people granted NIAD-UE degrees exceeds 70,000.

April 1, 1992	Relevant bureaus/departments within the Ministry of Education form a liaison committee for liaison and consultation regarding the operations of the Center for National University Finance
April 10, 1992	Guidelines on the organization dealing with preparations for the creation of the Center for National University Finance instituted by the Minister of Education are published; decisions are made to establish the Preparation Office as part of the National Institute of Multimedia Education, to handle the administrative tasks involved in preparing for the creation of the Center for National University Finance MAEKAWA Tadashi appointed Director of the Preparation Office Preparation Office set up within the Ministry of Education
May 6, 1992	Act to Partially Revise the National School Establishment Act and the National School Special Account Act (Act No. 37 of 1992) promulgated
June 18, 1992	The Center for National University Finance Preparatory Committee meets and approves selection of members of the Center for National University Finance's board and management committee, also approving the Center's rules and regulations
July 1, 1992	The Center for National University Finance established in Wakaba, Mihama-ku, Chiba City. Administration Department (General Affairs Division) and Research Department set up; Tokyo Liaison Office established within the Ministry of Education MAEKAWA Tadashi appointed as the Center's first Director
April 1, 1993	Planning Division established within the Administration Department Tokyo Liaison Office relocates to the Nagatacho Common Government Offices
June 24, 1994	Project Division established within the Administration Department
April 1, 1999	OSAKI Hitoshi appointed as the Center's second Director
March 1, 2000	Tokyo Liaison Office relocates to the National Center of Sciences Building
July 16, 2003	Act on the Center for National University Finance and Management, Independent Administrative Agency (Act No. 115 of 2003) promulgated
April 1, 2004	The Center for National University Finance and Management established as an Incorporated Administrative Agency (establishment of the President, executive director, and auditors) ENDO Akio appointed as the Center's first President
June 1, 2004	Investigator post established in the Administration Department
March 15, 2005	Administration Department renamed the General Affairs Department and post of deputy director created (post of investigator of the Administration Department abolished)
April 1, 2005	Management Support and Training Division renamed the Management Support Division
September 1, 2006	Management Advice Office established
November 1, 2007	Internal Audit Office established
April 1, 2010	TOYODA Nagayasu (formerly Vice President of Suzuka University of Medical Science, and President of Mie University) appointed as the Center's second President
March 31, 2011	Management Support Division and Management Advice Office abolished
March 31, 2012	Research Department abolished
April 1, 2013	TAKAI Rikuo (formerly Auditor of Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology, and President of Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology) appointed as the Center's third President

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(As of July 2018)

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(As of August 2018)

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TANAKA Yujiro	Executive Director · Executive Vice President, Tokyo Medical and Dental University	YAMAZAKI Koetsu	President, Kanazawa University
TANIGUCHI Isao	President, National Institute of Technology	YAMAMOTO Shuichi	Director-General, Chiba University Hospital

Certified Evaluation and Accreditation

● Results of certified evaluation and accreditation

The following universities, junior colleges, colleges of technology, and law schools have undergone evaluation in accordance with the evaluation criteria set forth by NIAD-QE

The evaluation results are published on the website: <https://www.niad.ac.jp/evaluation/>

1. Certified Evaluation and Accreditation of Universities (National)

Institution	Fiscal Year	Institution	Fiscal Year	Institution	Fiscal Year
Hokkaido University	2009, 2015	The University of Electro-Communications	2009, 2015	Nara Women's University	2007, 2013
Hokkaido University of Education	2009, 2015	Hitotsubashi University	2007, 2014	Wakayama University	2007, 2013
Muroran Institute of Technology	2007, 2013	Yokohama National University	2007, 2014	Tottori University	2007, 2014
Otaru University of Commerce	2009, 2015	Niigata University	2007, 2014	Shimane University	2009, 2015
Obihiro University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine	2010, 2017	Nagaoka University of Technology	2005, 2012	Okayama University	2007, 2014
Asahikawa Medical College	2007, 2014	Joetsu University of Education	2007, 2014	Hiroshima University	2009, 2016
Kitami Institute of Technology	2007, 2013	University of Toyama	2010, 2017	Yamaguchi University	2009, 2015
Hirosaki University	2006, 2013	Kanazawa University	2007, 2014	The University of Tokushima	2006, 2013
Iwate University	2006, 2013	University of Fukui	2009, 2015	Naruto University of Education	2007, 2013
Tohoku University	2007, 2014	University of Yamanashi	2007, 2014	Kagawa University	2009, 2015
Akita University	2006, 2013	Shinshu University	2007, 2013	Ehime University	2007, 2014
Yamagata University	2006, 2013	Gifu University	2007, 2013	Kochi University	2007, 2014
Fukushima University	2007, 2014	Shizuoka University	2009, 2015	Fukuoka University of Education	2009, 2015
Ibaraki University	2009, 2015	Hamamatsu University School of Medicine	2007, 2014	Kyushu University	2007, 2014
University of Tsukuba	2010, 2017	Nagoya University	2007, 2014	Kyushu Institute of Technology	2009, 2015
Tsukuba University of Technology	2011	Aichi University of Education	2007, 2014	Saga University	2009, 2015
Utsunomiya University	2008, 2015	Nagoya Institute of Technology	2009, 2015	Nagasaki University	2007, 2014
Gunma University	2009, 2015	Toyohashi University of Technology	2005, 2012	Kumamoto University	2009, 2015
Saitama University	2009, 2009	Mie University	2007, 2014	Oita University	2009, 2015
Chiba University	2007, 2014	Shiga University	2009, 2015	University of Miyazaki	2007, 2014
The University of Tokyo	2009, 2015	Shiga University of Medical Science	2009, 2015	Kagoshima University	2007, 2014
Tokyo Medical and Dental University	2009, 2015	Kyoto University	2007, 2013	National Institute of Fitness and Sports in Kanoya	2007, 2014
Tokyo University of Foreign Studies	2007, 2013	Kyoto University of Education	2006, 2012	University of the Ryukyus	2010, 2017
Tokyo Gakugei University	2010, 2017	Kyoto Institute of Technology	2008, 2014	National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies	2010, 2017
Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology	2006, 2013	Osaka University	2009, 2015	The Graduate University for Advanced Studies	2007, 2013
Tokyo University of the Arts	2010, 2017	Osaka Kyoiku University	2007, 2013	Japan Advanced Institute of Science and Technology	2007, 2013
Tokyo Institute of Technology	2007, 2014	Hyogo University of Teacher Education	2007, 2014	Nara Institute of Science and Technology	2009, 2015
Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology	2008, 2014	Kobe University	2008, 2014		
Ochanomizu University	2009, 2016	Nara University of Education	2009, 2015		

(Public)

Institution	Fiscal Year	Institution	Fiscal Year	Institution	Fiscal Year
Future University Hakodate	2005, 2011	Maebashi Institute of Technology	2009, 2016	Ishikawa Prefectural University	2010, 2016
Akita Prefectural University	2016	Advanced Institute of Industrial Technology	2012	Yamanashi Prefectural University	2011
Akita International University	2008	Tokyo Metropolitan University	2010, 2016	Shizuoka University of Art and Culture	2010, 2016
The University of Aizu	2010	Kanagawa University of Human Services	2008, 2015	Aichi Prefectural University	2011
Fukushima Medical University	2010, 2017	Yokohama City University	2009, 2015	Aichi Prefectural University of Fine Arts and Music	2010, 2017
Gunma Prefectural College of Health Sciences	2011	Niigata College of Nursing	2010	Nagoya City University	2010
Gunma Prefectural Women's University	2009	Toyama Prefectural University	2009, 2016	The University of Shiga Prefecture	2010

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Institution	Fiscal Year	Institution	Fiscal Year	Institution	Fiscal Year
Kyoto Prefectural University	2009, 2016	Okayama Prefectural University	2009, 2016	Kyushu Dental University	2010, 2016
Kyoto Prefectural University of Medicine	2010, 2017	Onomichi City University (Renamed due to Onomichi University's incorporation as a municipal university corporation in FY2012)	2008, 2015	Fukuoka Prefectural University	2010, 2016
Osaka City University	2008, 2015	Prefectural University of Hiroshima	2011, 2017	Fukuoka Women's University	2010, 2016
Osaka Prefecture University	2009, 2016	Fukuyama City University	2016	Oita University of Nursing and Health Sciences	2005, 2010, 2016
University of Hyogo	2009, 2016	University of Kochi	2009	Miyazaki Prefectural Nursing University	2008, 2015
Nara Prefectural University	2010, 2017	The University of Kitakyushu	2009, 2015	Okinawa Prefectural College of Nursing	2006, 2013
Nara Medical University	2006, 2013			Okinawa Prefectural University of Arts	2006, 2013

(Private)

Institution	Fiscal Year	Institution	Fiscal Year	Institution	Fiscal Year
Seitoku University	2011	The Graduate Schools for the Creation of New Photonics Industries	2008, 2015	Tokyo University of Career Development	2010
Otsuma Women's University	2007, 2014	Osaka Jogakuin University	2010, 2017	The Open University of Japan	2010, 2017
Japan College of Social Work	2008, 2015				

2. Certified Evaluation and Accreditation of Junior Colleges

NIAD-UE withdrew from Certified Evaluation and Accreditation of Junior Colleges with FY2011.

(Public)

Institution	Fiscal Year	Institution	Fiscal Year	Institution	Fiscal Year
Akita Municipal Junior College of Arts and Crafts	2008	Ohtsuki City College	2008	Kurashiki City College	2010
Yonezawa Women's Junior College	2007	Nagano Prefectural College	2005	Niimi College	2005
The University of Aizu, Junior College Division	2010	Gifu City Women's College	2009	Kochi Junior College	2010
Kawasaki City College of Nursing	2006	Tsu City College	2010	Oita Prefectural College of Arts and Culture	2010

(Private)

Institution	Fiscal Year
Otsuma Women's University Junior College Division	2007

3. Certified Evaluation and Accreditation of Colleges of Technology

(National)

Institution	Fiscal Year	Institution	Fiscal Year	Institution	Fiscal Year
Hakodate National College of Technology	2007, 2014	Kisarazu National College of Technology	2006, 2013	Akashi National College of Technology	2005, 2011
Tomakomai National College of Technology	2007, 2014	Tokyo National College of Technology	2007, 2013	Nara National College of Technology	2006, 2013
Kushiro National College of Technology	2005, 2012	Nagaoka National College of Technology	2007, 2014	Wakayama National College of Technology	2005, 2012
Asahikawa National College of Technology	2005, 2011, 2017	National Institute of Technology, Toyama college # 2	2016	Yonago National College of Technology	2007, 2014
Hachinohe National College of Technology	2005, 2011	Toyama National College of Technology	2007	Matsue National College of Technology	2006, 2013
Ichinoseki National College of Technology	2006, 2012	Toyama National College of Maritime Technology	2005	Tsuyama National College of Technology	2007, 2014
Sendai National College of technology # 1	2016	Ishikawa National College of Technology	2007, 2014	Hiroshima National College of Maritime Technology	2005, 2011, 2017
Miyagi National College of Technology	2005	Fukui National College of Technology	2005, 2012	Kure National College of Technology	2006, 2013
Sendai National College of Technology	2005	Nagano National College of Technology	2006, 2012	Tokuyama College of Technology	2006, 2012
Akita National College of Technology	2007, 2014	Gifu National College of Technology	2006, 2013	Ube National College of Technology	2006, 2013
Tsuruoka National College of Technology	2007, 2013	Numazu National College of Technology	2005, 2011	Oshima National College of Maritime Technology	2007, 2014
Fukushima National College of Technology	2007, 2014	Toyota National College of Technology	2007, 2014	Anan National College of Technology	2005, 2011
Ibaraki National College of Technology	2005, 2012	Toba National College of Maritime Technology	2006, 2013	National Institute of Technology, Kagawa college # 3	2016
Oyama National College of Technology	2007, 2014	Suzuka National College of Technology	2005, 2012	Takamatsu National College of Technology	2007
Gunma National College of Technology	2007, 2014	Maizuru National College of Technology	2006, 2013	Takuma National College of Technology	2007

(National) Continued from previous page

Institution	Fiscal Year	Institution	Fiscal Year	Institution	Fiscal Year
Niihama National College of Technology	2007, 2014	Sasebo National College of Technology	2006, 2013	Kagoshima National College of Technology	2006, 2012
Yuge National College of Maritime Technology	2006, 2013	National Institute of Technology, Kumamoto college # 4	2016	Okinawa National College of Technology	2010, 2017
Kochi National College of Technology	2005, 2012	Kumamoto National College of Technology	2006	Tokuyama National College of Technology	2012
Kurume National College of Technology	2006, 2013	Yatsushiro National College of Technology	2006	Ube National College of Technology	2013
Ariake National College of Technology	2005, 2012	Oita National College of Technology	2007, 2014		
Kitakyushu National College of Technology	2006, 2013	Miyakonojo National College of Technology	2005, 2012		

- ※ 1 Miyagi National College of Technology merged with Sendai National College of Technology under the program of reorganization and promotion of national colleges of technology effective October 2009.
- ※ 2 Toyama National College of Technology merged with Toyama National College of Maritime Technology under the program of reorganization and promotion of national colleges of technology effective October 2009.
- ※ 3 Takamatsu National College of Technology merged with Takuma National College of Technology under the program of reorganization and promotion of national colleges of technology effective October 2009.
- ※ 4 Kumamoto National College of Technology merged with Yatsushiro National College of Technology under the program of reorganization and promotion of national colleges of technology effective October 2009.

(Public)

Institution	Fiscal Year	Institution	Fiscal Year	Institution	Fiscal Year
Tokyo Metropolitan College of Industrial Technology	2012	Osaka Prefectural College of Technology	2010, 2017	Kobe City College of Technology	2008, 2015

(Private)

Institution	Fiscal Year	Institution	Fiscal Year	Institution	Fiscal Year
Salesian Polytechnic	2008, 2015	Kanazawa Technical College	2005, 2012	Kinki University Technical College	2014

※ For Colleges of Technology that went through the accreditation process more than two times, the latest years of implementation are given.

4. Certified Evaluation and Accreditation of Law Schools

(National)

Institution	Fiscal Year	Institution	Fiscal Year	Institution	Fiscal Year
Hokkaido University Law School	2007, 2012, 2017	Division of Legal Affairs, Kanazawa University Law School	2007, 2012, 2017	Kobe University School of Law	2008, 2013
Law School, Tohoku University	2008, 2013	School of Law, Professional Degree Program, Shinshu University	2009, 2014	Hiroshima University Law School	2008, 2013
University of Tsukuba Law School	2009, 2014	Shizuoka University Law School	2009, 2014	Kagawa-Ehime Universities' Graduate School of Law Legal Practice Course	2007, 2012
Chiba University Law School	2007, 2011, 2015	Department of JD Program for Legal Practice, Graduate School of Law (Nagoya University Law School)	2008, 2013	Kyushu University Law School	2008, 2013
The University of Tokyo, School of Law	2008, 2013	Kyoto University Law School	2008, 2013	Kumamoto University School of Law	2007, 2012, 2017
Hitotsubashi University School of Law	2007, 2012, 2017	Department of Legal Practice, Osaka University Law School	2008, 2013		
Yokohama National University School of Law, International Graduate School of Social Sciences	2008, 2013				
Professional Degree Program of Law, Law School, Niigata University	2007, 2012				

(Public)

Institution	Fiscal Year	Institution	Fiscal Year
Tokyo Metropolitan University Graduate Schools of Law Professional Course in Law	2008, 2013	Osaka City University Law School	2008, 2013

(Private)

Institution	Fiscal Year	Institution	Fiscal Year	Institution	Fiscal Year
Sophia University Graduate Programs Graduate Division of Law Juris Doctor Program	2007, 2012, 2017	Gakushuin University Professional School of Law Professional Course in Law	2008, 2013	Kinki University Law School	2008, 2013
Senshu University Law School	2007, 2012	Meiji Law School	2008	Kobe Gakuin University Graduate School The Graduate Schools of Law Practices Major in Law Practices	2008
Aichi Law School	2012, 2017	Doshisha University Law School	2008, 2013		

● Implementation of Institutional Thematic Assessment and Optional Evaluation

The following universities, junior colleges, and colleges of technology have undergone evaluation of optional items in Institutional Certified Evaluation and Accreditation by NIAD-QE. As for universities, optional evaluation items have been resumed by Institutional Thematic Assessment since 2012.

The evaluation results are published on the website: https://www.niad.ac.jp/n_hyouka/evaluation/

1. University

Conducted as optional evaluation in FY2006-2011.

Conducted as Institutional Thematic Assessment since FY2012.

【FY2017】 (2 Universities)

(Public)	Nara Prefectural University (B)	Prefectural University of Hiroshima (B)	
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【FY2016】 (8 universities)

(National)	Saitama University (B)		
(Public)	Maebashi Institute of Technology (B)	Kyoto Prefectural University (B)	Osaka Prefecture University (A・B)
	Fukuyama City University (A・B)	Kyushu Dental University (B)	Oita University of Nursing and Health Sciences (A・B)
(Private)	J. F. Oberlin University		

【FY2015】 (7 universities)

(National)	Nara University of Education (A)	Yamaguchi University (B)	Saga University (B)
(Public)	Kanagawa University of Human Services	Yokohama City University (A・B・C)	Osaka City University (A・B)
	The University of Kitakyushu (B・C)		

【FY2014】 (6 universities)

(National)	Fukushima University (B)	Aichi University of Education (B)	Mie University (B・C)
	Kyoto Institute of Technology (B・C)	Kobe University (A)	Kyushu Institute of Technology

【FY2013】 (3 universities)

(National)	Akita University (B)		
(Public)	Okinawa Prefectural college of Nursing (A・B)	Okinawa Prefectural college of Arts (A・B)	

【FY2012】 (1 university)

(Public)	Advanced Institute of Industrial Technology (B)		
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【FY2011】 (4 universities)

(Public)	Gunma Prefectural College of Health Sciences (B)	Aichi Prefectural University (A)	Prefectural University of Hiroshima (B)
(Private)	Seitoku University (B)		

【FY2010】 (13 universities)

(Public)	Tokyo Metropolitan University (A・B)	Niigata College of Nursing (B)	Shizuoka University of Art and Culture (B)
	Aichi Prefectural University of Fine Arts and Music (B)	Nagoya City University (A・B)	The University of Shiga Prefecture (A・B)
	Kyoto Prefectural University of Medicine (A)	Kyushu Dental College (A・B)	Fukuoka Prefectural University (A・B)
	Fukuoka Women's University (B)	Oita University of Nursing and Health Sciences (A・B)	
(Private)	Osaka Jogakuin University (B)	The Open University of Japan (B)	

【FY2009】 (5 universities)

(National)	Nara University of Education (B)		
(Public)	Gunma Prefectural Women's University (B)	Kyoto Prefectural University (A)	Osaka Prefecture University (A)
	The University of Kitakyushu (B)		

【FY2008】 (3 universities)

(Public)	Kanagawa University of Human Services (B)	Osaka City University (A・B)	
(Private)	Japan College of Social Work (A)		

【FY2007】 (10 universities)

(National)	Muroran Institute of Technology (A・B)	Fukushima University (A・B)	Chiba University (A・B)
	Hitotsubashi University (A)	Shinshu University (A・B)	Gifu University (A・B)
	Aichi University of Education (B)	Hyogo University of Teacher Education (A・B)	Nara Women's University (A)
	Okayama University (B)		

【FY2006】 (8 universities)

(National)	Hirosaki University (A)	Iwate University (A・B)	Akita University (A・B)
	Yamagata University (A・B)	Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology (A)	Nagaoka University of Technology (A)
	Toyohashi University of Technology (B)		
(Public)	Nara Medical University (A・B)		

2. Junior College

Conducted as optional evaluation.

NIAD-UE withdrew from Certified Evaluation and Accreditation of Junior Colleges in FY2011.

【FY2010】 (2 junior colleges)

(Public)	The University of Aizu, Junior College Division	Tsu City College	
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【FY2008】 (2 junior colleges)

(Public)	Akita Municipal Junior College of Arts and Crafts	Ohtsuki City College	
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【FY2007】 (2 junior colleges)

(Public)	Yonezawa Women's Junior College	Nagano Prefectural College	
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3. College of Technology

Conducted as optional evaluation.

【FY2017】 (4 colleges of technology)

(National)	Asahikawa National College of Technology	Hiroshima National College of Maritime Technology	Okinawa National College of Technology
(Public)	Osaka Prefectural College of Technology		

【FY2016】 (4 colleges of technology)

(National)	Sendai National College of Technology	National Institute of Technology, Toyama college	National Institute of technology, Kagawa college
	National Institute of technology, Kumamoto college		

【FY2015】 (2 colleges of technology)

(Public)	Kobe City College of Technology		
(Private)	Salesian Polytechnic		

【FY2014】 (15 colleges of technology)

(National)	Hakodate National College of Technology	Tomakomai National College of Technology	Akita National College of Technology
	Fukushima National College of Technology	Oyama National College of Technology	Gunma National College of Technology
	Nagaoka National College of Technology	Ishikawa National College of Technology	Toyota National College of Technology
	Yonago National College of Technology	Tsuyama National College of Technology	Oshima National College of Maritime Technology
	Niihama National College of Technology	Oita National College of Technology	
(Private)	Kinki University Technical College		

【FY2013】 (14 colleges of technology)

(National)	Tsuruoka National College of Technology	Kisarazu National College of Technology	Tokyo National College of Technology
	Gifu National College of Technology	Toba National College of Maritime Technology	Maizuru National College of Technology
	Nara National College of Technology	Matsue National College of Technology	Kure National College of Technology
	Ube National College of Technology	Yuge National College of Maritime Technology	Kurume National College of Technology
	Kitakyushu National College of Technology	Sasebo National College of Technology	

【FY2012】 (12 colleges of technology)

(National)	Kushiro National College of Technology	Ichinoseki National College of Technology	Ibaraki National College of Technology
	Fukui National College of Technology	Nagano National College of Technology	Suzuka National College of Technology
	Wakayama National College of Technology	Tokuyama College of Technology	Kochi National College of Technology
	Ariake National College of Technology	Miyakonojo National College of Technology	Kagoshima National College of Technology

【FY2011】 (6 colleges of technology)

(National)	Asahikawa National College of Technology	Hachinohe National College of Technology	Numazu National College of Technology
	Akashi National College of Technology	Hiroshima National College of Maritime Technology	Anan National College of Technology

【FY2010】 (1 college of technology)

(Public)	Osaka Prefectural College of Technology		
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【FY2008】 (1 college of technology)

(Public)	Kobe City College of Technology		
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【FY2007】 (20 colleges of technology)

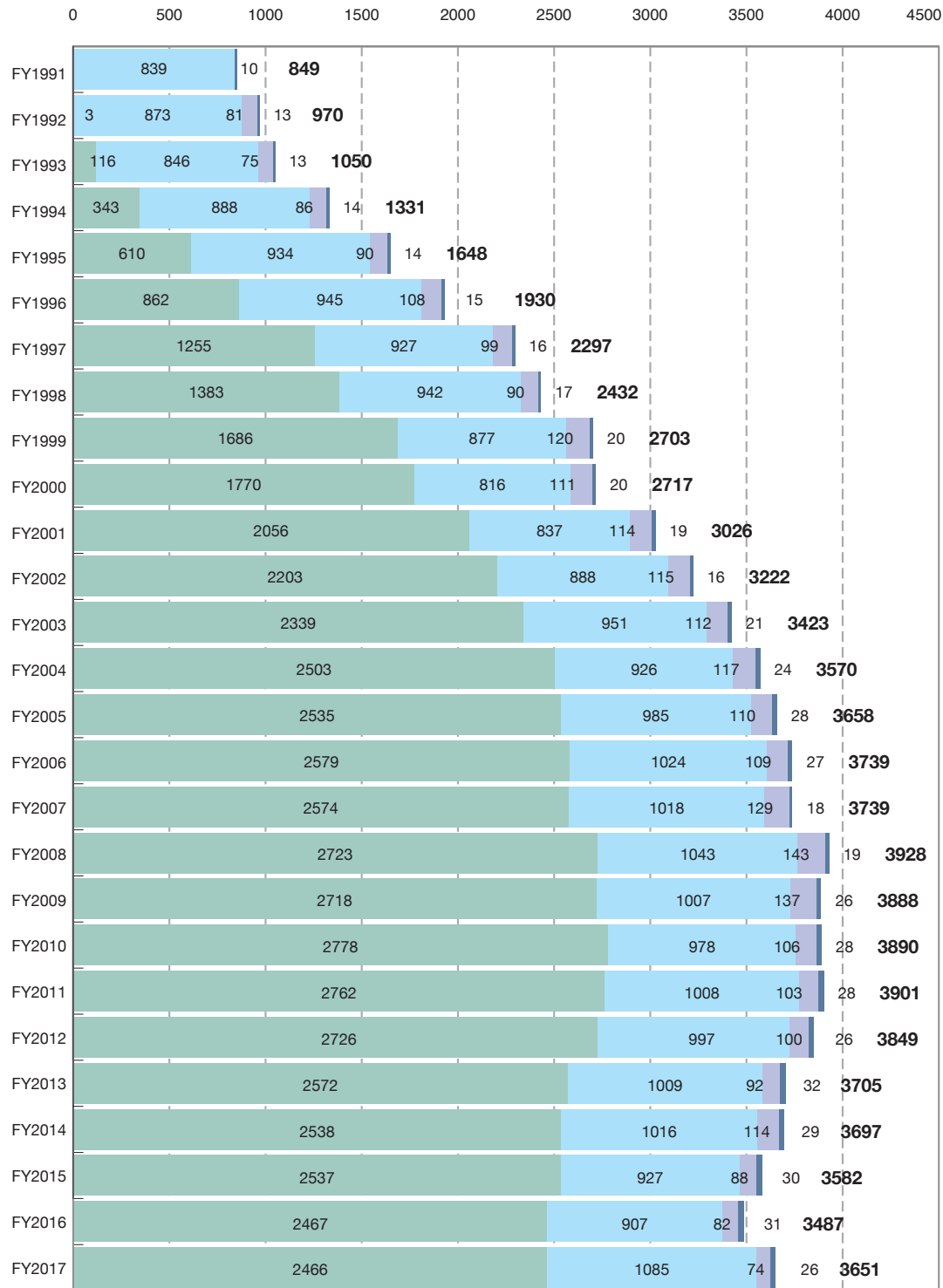
(National)	Hakodate National College of Technology	Tomakomai National College of Technology	Akita National College of Technology
	Tsuruoka National College of Technology	Fukushima National College of Technology	Oyama National College of Technology
	Gunma National College of Technology	Tokyo National College of Technology	Nagaoka National College of Technology
	Toyama National College of Technology	Ishikawa National College of Technology	Toyota National College of Technology
	Yonago National College of Technology	Tsuyama National College of Technology	Oshima National College of Maritime Technology
	Takamatsu National College of Technology	Takuma National College of Technology	Niihama National College of Technology
	Oita National College of Technology		
(Private)	Kinki University Technical College		

【FY2006】 (18 colleges of technology)

(National)	Ichinoseki National College of Technology	Kisarazu National College of Technology	Nagano National College of Technology
	Gifu National College of Technology	Toba National College of Maritime Technology	Maizuru National College of Technology
	Nara National College of Technology	Matsue National College of Technology	Kure National College of Technology
	Tokuyama College of Technology	Ube National College of Technology	Yuge National College of Maritime Technology
	Kurume National College of Technology	Kitakyushu National College of Technology	Sasebo National College of Technology
	Kumamoto National College of Technology	Yatsushiro National College of Technology	Kagoshima National College of Technology

Awarding of NIAD-QE Degrees

● Annual Number of Degrees Awarded through April 2018



Total number of degree recipients : 79,882

Awarding degrees to learners who have completed study at a junior college, a college of technology or a professional training college

■ Bachelor

Degrees Awarded upon Successful Completion of Study at a NIAD-QE-Approved Educational Institution

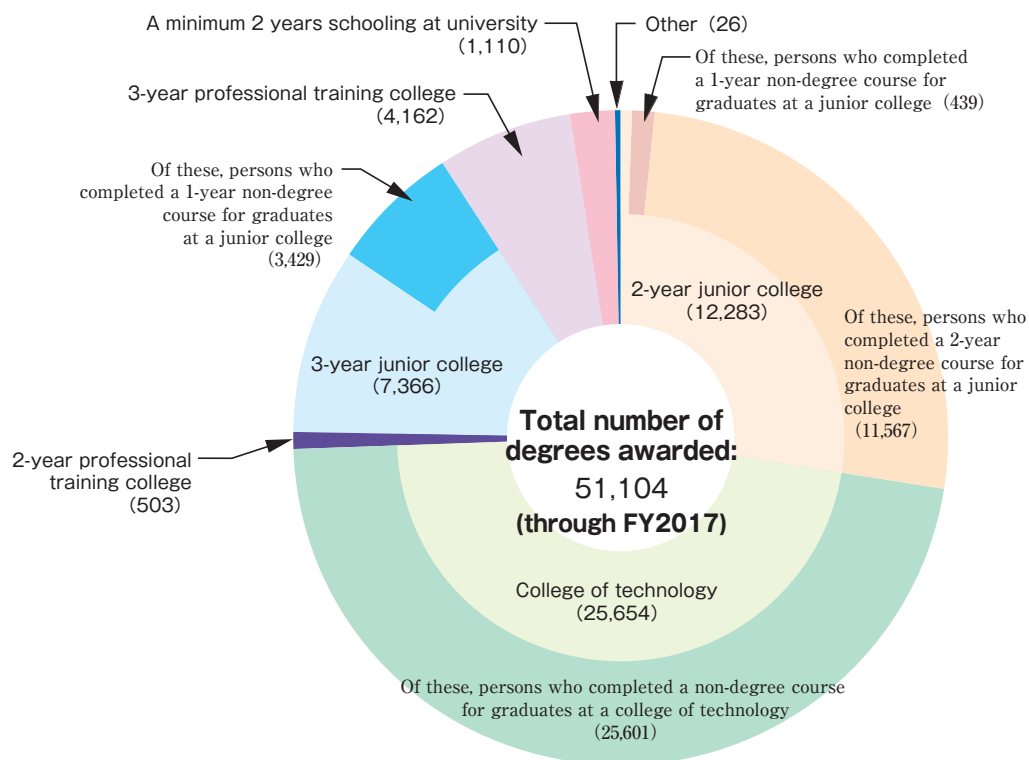
■ Bachelor ■ Master ■ Doctor

● Number of Bachelor's Degrees Awarded Based on Credit-Accumulation (Scheme I)

(Unit: Person)

Academic field (Bachelor's degree)	Number of Bachelor's degrees awarded																										TOTAL
	FY1992	FY1993	FY1994	FY1995	FY1996	FY1997	FY1998	FY1999	FY2000	FY2001	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	
Literature		1	5	19	36	41	45	42	35	24	26	27	22	18	15	18	23	26	32	34	16	16	24	19	24	18	606
Education		1	2	15	21	47	115	124	134	89	111	165	182	191	191	239	219	186	185	163	171	134	188	180	198	238	3,479
Theology					1	3	1	2	1	1	1	1		2	1		2	1		2	1		2	1	1		24
Sociology			1	5	8	12	5	3	5	2	1	1	4	11		4	9	8	5	1	3	4	4	3	3	2	104
Liberal Arts	1			2	2	8	19	22	12	20	11		7	6	6	1	3	6	9	5	5	5	6	5	9	8	178
Liberal Arts			1			3	4	3		1		4	3	2	2	4	1	4	2	4	2	2	2	4	2	1	51
Social Sciences							1	1			1	1		1	1	2	5	5	2	3	3		4	1	3	1	35
Law	2		1	3	2	6	6	3	3	3	2	7	3	3	2	10	9	4	3	3	4	7	4	3	2	6	101
Political Science				1	2		1	1	3	1		1			2	1		2	3			4		2	1	1	26
Economics	1			3	1	6	3	6	4	2	2	6		3	4	3	3	3	4	6	5	2	1	1	3	1	73
Commerce	1		6	4	4	2	3	7	7	3	1	3	3	1	4	8	3	5	2	1	2	1		1	1	1	74
Business Administration		1	1	2	8	7	5	6	7	6	9	13	8	16	15	14	18	8	10	17	14	15	15	8	16	10	249
Science		1	4	5	5	5	4	12	6	8	11	10	11	1	6	8	6	8	9	1	8	10	2	3	4	2	150
Pharmacy												1					1										2
Pharmaceutical Sciences																						1	1		2	1	5
Nursing		21	39	84	104	131	163	155	191	240	239	251	248	332	311	266	286	274	291	354	434	518	513	423	458	437	6,753
Health Science		4	39	95	167	294	254	324	304	375	351	311	278	221	204	192	185	141	126	120	107	110	89	94	98	97	4,580
Acupuncture and Moxibustion					1	3	2	16	7	11	15	6	17	10	13	2	5	6	6	2	2	3	3	3	2	2	137
Oral Health Science																	10	35	28	41	48	53	47	57	55	59	433
Judo Therapy																							3			1	4
Nutrition			4	7	35	79	106	164	172	205	241	241	254	131	109	122	127	98	114	92	51	54	63	62	53	46	2,630
Engineering		46	126	197	281	366	409	513	602	754	840	988	1,126	1,230	1,343	1,365	1,446	1,600	1,644	1,733	1,664	1,523	1,479	1,549	1,426	1,433	25,663
Design				1	2	23	24	22	34	28	31	28	32	37	32	25	29	16	13		2	2	1	1			383
Mercantile Marine Science																28	18	16	14	16	17	12	12	18	12	12	175
Agriculture					1			17	15	14	14	15	17	10	13	12			4	2		1		1	3	1	140
Fisheries													1		1	1			1			1		1			6
Home Economics				2	10	11	7	6	3	4	2	2	1	5	7	6	7	5	6	5	4	6	6	5	5	5	120
Art		39	114	165	170	205	209	234	222	263	289	270	280	300	284	230	297	258	263	167	163	88	69	90	86	83	4,838
Physical Education					1	3	7	3	3	2	5	7	6	4	13	13	11	3	2					2			85
TOTAL	3	116	343	610	862	1,255	1,383	1,686	1,770	2,056	2,203	2,339	2,503	2,535	2,579	2,574	2,723	2,718	2,778	2,782	2,726	2,572	2,538	2,537	2,467	2,466	51,104

(2) Breakdown of number of persons awarded degrees by preliminary qualification



(3) Number of NIAD-QE-Recognized Advanced Courses by Field and NIAD-QE-Validated Advanced Courses (through April 2018)

	Advanced Course of Junior College		Advanced Course of College of Technology		Total
	National/Public	Private	National/Public	Private	
Humanities, Liberal Arts		7 (1)			7 (1)
Education	1 (1)	24 (9)			25 (10)
Social Sciences		1	2 (2)		3 (2)
Science, Engineering, Agriculture			108 (108)	2 (2)	110 (110)
Mercantile Marine Science			5 (5)		5 (5)
Nursing, Health Science		19 (6)			19 (6)
Home Economics, Nutrition	1	9 (3)			10 (3)
Art	2 (1)	9			11 (1)
Total	4 (2)	69 (19)	115 (115)	2 (2)	190 (138)

*Numbers in parentheses are the numbers of NIAD-QE-Validated Advanced Courses

● Awarding of Academic Degrees (Scheme II)

NIAD-QE-Approved Courses and Number of Awarded Degrees (Scheme II)

Bachelor's level (through April 2018)

	Years required to complete course	Date of Approval	Disciplinary field	Number of degrees awarded (Unit: Person)	
				FY2017	Total
National Defense Medical College (School of Medicine, Medical Course)	6	Aug.1991	Medicine	77	1,738
National Defense Academy (Undergraduate Course)	4	Dec.1991	Science	36	835
	4	Dec.1991	Engineering	342	8,088
	4	Dec.1991	Social Sciences	81	1,638
	4	Mar.2001	Humanities	35	372
National Fisheries University (Undergraduate Course)	4	Dec.1991	Fisheries	180	4,814
Japan Coast Guard Academy (Regular Course)	4	Dec.1991	BS in Coast Guard Operations and Law Enforcement	42	1,046
Meteorological College (Regular Course)	4	Dec.1991	Science	15	367
Polytechnic University (Undergraduate Course) *	4	Dec.1991	Engineering	—	4,930
National College of Nursing, Japan (Undergraduate Course)	4	Mar.2001	Nursing	94	1,340
Polytechnic University (Faculty of Manufacturing Science & Technology)	4	Feb.2012	Science in Manufacturing Technology	74	216
Division of Nursing, School of Medicine, National Defense Medical College	4	Feb.2017	Nursing	109	109
※ Abolished at the end of FY2016				1,085	25,493

Master's level (through April 2018)

	Years required to complete course	Date of Approval	Disciplinary field	Number of degrees awarded (Unit: Person)	
				FY2017	Total
National Defense Academy (Graduate School of Science and Engineering)	2	Dec.1991	Science	7	159
	2	Dec.1991	Engineering	34	1,436
Polytechnic University (Graduate School of Engineering) * ²	2	Dec.1991	Engineering	—	470
National Fisheries University (Graduate School of Fisheries Science)	2	Jun.1994	Fisheries	11	222
National Defense Academy (Graduate School of Security Studies)	2	Mar.1997	Security Studies* ¹	14	324
National College of Nursing, Japan (Training Center for Nursing Development) (Graduate School of Nursing)	2	Feb.2005	Nursing	8	94
Polytechnic University (Graduate School of Manufacturing Engineering)	2	Feb.2016	Science in Manufacturing Engineering	—	—
* 1 Referred to as "Social Sciences" until FY2002				74	2,705
* 2 was abolished at the end of FY2012					

Doctoral level (through April 2018)

	Years required to complete course	Date of Approval	Disciplinary field	Number of degrees awarded (Unit: Person)	
				FY2017	Total
National Defense Medical College (School of Medicine, Medical Research Course)	4	Aug.1991	Medical Science	16	477
National Defense Academy (Graduate School of Science and Engineering)	3	Mar.2001	Science	0	6
	3	Mar.2001	Engineering	9	82
National Defense Academy (Graduate School of Security Studies)	3	Feb.2009	Security Studies	1	15
National College of Nursing, Japan (Training Center for Nursing Development) (Graduate School of Nursing)	3	Feb.2015	Nursing	—	—
				26	580

Illustration of Schools and Educational Institutions Connected With NIAD-QE Degrees

School Year	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Schools regulated by the school Education Law	High school etc.	College of Technology	2-year junior College	Advanced Course** Acquisition of Credits as Credited Auditors	Advanced Course** Acquisition of Credits as Credited Auditors	Bachelor's Degree					
	High school etc.	2-year advanced course at high school 2-year professional Training College	3-year Junior College	Advanced Course** Acquisition of Credits as Credited Auditors	Acquisition of Credits as Credited Auditors	Bachelor's Degree (M.D.)					
Educational institution under the Jurisdiction of ministries other than MEXT*	High school etc.	National Defense Medical College (School of Medicine, Medical Course)	National Defense Academy (Undergraduate programs)	Graduate School of Science and Engineering, National Defence Academy Master Course	Graduate School of Security Studies National Defence Academy Masters Degree Program	Doctoral Degree					
	High school etc.	National Fisheries University (Undergraduate program)	National College of Nursing, Japan (Undergraduate programs)	Graduate School of Fisheries Science	Graduate Program in Nursing (Master's Program)	Master's Degree					
	High school etc.	Polytechnic University (Undergraduate programs) (Faculty of Manufacturing Science & Technology)	Japan Coast Guard Academy (Regular program)	Graduate School of Manufacturing Engineering		Bachelor's Degree					
	High school etc.	Meteorological College (Regular program)									

★ MEXT : Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology

★★ NIAD-QE recognized Course

Loans and Grants for Facilities

● Loans Provided for Facilities

(Unit: Million yen)

Category	Amount loaned				
	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017
Facility development	(52 projects at 30 corporations) 44,473	(62 projects at 32 corporations) 36,797	(66 projects at 33 corporations) 43,778	(59 projects at 30 corporations) 40,621	(51 projects at 31 corporations) 35,004
Installation of special medical equipment in hospitals (equipment installation)	(21 projects at 19 corporations) 17,297	(21 projects at 20 corporations) 19,700	(25 projects at 21 corporations) 19,647	(25 projects at 21 corporations) 15,303	(28 projects at 22 corporations) 32,056
Total	(73 projects at 35 corporations) 61,771	(83 projects at 35 corporations) 56,497	(91 projects at 34 corporations) 63,425	(84 projects at 34 corporations) 55,924	(79 projects at 35 corporations) 67,060

● Grants Provided for Facilities

(Unit: Million yen)

Category	Sum Confirmed				
	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017
Maintenance and upkeep	(90 corporations) 5,599	(90 corporations) 5,446	(90 corporations) 5,458	(90 corporations) 3,862	(90 corporations) 3,783
Real estate purchase	—	—	—	—	—
Facility development	—	—	—	—	—
Total	(90 corporations) 5,599	(90 corporations) 5,446	(90 corporations) 5,458	(90 corporations) 3,862	(90 corporations) 3,783

FY2018 Budget of NIAD-QE

General Account

(Unit: Million yen)

Income		Expenditure	
Category	Amount	Category	Amount
Subsidies for administration expenses	1,653	General and administrative expenses	1,353
Handling fees for certified evaluation	98	Expenses for evaluation of higher education institutions	98
Fees for examinations to award degrees	120	Expenses for examinations to award degrees	120
Other income	11	Other administrative expenses	311
Total	1,882	Total	1,882

Facility Development Account

(Unit: Million yen)

Income		Expenditure	
Category	Amount	Category	Amount
Long-term borrowing, etc.	54,900	Expenses arising from loans for facilities	54,204
Recovery of long-term loans, etc.	69,260	Expenses arising from grants for facilities	4,000
Interest received on long-term loans, etc.	6,205	Repayment of long-term borrowing, etc.	69,956
Property disposition revenue	1,810	Interest expenses on long-term borrowing	6,137
Income from leased property	99	Taxes and public dues	29
Payments of property disposition revenue	30	Bond issuance expenses	14
Interest on securities	0	Bond interest	55
Total	132,305	Total	134,394

Summary

(Unit: Million yen)

Income		Expenditure	
Category	Amount	Category	Amount
Management expenses grants	1,653	General and administrative expenses	1,353
Handling fees for certified evaluation	98	Expenses for evaluation of higher education institutions	98
Application Fees for degrees	120	Expenses for examinations to award degrees	120
Long-term borrowing, etc.	54,900	Other administrative expenses	311
Recovery of long-term loans, etc.	69,260	Expenses arising from loans for facilities	54,204
Interest received on long-term loans, etc.	6,205	Expenses arising from grants for facilities	4,000
Property disposition revenue	1,810	Repayment of long-term borrowing, etc.	69,956
Income from leased property	99	Interest expenses on long-term borrowing	6,137
Payments of property disposition revenue	30	Taxes and public dues	29
Interest on securities	0	Bond issuance expenses	14
Other	11	Bond interest	55
Total	134,186	Total	136,276

* Some discrepancies may arise between figures in each cell and totals, due to rounding off.

Land and Buildings

(Unit: m²)

District and building name	Land	Total building area
Kodaira Headquarters	10,588	13,212
Takebashi Office (11F and 10F, National Center of Sciences Building)	567	3,353
Kodaira No.2 Residence (employee housing)	4,609	2,769
Total	15,764	19,334

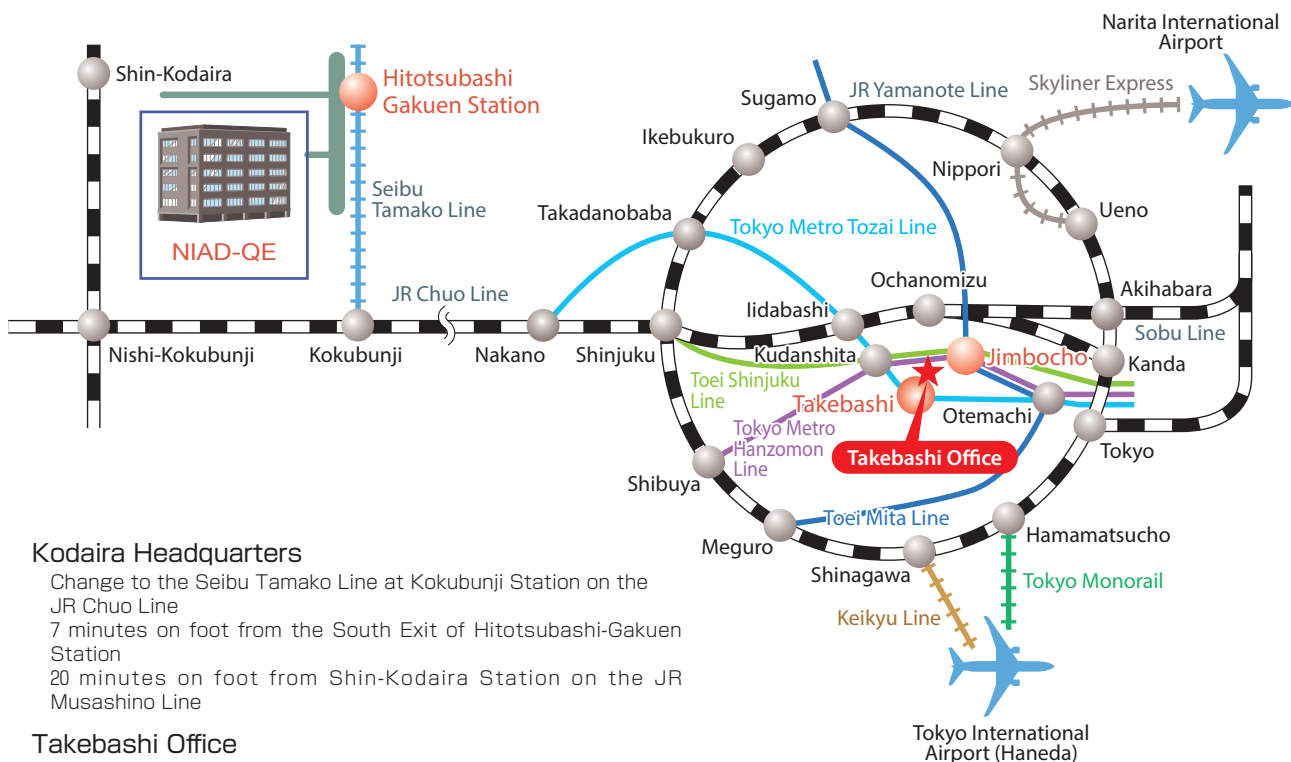
Number of Full-time Positions (As of April 2018)

(Unit: Person)

Executive Staff				Staff			Total
President	Vice-Presidents	Auditors	Total	Academic Staff	General Staff	Total	
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* Numbers in parentheses are the numbers of outside directors who are not full-time administrators.

Access Maps



Kodaira Headquarters

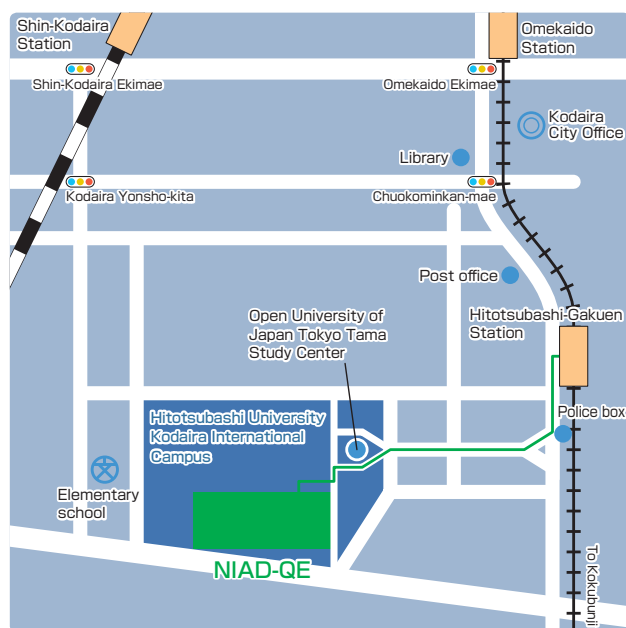
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 7 minutes on foot from the South Exit of Hitotsubashi-Gakuen Station
 20 minutes on foot from Shin-Kodaira Station on the JR Musashino Line

Takebashi Office

5 minutes on foot from Exit 1b at Takebashi Station on the Tokyo Metro Tozai Line
 5 minutes on foot from Exit A8, A9 at Jimbocho Station on the Tokyo Metro Hanzomon Line / Toei Mita Line / Toei Shinjuku Line

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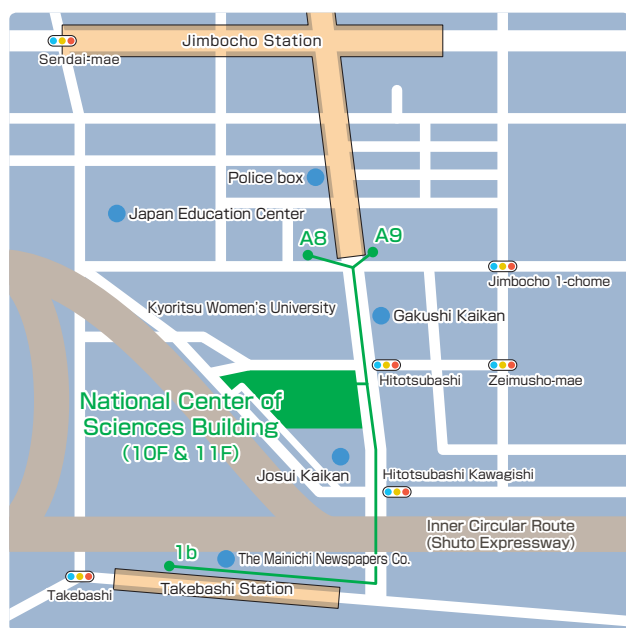
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〈Takebashi Office〉

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