

Tackling Globalization of Higher Education

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1. Effects of Globalization on Higher Education

- (1) Globalization of higher education is basically desirable because it provides such merits as offering diversified learning opportunities to people throughout the world.
- (2) At the same time, we should be aware of such demerits as the difficulty of assessing the content, quality, and reliability of higher education provided beyond national boundaries.
- (3) This issue tends to be discussed from the standpoint of trade. But it is essential to listen to and sufficiently take into consideration how people related to education observe the issue.

2. Coping with Globalization of Higher Education

- (1) We should cope with the issue, by making the best use of its merits while suppressing its demerit as much as possible.
- (2) First and foremost, it is important to consider the issue with the view not only of promoting educational liberalization but also of maintaining and improving the quality of higher education.
- (3) In addition, a basic stance in considering the issue should be the protection of learners. In other words, it is necessary to provide the information that learners in each country can use in making judgments and choosing suitable higher education services.
- (4) Of course, there should be a variety of approaches in the specific implementation of the direction mentioned above, taking into consideration the differences in educational administration systems in individual countries.

3. Concrete and Detailed Measures

- (1) Given the above, I would like to propose the following concrete and detailed measures :
 - 1 To construct an information supply network on cross-border higher education. This network will use university evaluation organs in each country to share and supply information related to curricula, degrees, credits and others, which are necessary for learners to choose their own suitable higher education.
 - 2 To cooperate and make efforts jointly with UNESCO's task force and other organizations.
 - 3 To host a "World Conference of University Presidents" by inviting college presidents and other education-related people from all over the world, and to discuss this issue as a global challenge shared among the international circle of higher education.
- (2) Implementing the measures I've mentioned so far, we need to take full advantage of the benefits of globalization and further improve the quality level of higher education. To this end, I would like to strongly recommend that country tackle this important issue through cooperation and joint effort.