

4. Public Symposium on Educational Research

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Planning and Development

(1) Purpose and Aim of Study

This project has been carried out since fiscal 1990 with the purpose of disseminating NIER's research results in fields for educational practice in order to improve teaching methods and teacher quality.

It is held in conjunction with education research institutes and education centers in prefectures and designated cities.

(2) Outline of Research Results

- In fiscal 2006, with the theme of “Thinking About the Future of School Evaluation”, the symposium was held in October with the cooperation of the Ibaraki Teacher Training Center.

- The program was as follows:

Keynote Lecture: “School Evaluation and Management”

AMAGASA Shigeru, Professor at Chiba University

Panel Discussion: “Quality Assurance for Compulsory Education and New Methods of School Evaluation”

Coordinator: KOMATSU Ikuo, Director, Department for Educational Policy and Evaluation Research, National Institute for Educational Policy Research

Panelists:

AMAGASA Shigeru, Professor at Chiba University

HAMADA Hirofumi, Associate Professor at the University of Tsukuba

NOMURA Masanobu, IBM Business Consulting Service

ISHIKAWA Jun, Principal, Sukegawa Junior High School, Hitachi City, Ibaraki Prefecture

- As part of its project research titled “Comprehensive Study on Evaluation in Educational and Research Organizations,” NIER reported its findings regarding school evaluation and school management using balanced scorecard, implemented in collaboration with IBM Business Consulting Service and the Adachi Ward Board of Education. Ideas were exchanged by researchers of school evaluation and school officials.

- At the panel, topics discussed included the merits and demerits of adapting business evaluation methods to public education, school evaluation as viewed from a business perspective, and how we should use school evaluation to secure quality compulsory education.