

## **Decision of Institutional Certified Evaluation and Accreditation**

Akita University complies with the Standards for the Establishment of Universities and other relevant laws and regulations, and meets the Standards for Evaluation and Accreditation of Universities set by NIAD-UE.

Good practices identified by the review committee include:

- Reflecting the results of the performance evaluations of academic staff concerning their education, research and other activities in their bonuses and other conditions in the Faculty of Education and Human Studies, the Graduate School of Engineering and Resource Science, and centers for education and research,
- Recruiting students from many parts of the country, with the Faculty of Education and Human Studies, in particular, providing an additional venue for entrance examinations in Tokyo, and the Faculty of Engineering and Resource Science in Tokyo and Nagoya,
- The “Practical Project for Enhancing Connectivity between High School and University Education,” selected in FY2010 in the Program for Promoting University Education and Student Support: Program for Promoting University Education Reform offered by MEXT, in which the university’s academic staff and high school teachers work together in carrying out research on how to enhance connectivity between high school curricula and undergraduate academic programs and putting the research into practice by, for example, compiling textbooks for physics, chemistry, biology, English, mathematics and information designed to connect high school and university education; and the university continuing to carry out the project with its own funds after the support period expired,
- The “Signal Transduction in the Regulatory System and Its Disorders” program selected in FY2007 in MEXT’s Global COE Program,
- The “Original Scientist Training Program Designed to Extend Student Abilities,” selected in FY2011 in MEXT’s Development Programs for Gifted Students in Universities, in which the university evaluates and admits students adept and keenly interested in science and mathematics, and allows them to enroll in a graduate school under the early graduation system,
- The “Project for Developing Human Resources Who Can Shape the Future of Local

Communities through Collaboration among Industries, Universities/Colleges and Governments” selected in FY2012 in MEXT’s Program for Creating Systems for Enhancing and Augmenting Education to Respond to the Needs of Industry,

- The “Creating Local Communities Where Each and Every Individual Is Independent and Taken Good Care of in an Aged Society” project, selected in FY2013 in MEXT’s Program for Promoting Universities as the Center of Communities (COC), in which the university cooperates with residents and local governments in Akita Prefecture in creating an “Akita model for living in local communities” that will enable people to live with hope in a super-aged society, and in making the university indispensable to local communities,
- The “Plan for Developing Professionals Who Can Play an Active Role in Next Generation Cancer Treatment and Care” selected in FY2012 in MEXT’s Promotion Plan for the Platform of Human Resource Development for Cancer,
- The “Northern Tohoku Cancer Professional Training Plan” selected in FY2007 in MEXT’s Human Resource Development Plan for Cancer,
- The “New Frontier Leader Program for Rare-metals and Resources” selected in FY2012 in MEXT’s Program for Leading Graduate Schools, and
- Creating various rules, regulations and plans to prepare for disaster or crisis situations after the Great East Japan Earthquake, particularly having satellite phones, power generators, *etc.*, made available for emergency use, building a storehouse in preparation for disasters, and storing up emergency supplies and materials.

Areas for improvement identified by the review committee include:

- An excessive admission rate above the admission capacity or an inadequate admission rate far below the admission capacity at many graduate schools in the graduate program, and
- Teaching evaluation surveys not conducted at some graduate schools, and the survey results and other information being published and made available to students only at some faculties.

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