

For Enhancing Quality in Higher Education



Japan University Accreditation Association



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Japan University Accreditation Association (JUAA) was established in 1947. Since then, we have consistently led the development and implementation of higher education quality assurance in Japan. We encourage and support universities' improvement through accreditation and its research.

In recent years, higher education has come to play a crucial role in supporting socio-economic growth and global competitiveness. At the same time, the demand for quality assurance of higher education institutions is increasing throughout the world. JUAA plays an important role as a quality assurance agency in Japan. We will continue to strengthen cooperation and collaboration with higher education institutions and relevant organizations both in Japan and abroad to support higher education.

ABOUT US

JUAA is a voluntary (non-profit) organization that was established on July 8, 1947, taking several U.S. accreditation organizations as a model. For its establishment, 46 universities gathered and approved the University Standards. We have been implementing accreditation since 1951 using these University Standards.

We are the first Certified Evaluation and Accreditation Agency for universities certified by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) in 2004. We currently perform Certified Evaluation and Accreditation in nine fields.

We have a membership system (full or associate) with more than 460 members (national and local public and private universities) that account for 60% of all the universities in Japan. For our members, we hold seminars and workshops, among other events.

Certified Evaluation and Accreditation, a national mandatory evaluation and accreditation scheme for higher education in Japan, was introduced in 2004 to assure and enhance the quality of academic activities.

In this scheme, all higher education institutions must undergo external evaluation once every seven years, and all professional graduate schools must undergo it once every five years.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is “to promote the qualitative improvement of higher education institutions in Japan through the voluntary efforts and mutual assistance of member institutions and to contribute to international cooperation such as educational and research activities in higher education institutions.”

To fulfill this mission, we are engaged in the following three activities.



Types of Accreditation

Institutional Accreditation	Program Accreditation
University, Junior College	Business School, Law School, School of Digital Contents, School of Global Communications, School of Intellectual Property Studies, School of Public Health, School of Public Policy
	School of Veterinary Medicine

ACCREDITATION

The objective of JUAA's evaluation is to assure the quality of universities for society and provide support for their further improvement. In our evaluation, we focus on the internal quality assurance system and evaluate with emphasis on its effectiveness.

As a result of the evaluation, the university that meets the standards is given an accreditation mark.

University Standards

- 1 Mission and Purpose
- 2 Internal Quality Assurance
- 3 Educational and Research Organization
- 4 Educational Program and Learning Outcomes
- 5 Student Enrollment
- 6 Faculty and Faculty Organization
- 7 Student Support
- 8 Education and Research Environment
- 9 Social Cooperation and Contribution
- 10 University Management and Finance

Evaluation Process

- 1 Submit Self-study Report
- 2 Document Analysis
- 3 Site Visit
- 4 Notify the Draft of the Accreditation Results
- 5 Notify the Accreditation Results
- 6 Improvement & Submit Progress Report
- 7 Progress Report Review & Notify the Results

You can see the accreditation results on our website.

<https://www.juaa.or.jp/en/accreditation/result.html>

You can also check the JUAA accreditation mark on university websites, etc.



INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

With the ongoing globalization of higher education, it has become imperative to enhance its compatibility and credibility. In order to contribute to the promotion of internationalization of universities, we are working to ensure cooperation with overseas quality assurance institutions and international recognition of quality assurance.

Partnerships

INQAAHE

International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education



APQN

Asia-Pacific Quality Network



AAPBS

Association of Asia-Pacific Business Schools



EFMD

European Foundation for Management Development



HEEACT

Higher Education Evaluation and Accreditation Council of Taiwan



KCUE & KUAI

Korean Council for University Education & Korean University Accreditation Institute



MQA

Malaysian Qualifications Agency



ONESQA

Office for National Education, Standard and Quality Assessment



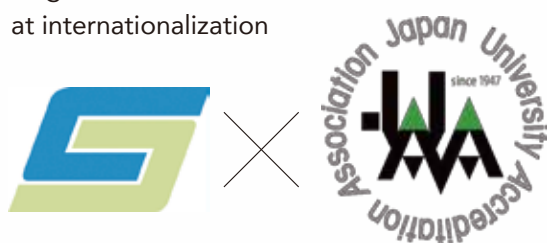
TWAEA

Taiwan Assessment and Evaluation Association



International Joint Accreditation Project by JUAA & TWAEA

- ▶ Starts in 2019
- ▶ Targets universities that aim at internationalization



- ▶ The Standards are as follows:

Standard 1	Mission, Goals & Strategy
Standard 2	Internal Quality Assurance
Standard 3	Teaching & Learning
Standard 4	Faculty
Standard 5	Social Connection
Standard 6	Governance

RESEARCH

For improve our evaluation system and support the quality enhancement of universities, we launched the Research Institute. In the Research Institute, we research on matters of higher education, and the results are published as reports and review journals, etc.

Our recent activities are as follows:

- Research for internal quality assurance / learning outcomes (published as handbook)
- Survey and research for effectiveness of university evaluation
- Research for quality assurance and improvement in educator preparation (2017 MEXT Project)



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