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Reports from President

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- Attendance to the review session of "Program Committee for the Promotion of Systematized Graduate School Education" on September 2.
- Presentation at the session on "Framework for Guarantee of Quality of Statistical Education" at Japanese Federation of Statistical Science Associations Convention held at Waseda University on September 6.
- Visit of Dr. Purwanegara of Bandung Institute of Technology on September 13.
- Attendance to the FD Committee of "MBA Collaboration Program" on September 14.
- Attendance to the KAIZEN Review Committee for accredited schools in 2008 on September 21.
- Presentation on ABEST21 Accreditation System at Graduate School of Strategic Management, Chuo University on September 24.
- Attendance to the ABEST21 Administrative Committee on September 24.
- Attendance to the meeting of Council for Human Resources Development (CHRD) on September 27.
- Attendance to the Peer Review Team meeting for Management & Science University at Kuala Lumpur on September 30.

ABEST21 News

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• **ABEST21 new part-time staff members**

As of September 20, Ms. Mari SUNADA, Ms. Noriko SHIBATA and Ms. Yuko UCHIDA joined ABEST21 at supporting staff members. The areas of her responsibilities are such that Ms. SUNADA is in charge of overseas accreditation projects by dedicating her previous experience at overseas business school, Ms. SHIBATA being in charge of international research projects by dedicating her previous work experience, and Ms. UCHIDA being in charge of maintaining ABEST21's website and taking care of professional graduate school accreditation projects by dedicating her technical skills of managing website. ABEST21 now has six staff members altogether. Under this new team ABEST21 continuously tries to work on systematized, global accreditation system, promote further our Joint Research Projects and distribute more information on our activities to the world.

• **ABEST21 Administrative Committee**

On September 24, ABEST21 Administrative Committee was held at ABEST21 office. The attendants were Professor Hiroe TSUBAKI as Chairman (Vice General Director, The Institute of Statistical Mathematics), Mr. Tokuji SANO (President, Toshiba Human Resources Development Corporation), Professor Noboru MAEDA (Aoyama Gakuin University), and Professor Koichi SAITOH (Nanzan University) as committee members. The other two corporate members were absent. The views and opinions were exchanged about topics such as "how to establish employees work system, how to maintain accreditation system, how to verify financial strategies and how to maintain the website system of ABEST21."

• **Faculty Development Committee of MBA Collaboration Program**

"MBA Collaboration Program," as part of university's strategic joint support program, promoting improvement and upgrading of university education in the year of 2009, is an abbreviated form of "Sharing Quality of Management Education and Developing Mutual Assessment System among universities." Under this program, ABEST21 is working together with business schools of Aoyama Gakuin University, Nanzan University and Kwansai Gakuin University in order to promote joint

project activities. Faculty Development Committee is held on a monthly basis at ABEST21 office. At the Committee held in September, the verification of syllabi system at Nanzan University was explained and the views and opinions were exchanged. At the next meeting, the syllabi system at Kwansei Gakuin University will be reviewed.

Accreditation News

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• Review on Performance of KAIZEN Plan for schools accredited in 2008

On September 21, ABEST21 held the 2009 2nd KAIZEN Review Committee to review performance of action plan on business schools accredited in 2008. One of the features of accreditation activities at ABEST21 is to support accredited business schools so that their PDCA cycle activities function. Since ABEST21 qualifies and guarantees the quality improvement of management education by all stakeholders concerned, "PDCA Cycle Review Committee" was held to check the performance of action plans of all business schools accredited a year before, to assure that the quality improvement of management education is worked on. The Committee examined the performance of Action Plans 2009 of accredited schools in 2008, to which Graduate School of International Management at Aoyama Gakuin University, Graduate School of International Corporate Strategy at Hitotsubashi University, Graduate School of Business Administration at Kobe University and Graduate School of Business Sciences at University of Tsukuba belong. After the results are approval at the Pre-Accreditation Committee scheduled on November 5, the actual status of the quality improvement of management education at accredited schools and their efforts will be widely informed to the society.

• ABEST21 Accreditation orientation at Graduate School of Strategic Management, Chuo University (Professional Graduate Business School)

On September 24, we visited the Graduate School of Strategic Management, Chuo University to hold an orientation meeting concerning the "Accreditation of business school" in general. At the meeting various views and opinions were exchanged based on the material "ABEST21 Accreditation Overview" pertaining to the accreditation activities of ABEST21 in the past years and our system. We especially made emphasis on the difference between the accreditation system of ABEST21 and that of other accreditation agencies both in Japan and overseas.

• Visit of Dr. Purwanegara of Bandung Institute of Technology at ABEST21

On September 13, Dr. Mustika Sufiati Purwanegara (Director, Quality Assurance & Accreditation) of Bandung Institute of Technology, Indonesia, visited ABEST21. We explained her the details on the issue of application for accreditation eligibility. The School of Business and Management, Bandung Institute of Technology is preparing for its application at ABEST21 for accreditation and therefore inquired about necessary guidance needed as to how to apply. Bandung Institute of Technology is a leading national university in Indonesia and will be the second Indonesian school to be eventually accredited by ABEST21, following the University of Brawijaya. After Bandung Institute of Technology submits its application documents on September 30, its application goes through the acceptance procedures by Board of Trustees of ABEST21.

• **Peer Review Team Committee for Management & Science University**

On September 30 and October 1, a meeting of the School's Peer Review Team was held in Faculty of Business Management and Professional Studies (FBMP) at Management & Science University (MSU), Malaysia. MSU has three educational programs of MBA Programs, Ph.D. Programs and Bachelors' Programs, which are all on accreditation process at ABEST21. ABEST21 first started working on the MBA Programs for accreditation and approved its "Accreditation Plan" at the last Accreditation Committee held. The Peer Review Team (PRT)



Committee for MSU was held in Kuala Lumpur to discuss accreditation procedures for the other two programs as well as to examine "Self-Evaluation Report" for the MBA Programs. The PRT Committee consists of five members. In case of MSU, the PRT members' countries are Malaysia, India, Australia, Indonesia and Japan.

"Council for Human Resources Development" News No.11

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On September 27, the meeting of "Council for Human Resources Development" was held at the National Center of Sciences. The initial phase of the activity report titled "The First Initial Proposal on fostering Management Professionals" was referred and it was decided that the report will be simply bound and distributed to all the parties concerned. The views and opinions were exchanged on various issues on MBA education at business schools and trainings at companies relative to the development of education programs for management professionals. This will be the topic for the second phase activity. The Chairman of the Council requested to set up a website for "Council for Human Resources Development" as part of the ABEST21. There was also a suggested request that should be a linkage between the main Website and those of the members' in the future.

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