

12. FY 2007 Public Symposium on Educational Research—An Invitation to Career Education

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(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.

(2) Outline of Research Results

- In fiscal 2007, under the theme of “An Invitation to Career Education,” the symposium was held in October at the Practical Social Education Research Center of the National Institute for Educational Policy Research.

- The program was as follows:

Part 1: The Issues and Status of Career Education

1) Issues and Status of Career Education at Elementary and Secondary Levels

MIYASHITA Katsumi, Senior Researcher, National Institute for Educational Policy Research

2) Issues and Status of Career Education at the University Level

KIRIMURA Shinji, Professor, Hosei University Faculty of Lifelong Learning and Career Studies

3) Career Awareness of Schoolchildren and College Students

TATSUTA Yoshihiro, Senior Researcher, National Institute for Educational Policy Research

4) The Potential for Career Education at Home

SASAI Hiromi, Senior Researcher, National Institute for Educational Policy Research

Part 2: Renewing Career Education Initiatives

1) Entrepreneurial Education for Children Through Community-School Collaboration

SEKI Takaharu, Associate Professor, Osaka Kyoiku University Research and Development Center for Teacher Education

2) Career Education While Learning—Applications of PBL

UESUGI Kenshi, Professor, Chiba University Graduate School of Education

3) Responding to the Changing Demands of Industrial Society

KOSUGI Reiko, Researcher, The Japan Institute for Labour Policy and Training

Part 3: Panel Discussion

Moderator: YAMADA Kanehisa, Honorary Member, Department for Lifelong Learning Policy Research, National Institute for Educational Policy Research

Panelists: SEKI Takaharu, UESUGI Kenshi, KOSUGI Reiko, MIYASHITA Katsumi, TATSUTA Yoshihiro

- From fiscal 2003 to fiscal 2005, NIER has carried out Comprehensive Research on Formative Processes in Lifelong Career Development. At this symposium, a report on the results of NIER's research in career education was given, and a panel discussion was held to introduce practical examples of career education, and to further enrich the discussion surrounding this topic.

The panel discussed how career education is located within the school education system and its relationship with the concept of key competency under the OECD's PISA study.