Regarding Cooperation Between Vocational High Schools, Higher Education Institutions and the Business Community

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Abstract

High school/university cooperation at vocational high schools holds significant promise in terms of cultivating specialists in various specialized sectors, including linkages to subsequent specialized education. At the same time, cooperation with the business community through internships and a Japan-style dual system is also an important issue for the future. This paper introduces the current situation regarding high school/university cooperation (including cooperation not only with universities but with other higher education institutions such as junior colleges, vocational colleges and agricultural colleges) occurring at vocational high schools; the various issues that have surfaced through these practices; and as an example of cooperation with the business community, this paper also looks at the situation regarding the implementation of designated Japan-style dual system schools and the challenges faced in doing this. The paper considers new approaches to vocational education at vocational high schools going forward.