

Decision of Institutional Thematic Assessment

The attainment level of the goals of Mie University is good in the area of Institutional Thematic Assessment B, Community Outreach.

Good practices identified in Institutional Thematic Assessment B include:

- The development and implementation of science teacher training programs the training of teachers who will play a central role in science education through partnership between the University and Mie Prefecture Board of Education, which was selected for the FY2012 Establishing Training Centers for Core Science Teachers funded by the Japan Science and Technology Agency, taking advantage of regional science education centers in the region;
- Mie University Regional Contribution Activities, in which the University annually receives applications from volunteers on campus and provides partial funds to strengthen its community outreach activities;
- Education and research on regional medical and health system involving actual clinical activities, which have resulted in the launches of open courses on community medicine Mie Prefecture in preparation for the optimal regional medical care system;
- The establishment of the Disaster Mitigation Research Center within the Community-University Research Cooperation Center in April 2013 for the purpose of enhancing the system of disaster prevention and mitigation through industry-academia-government cooperation in the Mie region, which allowed the University to establish the Mie Disaster Mitigation Center with Mie Prefecture as the country's first organization dedicated to the training of personnel and producing research results on local disaster mitigation activities, thereby encouraging industry-academia-government partnership in the Mie region;
- The establishment of the Regional Area Strategy Center within the Community-University Research Cooperation Center in April, 2011, the establishment of which has allowed the University to contribute to the region by making policy recommendations and proposals on issues related to local industry, regional development, tourism policies, environmental policies, *etc.*, as well as cooperating with local governments in Mie Prefecture; and
- The establishment of the Graduate School of Regional Innovation Studies in April 2009, the country's first independent graduate school which embraces social partnership into education for the purpose of returning research results back to society, with initiatives of training readily employable human resources for regional industries, with research results in the area of regional

innovation, as exemplified by the case where, in FY2012, adult students developed a high-performance cleaning device that may be described as an innovative product developed in the region.

The attainment level of the goals of Mie University is generally good in the area of Institutional Thematic Assessment C, Internationalization of Higher Education.

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