

KYOTO UNIVERSITY OF FOREIGN STUDIES (京都外国語大学)

Evaluation summary

“Standard 1. Mission and Objectives, etc.”

Based on the spirit of foundation, “PAX MUNDI PER LINGUAS (World Peace by the Means of Language),” the KYOTO UNIVERSITY OF FOREIGN STUDIES declares to perform education and research of foreign languages and international societies and regional cultures and contribute to global peace as its mission and objectives. It specifies three features as its educational objective to translate the mission and objectives into reality: “ability to use firm Japanese and practical foreign languages,” “communicating ability that counts towards improvement of social nature and human relations,” and “ability to deliver multicultural coexistence based on understanding of Japanese and foreign cultures.”

The mission, objectives and educational objective of the University are reflected in three policies (diploma policy curriculum policy, and admission policy), “Five-year Plan,” “Business Plan,” etc. and known to everybody on and off campus through its booklets, website, etc.

“Standard 2. Learning and Teaching”

The University formulated the admission policy and is accepting enrollees from home and abroad based on comprehensive evaluation. It organizes systemic educational curriculum to master major language and other languages and professional knowledge about the major language-speaking countries, as well as does all kind of things to devise and improve its education in various ways in order to promote educational research activities.

It organizes a learning support system, “Manaba,” which can be used to communicate between students and teachers and among students online and prevent withdrawal and holdover. It is also introducing a foreign language self-learning supporting room “NINJA” and developing a “student support system” to support autonomous growth of students.

It defines standards of accreditation of credit, promotion, graduation and completion, performance evaluation, and Grade Point Average (GPA) to conduct proper operation. It has carrier subjects in each grade to offer support on a timely basis. It also offers finely-tuned guide in “foreign language buildup classes” with entry, medium and advanced levels and practices education with definite goals such as graduation requirement of a medium-level credit. The facilities and equipment are well maintained and effectively used.

“Standard 3. Management, Admission and Finance”

The University expresses to maintain discipline and truthfulness of management in line with various regulations such as the code of donative activities and the school code and runs adhering related laws. It also formulates and performs its middle-term vision “Five-year Plan” and facilitates communication and coordination between its

administrative branch and teaching branch, making continuous effort to accomplish its mission and objectives. Educational and financial information are published in its website, etc. along with the “Five-year Plan” formulated as the middle-term vision.

The Board of Directors are properly operated based on the code of donative activities. Executive office meeting, division head meeting and other various conferences are set up to lay out the framework to execute duties according to the mission and objectives of the University. In addition, the President takes the leadership.

The University is operating under proper financial control based on its middle- and long-term plan. Both the corporate business and the University established stable financial ground with positive imputed balances and ordinary profits for the past five years and is conducting the appropriate accounting procedures in accordance with regulations.

“Standard 4. Self-Inspection and Evaluation”

In 1993, the University formulated the “Code of Self-Inspection and Evaluation of KYOTO UNIVERSITY OF FOREIGN STUDIES” and established the Self-Inspection and Evaluation Management Committee and Self-Inspection and Evaluation Implementation Committee to work on the Self-Inspection and Evaluation as a whole university. Its Self-Inspection and Evaluation are highly transparent and survey, collection of data, analysis and other tasks are administered in each department on campus in a multilayer structure. In Self-Inspection and Evaluation activities, it has issued self-inspection reports (when it received authentication evaluation) and “KYOTO UNIVERSITY OF FOREIGN STUDIES Academic Report” and published them on its website since 2005 version. These reports are shared on campus through faculty council, staff meeting, staff morning assembly, etc.

In general, the University is performing education based on its spirit of foundation and mission and objectives. In learning and teaching, it offers education with various originality and ingenuity as a foreign language university. In management, admission, and finance, the operation is appropriate and the financial situation is sound. It is also conducting Self-Inspection and Evaluation in line with regulations.

Please see general comments of each standard for “Standard A. Activities of Multimedia Education Research Center,” and/or “Standard B. Activities of a Library” defined as a unique framework of the University based on its mission and goal.