Monthly Report (October 2013)

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Monthly Business Themes	
(1) Consider our Overseas Student Acceptance	Concrete Action Target
Policy and our International Cooperation	Aim to formulate the policies upon exchanging
Policy	ideas
(2) Make a success of the Great East Japan	Concrete Action Target
Earthquake Education & Support Volunteer	Proceed with activities on-site without delay and
and Tohoku Nature & Culture	achieve the desired results
Experience[ON1]	

Details

(1): Activities of the Office of Promoting International Strategies

We examined measures to improve the problem of the number of foreign students decreasing compared with the previous year. Furthermore, we created an International Cooperation Policy as one not limited to educational support in developing countries in light of our discussions in the previous month.

(2): Activities of the International Consortium for Universities of Education in East Asia Project Implementation Group[ON2]

We have accepted 13 students of the "International Consortium for Teacher Training in East Asia Student Interaction Program [ON3]" (JASSO grant challenge) from China and South Korea since October and have proceeded with activities such as a class opening ceremony, the establishment of classes and the selection of supervisor teachers.

In the "Great East Japan Earthquake Education & Support Volunteer and Tohoku Nature & Culture Experience [ON4]" (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology's Sports and Youth Bureau grant challenge), there was the implementation of international exchange activities, educational support volunteer activities for elementary schools in the areas affected by the earthquake and nature & culture experiences based on the National Olympics Memorial Youth Center and the National Hanayama Youth Outdoor Learning Center in Kurihara, Miyagi Prefecture together with around 40 Japanese, Chinese and South Korean students for both the first event (October 8-16) and second event (October 19-27).

Results

(1):

The International Cooperation Policy was created upon an exchange of opinions at a meeting of the Office of Promoting International Strategies.

(2):

Two required subjects (foreign student subjects) – "East Asia Education and Culture [ON5]" and "East Asia Teacher Theory Practice" [ON6] – have been established in connection with the JASSO East Asia Program. The supervisor professors of the 13 participating students were also decided by the end of October. The two "Great East Japan Earthquake Education & Support Volunteer and Tohoku Nature & Culture Experience [ON7]" events also ended successfully.

November Schedule

There will be the first meeting of the Editorial Board. There will also be preparations for the dispatch of students in December of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology's Sports and Youth Bureau grant challenge