A Comprehensive Effort in Liberal Arts to Nurture Responsible World Citizens

The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) started a "Center of Learning Good Practice Program" (GP Program) in the academic year 2003, and ICU's application titled "Liberal Arts to Nurture Responsible Global Citizens" (Application Leader: Professor Norihiko Suzuki) was accepted.

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ICU's GP Program, "A Comprehensive Effort in Liberal Arts to Nurture Responsible World Citizens", has been carried out as one the university's educational policies since its foundation. The program was highly evaluated as a model for other institutions in that the university has adopted a system that examines its courses in accordance with the needs of the times and the society and has provided innovative curriculum in basic academic education.

Center of Learning Good Practice Program

"GP Program" from MEXT aims at promoting higher education in Japan by giving public recognition to outstanding education programs in colleges and universities and providing information in these programs to other institutions.

GP Program applications are screened in five different categories.

In 2003, 80 applications have been selected among 664 in total. In the category of "comprehensive approach", for which ICU has applied, 14 were accepted out of 122 applications.