

# Initiatives for Promoting the Internationalization of Universities

- From the Perspective of  
Quality Assurance Agency -

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# Purpose of Promoting Internationalization

To assure and enhance the quality of university education and research as well as international collaborative activities to maintain their value and credibility at international standards



How can NIAD-UE contribute as a quality assurance agency?

# Role of NIAD-UE

- ✓ To contribute to the assurance and enhancement of quality in university education and research by developing evaluation and quality assurance schemes
- ✓ To ensure the value and credibility of evaluation and quality assurance systems in line with international standards
- ✓ To share information so as to deepen the understanding and respect for the existing frameworks of other countries and their various backgrounds

# NIAD-UE Initiatives

- Conducting evaluations and ensuring quality
- Encouraging quality-assured inter-university exchange
- Supporting dissemination of university information worldwide

# Conducting Evaluations and Ensuring Quality

- NIAD-UE intends not only to review the systems or state of international collaborations, but also to facilitate the visualization and enhancement of the educational and research quality required by the international arena

Ex: Effectiveness of institutional performance and outcomes  
- through the Certified Evaluation and Accreditation

Good practices in international collaborations - through  
the National University Corporation Evaluation

# Encouraging quality-assured inter-university exchange

## Significant challenges

- ✓ Visualizing the key elements of inter-university exchange programs - mode of educational provisions, credit transfers, awarding of degrees, etc.
- ✓ Building internal and external quality assurance systems which serve as foundations of high-quality university exchange programs

# NIAD-UE's ongoing activities

## 1) The trilateral collaboration among Japan-China-Korea quality assurance agencies

Purpose: To promote mutual understanding of quality assurance system, and to encourage quality-assured inter-university exchanges among three countries

Activities: joint projects on quality assurance, holding international symposiums, etc.

Member agencies: NIAD-UE, Higher Education Evaluation Center of the Ministry of Education (HEEC) of China, and Korean Council for University Education (KCUE)



The Inaugural Meeting for Japan-China-Korea Quality Assurance Council (4 March 2010)

# NIAD-UE's ongoing activities

## 2) Study on the quality assurance mechanism for international collaborative programs

Collecting various practices taken by universities and external QA bodies, including QA systems for double degree programs

## 3) Cooperation with overseas quality assurance/qualifications recognition agencies

- Collaborations with the MoU partner agencies - QAA (UK), NVAO, Nuffic, HEEC (China), HKCAAVQ (Hong Kong)
- Contributions to international QA agencies networks - APQN and INQAAHE



# Supporting dissemination of university information worldwide

## Developing the NIAD-UE 'Information Package'

Providing basic terms and an overview of the QA systems of Japanese higher education, as well as information on NIAD-UE's certified evaluation and accreditation in Japanese and English

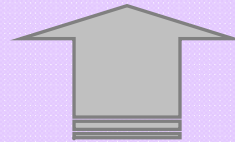
Introduced the ideas of Information Package at NIAD-UE-hosted International Workshop (March 2010)



... Contributing to the promotion of greater understanding of how the quality is evaluated and assured in Japanese higher education

# Conclusion - NIAD-UE's Policy

- Enhancing university education and research activities
- Assuring the quality of academic degrees



**Evaluation and quality assurance**

**Improving the value and international credibility**