HOKURIKU UNIVERSITY（北陸大学）

Evaluation summary

This university has demonstrated satisfactory compliance with the standards of the Japan Institution for Higher Education Evaluation.

Standards	Evaluation result
Standard 1. Mission and Objectives, etc.	Satisfied
Standard 2. Students	Satisfied
Standard 3. Educational Curriculum	Satisfied
Standard 4. Faculty and Staff	Satisfied
Standard 5. Management, Administration and Finance	Satisfied
Standard 6. Internal Quality Assurance	Satisfied

Good practices

○The university is raising the awareness of faculty and staff, leading to university reforms and improvements, through measures such as establishing the Hokuriku University Manifesto and widely publicizing the code of conduct for faculty and staff, including the university's mission and goals, both within and outside the university. These initiatives are worthy of evaluation.

○In order to actively support the advancement of international students in the Faculty of Economics and Management and Faculty of International Communication to graduate school, not only does the university's Career Support Division and Career Support Committee undertake various measures, but also seminar supervisors provide support as well, and many international students wishing to advance to graduate school do so. These initiatives are worthy of evaluation.

○ The university has established various independent scholarship programs and proactively providing financial support measures for many students, including international students. These initiatives are worthy of evaluation.

○With regard to active learning, in addition to conventional group work with small student numbers, many classes with large student numbers are also incorporating interactivity. These initiatives are worthy of evaluation.

○The university has established and operates a system for inspecting and evaluating learning outcomes in accordance with the Hokuriku University Assessment Policy. This system includes evaluations by external entities such as pharmaceutical associations and other medical extra-governmental organizations and the Junior Chamber. This initiative is worthy of evaluation.

○As part of SD initiatives, the university provides FDer (Faculty Developer) and SD Coordinator training, thereby invigorating SD activities. This initiative is worthy of evaluation.

○The university incorporates key goal indicators and key performance indicators into mid-term plans, systematically tracking and verifying progress. These initiatives are worthy of evaluation.

○The university has built a Decentralized Education and Learning IR Data Analysis Environment that aggregates, compiles and visualizes various education- and learning-related data scattered among the university's faculties and divisions, creating an environment that enables shared usage, such as analysis through collaboration between faculty and staff. This initiative is worthy of evaluation.

○The university has established a PDCA cycle for internal quality assurance based on objective indicators, such as setting key goal indicators and key performance indicators in mid-term plans, and certain results are being achieved in terms of university operations and improvement/enhancement of education. These initiatives are worthy of evaluation.

Recommendations for improvement

○With regard to the fill rate of total capacity for the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, the university has taken measures such as reducing yearly enrollment quotas, but the fill rate is still extremely low at less than 50% of total capacity. Improvements are therefore required.

○With regard to directors' terms of office and when said terms of office start and end, the actual practices are inconsistent with the stipulations of the articles of endowment concerning the inclusion of a director in the Board of Directors prior to their term of office as part of their duties, as well as with the stipulation concerning a director not being included in the Board of Directors despite being in the middle of their term of office. Accordingly, improvements are required.

○With regard to auditors' and councilors' terms of office and when said terms of office start and end, the actual practices are inconsistent with the stipulations of the article of endowments concerning the inclusion of an auditor or a councilor in the Board of Directors or Board of Councilors prior to their term of office as part of their duties, as well as with the stipulation concerning an auditor or a councilor not being included in the Board of Directors or Board of Councilors despite being in the middle of their term of office. Accordingly, improvements are required.