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Selection as part of the ‘Top Global University Project’

Okayama University's program for educational reform, known as the “PRIME Program: producing practical-oriented human resources in a global community”, has been selected for support under the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT)'s ‘Top Global University Project’.

The project seeks to put the reform of university education and internationalization into practice, supporting the development of educational environments to become internationally aligned, and thus internationally competitive, universities. The project will be implemented for up to 10 years starting this year.

Okayama University was the first national university to adopt entrance tests for an international baccalaureate in 2012, as well as opening a special course for global human resource development in 2013. These and other reforms have worked toward our internationalization. This April, the university appointed an executive director and vice president (specifically for university reform) and president's aides, to accelerate and strengthen such efforts still further. Under support from this project, the university shall foster human resources able to act decisively at the top of the global market. These personnel will help promote the so-called ‘3x3 education’ program in every department of the university, wherein the students acquire the three core powers of liberal arts strength, linguistic ability and professional knowledge, as well as experiencing inter-disciplinary, inter-societal and inter-cultural skills.

More details of the PRIME Program can be found on the following website (Japanese only):
<http://www.okayama-u.ac.jp/buildandrenovate/>

