

## NIHON PHARMACEUTICAL UNIVERSITY (日本薬科大学)

### Evaluation summary

#### “Standard 1. Mission and Objectives, etc.”

The NIHON PHARMACEUTICAL UNIVERSITY specifies its mission and objectives as a pharmaceutical single-department University and educational objectives of each division briefly and clearly in the school code. The University reorganizes its divisions and reviews the objectives of the University in response to the needs of modern health care and social situations to accommodate the changes. It also shows characteristics on and off campus including pharmaceutical education focusing on Chinese medicine since the foundation and a well-developed Chinese medicine reference library. It also announces the mission and objectives on and off campus through various activities including the website.

#### “Standard 2. Learning and Teaching”

The University defines three policies (diploma policy, curriculum policy, and admission policy) to accept students and perform education based on the mission, objectives, and educational objectives. The Faculty Development (FD) committee plays a significant role in FD activities and is improving lecture methods actively. It also organizes a structure to give a helping hand to students in terms of teaching and a complete student life through a system where each teacher takes care of a student as an advisor, as well as a structure to collect and respond to student's opinions quickly. Both the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences and the Department of Pharmaceutical and Medical Business Sciences have introduced the internship system. The University has Ochanomizu and Saitama campuses, both of which maintain the necessary facilities including a library and a doctor's room. The Saitama campus especially has fulfilling seatwork spaces and student's learning time after classes is increasing.

#### “Standard 3. Management, Admission and Finance”

The Board of Directors and the Board of Trustees are working properly and there is an organized system to conduct management of the University. The University also has a structure where the President can take leadership since the Board of Directors discusses matters related to teaching and states opinions to the President. It established an “Operation Committee” to set a place to share awareness between the Chairman and the President in order to facilitate communication between the teaching section and administrative section. As such, the University tries to make decisions quickly to attain its mission and objectives. It also established a Staff Development (SD) Committee to improve skills and the competence of staff according to the plan of the SD activities. It has also organized a triple audit system and properly-conducted account processing. It is proceeding with the improvement of its management based on the “2012-2016 (5-Year) Management Improvement Plan of the Incorporated School Tuzuki Gakuen” which has yielded certain achievement.

#### “Standard 4. Self-Inspection and Evaluation”

The University set up a Self-Inspection and Evaluation Committee based on the “Code of Self-Inspection and Evaluation Committee of the NIHON PHARMACEUTICAL UNIVERSITY”. It is working on establishment of a system of plan-do-check-action (PDCA) cycle. For example, each committee established in the University self-inspects every year to make a plan for the next year. It also prepares a Self-Inspection and Evaluation report every 2 years according to the evaluation standards of the Japan Institution for Higher Education Evaluation and releases it in the website of the University. As such, it shares the result of Self-Inspection and Evaluation within campus and publishes it to society. Although it does various activities in line with the mission and objectives of the University, it just launched a collection of information for Institutional Research (IR) activities to understand the current situation. It is expected that the University will proceed with collection and analysis of enough data which will result in fulfillment of Self-Inspection and Evaluation.

In general, the University plays an important role in local society by establishing 2 divisions under the department of pharmacology and organizing its system of education and research. It proceeds with educational, research, and social contribution activities which convert its spirit of foundation, “Life training by expanding one’s character” into tangible forms under the leadership of the President. We can expect that the University will bring necessary human resources in the upcoming era when social situation will dramatically change.

Please see the general comments of each standard for “Standard A. Partnership with Local Society,” “Standard B. Support of Relearning of Working People,” and/or “Standard C. International Exchange” defined as unique frameworks of the University based on its mission and goals.