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International Collaboration Strategies of Iwate University

We, Iwate University, promote international exchange and collaboration by planning and implementing international strategy in education, research and contribution to society in order to respond to rapid globalism.

Period of Strategy: approximately 10 years starting from 2012.

<Mission>
Through education and research, we will play a significant role in bridging local and international societies and contribute to establish their sustainable development.

<Goals>
[Education]
We will educate students so they will assume their responsibility as a citizen in international societies, and train them as leaders in internationalization of local society.

[Research] We will promote leading researches that characterize Iwate University.

[Contribution to Society] We will provide leading programs in local society.

<International Collaboration Strategies>
1. We will develop campus surroundings to improve the understanding of globalization.
2. We will select important collaborations with overseas universities, place priority on them to promote the acceptance of international students and sending of our students.
3. We will promote students' foreign language skills as international communication tools.
4. We will support sending of faculties abroad, and improve qualities of research through promoting researches in the fields that can characterize Iwate University.
5. We will operate international collaborations among academics, industries, and governments to contribute globalization of local society.
6. We will prepare various means to realize the above-mentioned strategies.

<Measures to implement our strategies>
1. (1) Promotion of opportunities for communication between local students and foreign students.
(2) Implementation of education to diffuse the knowledge of multi-cultural society and understandings of internationalization.
2. (1) Promotion of strategies to accept foreign students.

(2) Enrichment of safety of international students.

(3) Support of students in overseas programs such as exchange programs with overseas universities.

3. (1) Fulfillment of foreign language education including reestablishing educational structures.

(2) Development and implementation of various study tools to improve foreign language skills.

4. (1) Reinforcement of supports to improve research levels to international standards in fields that can characterize Iwate University.

(2) Promoting support program to send faculty members abroad.

5. (1) Development of program of international collaboration among academics, industries, and government.

(2) Promotion of sending global human resources such as foreign students to local societies.

6. (1) Construction of facilities for foreign students including dormitories.

(2) Strengthening of our organization for the promotion of our strategies.

(3) Enrichment of faculty development and staff development

(4) Establishing risk management systems for international exchange programs.

<Outcomes>

1. Through vital international exchange programs, international surroundings can be established on campus, and all members of the university will act as members of international societies.

2. Through increasing international exchange programs mainly with overseas universities under collaboration agreements, international networks will be established.

3. Develop students who can think from global viewpoints, act with international collaborative minds and become bridges between local communities and international societies.

4. Improvement of recognition of Iwate University in the world, and increase international and domestic prominent personnel in Iwate University.

5. Under basic structure for sustainable development in international communities, trust between local communities and Iwate University will be much stronger.

<Future Progress of Iwate University>
Leading the development of internationalization of local areas

For each strategy, we will make action plans in detail and promote them.