

Biographical Note

Kazuyo Hara



Kazuyo Hara has been working at the Japan University Accreditation Association (JUAA) since 2004, gaining extensive experience in institutional and program accreditation. As Director, she leads the Evaluation Research Department, overseeing accreditation standards and processes to enhance quality assurance in Japanese higher education. Recognizing the importance of international collaboration, she played a key role in establishing a joint accreditation project between Taiwan and Japan and has since actively promoted its expansion across Asia. She also contributed to JUAA's application for accreditation activities in Vietnam, which was recently recognized by the Ministry of Education and Training.

Beyond Asia, she has worked with stakeholders worldwide to strengthen accreditation frameworks and foster mutual trust in higher education. She is particularly committed to facilitating meaningful engagement between diverse quality assurance systems, promoting mutual learning and cooperation. In addition to her role at JUAA, she has been actively involved in external evaluation. Previously, she served as an external evaluation committee member at a university, providing insights and recommendations. Currently, as an auditor for a school corporation, she ensures proper governance and management, contributing to public trust in educational institutions.

She also played a key role in JUAA's successful review under INQAAHE's GGP and was instrumental in Japan's bid to host the INQAAHE Conference 2025, continuing to contribute to its management. She holds a master's degree in Asian Area Studies from Daito Bunka University. With expertise in accreditation, governance, and international cooperation, she is well-positioned to support the Board's strategic initiatives.