

Decision of Institutional Certified Evaluation and Accreditation

Tohoku 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:

- Institute for International Advanced Research and Education, which offers outstanding graduate level education programs designed to develop young, world-class researchers;
- Advanced Institute for Materials Research (AIMR) which is selected as part of the World Premier International Research Center Initiative (WPI), contributing its latest research developments and findings to the university's graduate school education;
- Effective recruitment strategies (*e.g.*, holding orientations for prospective students in multiple locations across Japan and visiting 48 high school campuses), proving successful in gaining talented students through the Admissions Office (AO) selection process, as well as the university also has a range of admission schemes, such as admission for final qualifiers in the Japan Science Olympiads and Future Global Leadership Undergraduate Program Admission;
- Projects and programs funded under MEXT's support programs, such as Programs for Promoting High-Quality University Education (*e.g.*, Building a Medical Education System to Nurture a Research Mind: Project that Promotes the Spirit of Inquiry for Truth and Practical Ability; Small-Sized Classes in Research Universities: Aiming for "Transformation of Learning"; Nurturing Natural Understanding and Logical Thinking through Interdisciplinary Scientific Experiments; Cultivation of Advanced Scientists Aimed at the Practice and Application of Science; The Information Literacy Education Professional Program – Information, Literacy Education Design for Information Ethics Issues We Face Today; and Future Global Leadership (FGL) Program), being continued after government funding ended, as well as such programs with support from MEXT, as nurturing MD Researchers Competitive in the World Arena; Step-QI School, Tohoku University Global Leader Program; Inter-Graduate School Doctoral Degree Program on Science for Global Safety, and Interdepartmental Doctoral Degree Program for Multidimensional Materials Science;
- Tohoku University's Global Initiative, Selected as part of the FY2014 Top Global University Project funded by MEXT which was accelerating the university's education, research, governance reform as well as internationalization, and aiming to build the university into a

leading provider of excellent education and research in the era of globalization through, among others, the establishment of International Joint Graduate Programs that bring together people from around the world to engage in learning and creative pursuits;

- The Student Learning Advisor System, which provides a broad range of student support, including academic counseling and classroom assistance, mainly for first and second year undergraduates as part of the general education learning support program;
- Extensive support programs for students affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake (*e.g.*, exemption of enrollment fee and tuition, the university's own scholarship program, and provision of emergency housing) ; and
- Effective management of general education programs through successful application of the PDCA cycle, and also collaboration between the Academic Affairs Council and the Institute for Excellence in Higher Education, which together investigate, coordinate, and make arrangements to facilitate the implementation of general education programs.

Areas for improvement identified by the review committee include:

- Enrollment far above the capacity in some graduate schools and far below in others.

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