

Top Global University Project: AY 2024 Post-Project Evaluation Results

Name of university	International Christian University
Project ID	B13
Name of project	Creating responsible global citizens through a global liberal arts education

◇Evaluation by the Top Global University Program Committee

(Overall grade) A	The project was implemented satisfactorily, and the objectives of the project were achieved. Continued sustainable development can be expected.
<p>(Comments)</p> <p>In the entire project period, the university conducted various activities, focusing on the implementation of academic programs and of education and on the establishment of an integrated support structure for students and faculty, with the liberal arts and bilingualism, which the university has been committed to since its founding, as two core elements. It has been determined that through the activities, the university has produced capable graduates equipped with an education suitable for internationally-minded citizens. It can be said that the provision of a global liberal arts education under such fostering of the development of individuals has resulted in further enhancement of the university's global relevance and quality of education. A characteristic feature is that the university has intentionally not established courses where students may satisfy the graduation requirements by only studying in a language other than Japanese, and has conducted programs through enhancing bilingual education; this feature should provide a potent model for global education.</p> <p>For the actual implementation of the project, the university worked to collaborate with major overseas universities by becoming a member of the Global Liberal Arts Alliance (GLAA). The university strengthened its education programs offered during the summer vacation in a manner that built on the collaborations, and offers flexible opportunities for study. By making use of the Summer Term, it has become possible to complete the Bachelor of Arts program in a minimum of three years, and the 5-year program, which is offered through collaboration with the Graduate School and enables students to earn their bachelor's and master's degrees in five years, has been designed to develop student interest in advancing to graduate studies. The content of the 5-year program can be expected to facilitate the shaping of practical career paths equipped with both the liberal arts and specialized fields. Furthermore, the introduction of Universal Admissions, which is an admissions system catering to diverse students, and the active conducting of admissions for International Baccalaureate schools have enabled the university to attract more students with diverse backgrounds in language, nationality, culture, etc., and progress was seen in the formation of a universal community. In terms of promoting diversity for faculty and staff, satisfactory progress was also seen. That the proportion of faculty members who are non-Japanese nationals was high shows that an organization with global relevance has been established and that systems to support this is functioning satisfactorily.</p> <p>On the other hand, in terms of the lack of progress that has been pointed out in enrollment in courses in the natural sciences, although various strategies have been implemented, the cause has not necessarily been resolved, as can be seen from the fact that the increase in the number of credits in</p>	

the sciences was modest; and it cannot yet be said that the development of education in line with the university's mission has been adequately achieved. In particular, since it has been clearly stated that the university will place importance on mathematical and data science fields, it is hoped that the university will address this issue adequately so as to also foster the development of individuals in a balanced manner.

Lastly, the subsidy period for the Top Global University Project has ended, but we hope that the university will continue to boldly carry out rigorous university reform and internationalization and conduct teaching and research with global appeal at the highest level, thereby contributing to leading the internationalization of our country's society.