

For Enhancing Quality in Higher Education



Japan University Accreditation Association

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Japan University Accreditation Association (JUAA) was founded in 1947 as the first accreditation agency in Japan, contributing to its member universities throughout the country to improve the quality of higher education (HE). In recent years JUAA has actively focused on internationalization projects.

In response to the internationalization of HE, JUAA is currently implementing the following specific measures, including accreditation, to ensure the international comparability of its quality assurance (QA) activities:



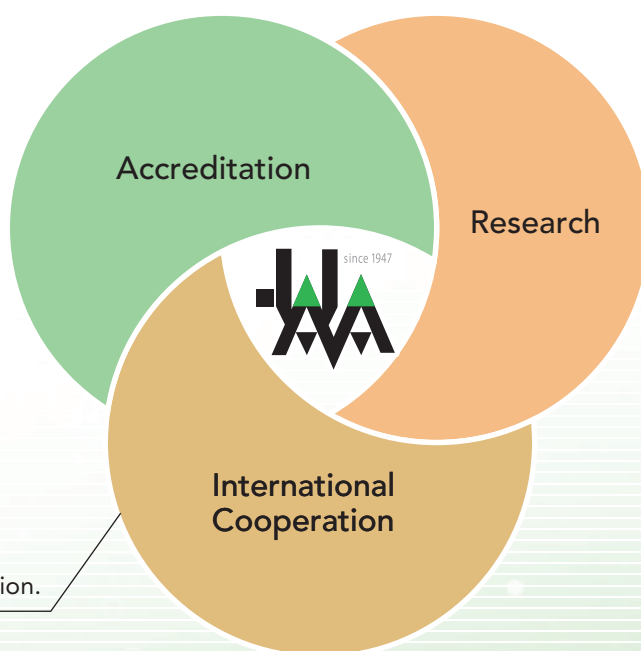
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- Activities to ensure the international acceptability of evaluation
- Keeping abreast of international trends in QA
- Efforts to ensure international comparability as a QA agency
- Cultivation of international perspectives among the staff of QA agencies

We hope that in the future, JUAA will be able to actively interact with accreditation organizations around the world, and through international exchanges gain deeper insight into the more effective role that QA agencies should play in society.

OUR MISSION

We strive to enhance the quality of higher education institutions (HEIs) in Japan and contribute to international cooperation in the education and research activities of HEIs through our members' voluntary efforts and mutual assistance.



Our main activities are accreditation, research and international cooperation.

ACCREDITATION

JUAA conducts institutional and program accreditation to ensure the quality of HEIs and support their continuous improvement and enhancement. We focus on internal QA and learning outcomes at each institution for the improvement of education. To enhance the objectivity of its evaluation, university officials as well as students, industry professionals, and high school officials participate as stakeholders in the evaluation.

University Standards

- 1 Mission and Purpose
- 2 Internal Quality Assurance
- 3 Education and Research Organization
- 4 Educational Program and Outcome
- 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

Accreditation Process

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

※Universities have the opportunity to comment on the accreditation results (committee draft). In addition, non-accredited universities may appeal the decision.

● Accreditation Certificate and Logo

JUAA issues an accreditation certificate and logo to HEIs found to be compliant with its accreditation standards.



Accreditation Logo



Accreditation Certificate

● Fields of Accreditation

Institutional Accreditation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University • Junior College
Accreditation for Professional Graduate School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law School • Business School • Public Policy School • School of Public Health • School of Intellectual Property Studies • School of Global Communications • School of Digital Contents • School of Global Legal Studies • School of Public Relations
Program Accreditation ※Bachelor degree	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veterinary Medicine • Dentistry

 : Certified Evaluation and Accreditation

※Certified Evaluation and Accreditation (CEA), 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.

Universities, junior colleges, and colleges of technology in Japan must undergo CEA at the institutional level every seven years or less. Additionally, professional and vocational universities, professional and vocational junior colleges, and professional graduate schools must undergo CEA at the program level every five years or less.

RESEARCH

As a responsible External Quality Assurance Agency (EQAA) that supports HEIs, JUAA engages in research activities to improve the quality of its activities.

● Research Institute for Quality Assurance of Higher Education

In 2018, JUAA established the Research Institute for Quality Assurance of Higher Education (RIQAHE) to strengthen its research capacity and continuously conduct research activities on QA and other aspects of HE.

Research Projects: (2023-2024)

Survey on Student Participation in Quality Assurance

Survey on Academic Credit Systems and Learning Enhancement

● Sharing Research Results

RIQAHE periodically holds symposiums and other events to share its research results with member universities and other HEIs.



Research conference



Public study group

● Publications

JUAA disseminates its knowledge through such publications as books and journals.



INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

With the progress of globalization, there is a growing need for the quality of education provided by HEIs to be internationally recognized. JUAA focuses its efforts on the following activities to continue serving as an internationally reliable QA agency.

● Joining QA Networks and Signing MoUs with Other QA Agencies

JUAA has joined various international QA networks, including the International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE), and signed Memorandums of Understanding (MoU) with overseas QA agencies to monitor the international trends of HE and QA. In addition to gathering and disseminating information through these networks, we have undertaken joint projects with our partners to ensure the international comparability of our QA activities.

Networks	
	INQAAHE International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education
	APQN Asia-Pacific Quality Network
	CHEA CHEA International Quality Group (CIQG)
	AAPBS Association of Asia-Pacific Business Schools

Partners	
	TWAEA Taiwan Assessment and Evaluation Association
	HEEACT Higher Education Evaluation and Accreditation Council of Taiwan
	ONESQA Office for National Education, Standard and Quality Assessment
	MQA Malaysian Qualifications Agency
	KCUE & KUAI Korean Council for University Education & Korean University Accreditation Institute
	MNCEA Mongolian National Council for Education Accreditation
	CEA VNU-HCM Center for Education Accreditation, Vietnam National University Ho Chi Minh City
	EFMD European Foundation for Management Development

● Initiatives with Partners

iJAS Project

The International Joint Accreditation Standards (iJAS) project is a cross-border QA framework with the aim of contributing to the internationalization and international QA of universities. In 2018, JUAA and the Taiwan Assessment and Evaluation Association (TWAEA) launched an iJAS project to develop versatile international standards under mutual cooperation. As of 2024, iJAS project is operated by JUAA, TWAEA, the Office for National Education Standards and Quality Assessment (ONESQA), and the Mongolian National Council for Education Accreditation (MNCEA).



International Survey Project

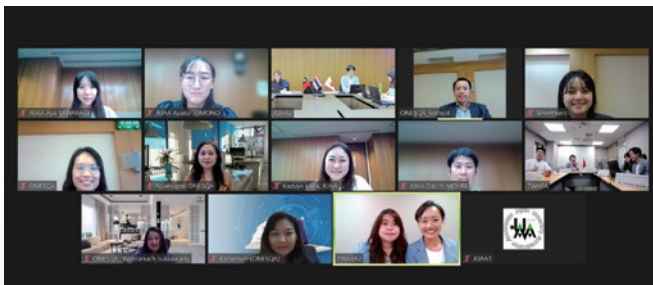
JUAA, TWAEA, ONESQA, MNCEA and the Center for Education Accreditation, Vietnam National University Ho Chi Minh City (CEA VNU-HCM) jointly conduct surveys asking university students about their satisfaction with their studies and compare and analyze the results.

International Staff Exchange Program /International Internship Program

JUAA, TWAEA and ONESQA jointly organize the International Staff Exchange Program and the International Internship Program to deepen the understanding of QA systems in different countries and regions, and to develop and enhance the skills and abilities required for QA staff.

The International Staff Exchange Program provides a two- or three-day training session designed to promote exchanges among staff members by sharing their knowledge about HE and QA systems.

The International Internship Program is a five-month long-term program aimed at developing more advanced professional skills.



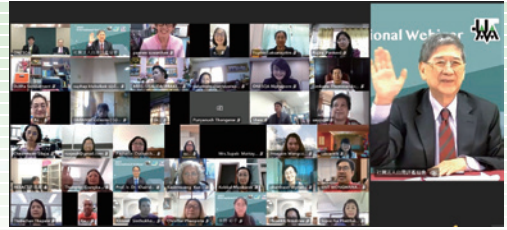
International Staff Exchange Program



International Internship Program

● International Symposiums

JUAA organizes international symposiums to provide an opportunity to discuss common challenges and the status of QA around the world, so that QA agencies can mutually enhance their performance.



International Webinar

International Certification

JUAA was certified as an alignment agency in 2023 through the external review by INQAAHE. It is the first QA agency in Japan to be certified.



Membership

JUAA is a voluntary non-profit agency operated under a membership system since its establishment. About half of the national, public, and private universities in Japan have joined as full or associate members.

● Types of Membership

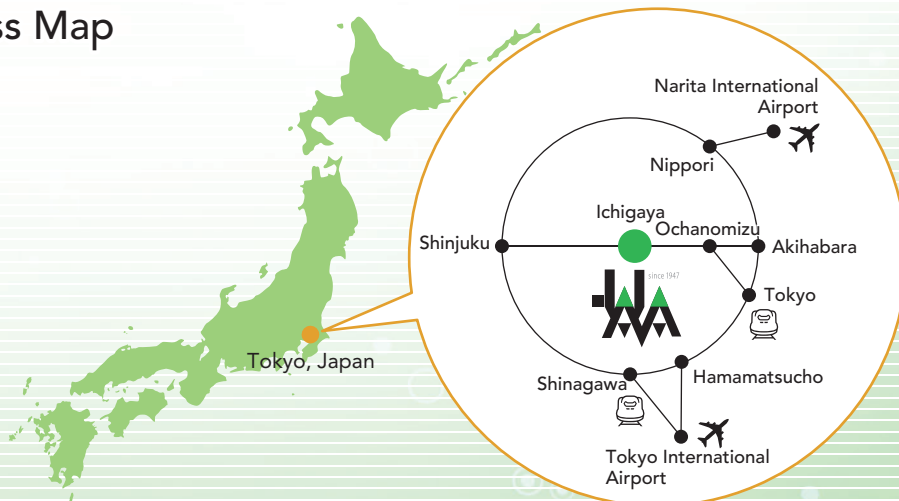
Full members

Universities and junior colleges that have undergone institutional CEA and have been approved as full members by JUAA.

Associate members

Universities, junior colleges, or organizations that recognize JUAA's mission.

Access Map





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