## Takarazuka University（宝塚大学）

## Evaluation summary

### "Standard 1. Mission and Objectives, etc."

The institution has properly announced its educational philosophy, mission and educational objectives according to its school philosophy internally and externally, and made them known to both school staff and students. Although it is an artistically oriented university, it has featured a nursing faculty, and has attained good results by incorporating the potential of art in nursing education. In May 2015, it decided to suspend recruitment of students in the Faculty of Art and Design for 2016, and has given scrupulous and sincere attention to concerned people.

### "Standard 2. Learning and Teaching"

The institution has defined its admission policy, and has shown ingenuity in its entrant selection methods so as to properly assess entrant eligibility. Although it had continued to take measures to curb the decline in students in the Faculty of Art and Design, they produced no substantive results, so it decided to suspend recruitment of students. In addition, there has been a decline in the number of students in the School of Media Art in Tokyo located in Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo. The Faculty of Nursing located in Umeda, Kita-ku, Osaka has stably secured an adequate number of students. It developed its curriculum policy in view of the features of each faculty, and has disclosed and reviewed the syllabus. To provide systematic learning support, the student affairs committee consisting of teachers and other school staff has functioned well. The institution developed its diploma policy, and career support was provided mainly by responsible clerical sections, the career center, and the job-placement committee in each campus. The campuses in Umeda and Shinjuku, both of which are located downtown, have maintained a suitable educational environment.

### "Standard 3. Management, Administration and Finance"

The institution has developed internal rules. It has released necessary information via the website or by other means, and has been operated according to its school philosophy. Although campuses are located at distant locations, the institution has maintained good internal communication, which has allowed the governing body and the school organization to share risk awareness, and allowed its operation execution structure to function properly. In response to suspension of recruitment of students in the Faculty of Art and Design, the institution announced a plan to revise its mission and objectives, etc., and has made efforts to achieve its mission and objectives. Accounting procedures have been performed properly according to accounting standards and internal rules. Audits have been performed properly by the auditor-secretary.

### "Standard 4. Self-inspection and Evaluation"

The institution has established an internal self-inspection and evaluation system. It has also established the "University Evaluation Council" consisting of outside experts. In addition to the Council, it created a mechanism that allows the internal self-inspection and evaluation system to function, and reflects the results promptly and appropriately. In order to publicize the results of self-inspections and evaluations as "UNIVERSITY ACCREDITATION" in response to the

demands of society, the institution has taken a proactive stance for university reform according to its school philosophy.

To sum up, the institution is characterized by the unique features of each faculty in each campus, while it paid careful attention to its school philosophy, "coordination between art and science". It has clearly expressed a stance to fulfill its responsibility for continuing education and research activities until the existing students graduate from the Faculty of Art and Design. It is expected that it will return to the original concept of its school philosophy, and will forge a new path to the future while maintaining a scrupulous and sincere attitude.

For details of "Standard A. Extramural, Local and Social Collaboration", which are set forth as the institution's unique initiative based on its mission and objectives, please refer to the general remarks on the standard.