

Decision of Institutional Thematic Assessment

The attainment level of the goals of Kobe University is good in the area of Institutional Thematic Assessment A, Research Activities.

Good practices identified in Institutional Thematic Assessment A include:

- The Research, Development and Education Center for Advanced Business Systems, selected for MEXT's 21st Century COE Program, which promotes research on Japanese business systems from the global point of view, with expanded research and education centers in the country and with newly established research centers abroad;
- The globally outstanding results in various fields, including the study on Fukuyama muscular dystrophy with glycosylation abnormality, the elucidation of the structure and function of the cell membranes, the study of the pathomechanism of intractable diseases such as cancer and Parkinson's disease by way of genetic and metabolomics analysis, the discovery of the causes of influenza and other communicable diseases through virology, and the development of new drugs for the treatment of cancer and diabetes;
- An excellent track record of papers published in international journals in economics, which include those that have been objectively acclaimed for their quality, winning prestigious society awards and academic prizes;
- Patents from research results on magnetic imaging device obtained in Europe, North America, and Japan, with their applications resulting in software package sales; and
- Some patents from the research results, which bring in large amounts of licensing revenues to the University through license agreements with companies.

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