

8. Public Symposium on Educational Research—Bachelor’s Degree
Program Organization and Systemization
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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.

(2) Outline of Research Results

- In fiscal 2008 the theme was “bachelor’s degree program organization and systemization,” and results were presented in August at the MEXT Auditorium.

- The program was as follows:

Part 1: Keynote Lecture

KUBO Kimito, Deputy Director-General, Higher Education Bureau, MEXT

Part 2: Special Lecture

“University’s Educational Functions and Possibilities for Change”

KANEKO Motohisa, Dean, Graduate School of Education, University of Tokyo

Part 3: Panel Discussion

“How to Further Substantiate Bachelor’s Degree Programs”

Report 1: “Expanding the First-year Education for Bachelor’s Degree Programs”

KAWASHIMA Keiji, Senior Researcher, Department for Higher Education Research, National Institute for Educational Policy Research,

Report 2: “Specifying Curricular Reforms and Learning Goals—Examples from ICU”

HIBIYA Junko, Vice President for Academic Affairs, International Christian University

Report 3: “Assessment of the Academic Achievements of a Bachelor’s Degree”

KAWASHIMA Tatsuo, Professor, Institute for Promotion of Higher Education, Kobe University

Discussion

Coordinator: TSUKAHARA Shuichi, Director, Department for Higher Education Research, National Institute for Educational Policy Research

Panelists: KANEKO Motohisa, KAWASHIMA Keiji, HIBIYA Junko, KAWASHIMA Tatsuo

- NIER has undertaken research related to the improvement of university education, including the “Survey of First-year Education at Universities” for all undergraduate schools of national, public, and private universities in December, 2007. At this symposium, results of this research were introduced, and discussions were held and reports given regarding bachelor’s degree program basics, processes, and evaluation.