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New Year's Greetings

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Best wishes for a Happy New Year.



We would appreciate your continuous support in the year 2010.

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In 2009 we completed the accreditation processes for respective Professional Graduate Schools (Business Schools) of Aoyama Gakuin University, Hitotsubashi University, Kobe University and University of Tsukuba. The establishment of ABEST21 Business Accreditation Standards-International enabled us to accept applications for accreditation requested by Management and Science University, Malaysia and University of Brawijaya, Indonesia. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the ABEST21 members and all committee members who supported us in the accreditation processes.

For 2010, ABEST21 is ready to make efforts in promoting further the accreditation activities based on our unique global perspectives in order to contribute to enhancement of management education quality in Asian business schools. Research Project-4 (how to attain management competencies) which started in 2009 is showing a steady progress, and the result of the research will be presented at the international symposium "Perspectives on Management Education in a Globalizing World" scheduled on March 6, 2010.

Furthermore, we will promote the activities by the "Management Human Resources Development Council" which was established in October 28, 2009 by the 9 leading Japanese business schools, 9

global companies representing Japan, and ABEST21. Our aim is to make suggestions for 伊 mp 炉 improving quality of the management education in the Japanese business schools which will nurture future business leaders.

ABEST21 was established on July 1, 2005, and the past 2 years has been very productive. Although ABEST21 still needs to be improved in various aspects, we will not fear changes, as in President Obama's words, "We say, we hope, we believe, yes, we can!" We will work on accreditations of educational institutions that develop management human resources which will contribute to peace and prosperity in Asia.

ABEST21 President, Fumio Itoh

Reports from ABEST21

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- ABEST21 attended the 2nd meeting of "Management Human Resources Development Council" on December 2.
- President Itoh attended the Peer Review Team Committee for Management and Science University held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on December 14.



ABEST21 Accreditation News

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• Holding of the 2nd Pre-Accreditation Committee and Accreditation Committee

Pre-Accreditation Committee to examine the followings will be held on Friday, January 29, 2010, at "Minami-Aoyama Kaikan": "Accreditation Plans" of Kyoto University and Nanzan University, and Faculty of Business Management and Professional Studies, Management and Science University (Malaysia), and "Self-evaluation Report" of Kwansai Gakuin University. Based on the recommendation of the Pre-Accreditation Committee, the final evaluation will be conducted by the "Accreditation Committee" and ABEST21 Board Meeting to be held on Friday, March 5, 2010 at Kimitsu Works of Nippon Steel Corporation.

• Management and Science University (Malaysia) Peer Review Team

Peer Review Team Committee (consisting of total 5 members from Japan, Malaysia, India, Indonesia and Australia) for Faculty of Business Management and Professional Studies, Management and Science University (Malaysia) was held in Kuala Lumpur on December 14, 2009. The policy for examining the "Accreditation Plan" submitted by the applicant school was confirmed. The members visited the campus and received explanation on educational research activities by Dean Ali Khatibi.

• The University of Brawijaya (Indonesia)

Application for accreditation qualification screening was submitted by the business school of Faculty of Economics, University of Brawijaya on December 15, 2009. The national university is based at Malang City of Indonesia. Acceptance will be decided after discussion by the "Pre-Accreditation Committee" and "Accreditation Committee", followed by the appointment of mentors.

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• Holding of the 2nd International Symposium

Interim reports on management competencies survey, which is conducted under “Sharing Quality of Management Education and Development of Mutual Assessment System” for “The Program for the Support of Strategic University Collaboration towards University Education Enhancement” for 2009 by MEXT, will be presented at “Minami-aoyama Kaikan” on Saturday, January 30, 2010. Reports will be given by the Risk Analysis Research Center of The Institute of Statistical Mathematics of Research Organization of Information and System, who is analyzing the survey results, as well as the survey participant schools, namely, Aoyama Gakuin University, Nanzan University, Kwansai Gakuin University (Japan), Moscow State University (Russia), Northeastern University (China), Fudan University (China), Chiang Mai University (Thailand), Management and Science University (Malaysia), S.P. Jain Center of Management (Singapore), Universitas Indonesia (Indonesia), Institut Teknologi Bandung (Indonesia), Brawijaya University (Indonesia), Tecnológico de Monterrey (Mexico) and University of Applied Science Hof (Germany).

Final reports on the survey will be presented at the international symposium scheduled on Saturday, March 6, 2010.

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