

**University Accreditation Results**  
**(Results for Certified Evaluation and Accreditation for university)**

Tokyo Christian University



<b>Basic Information of the Institution</b>	
Ownership: Private	Location: Chiba, Japan
<b>Accreditation Status</b>	
Year of the Review: 2015	
Accreditation Status: Accredited (Accreditation Period: April.01.2016 – March.31.2023)	

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### **Overview**

Tokyo Christian University (hereafter, the University) was rooted in the establishment of the Japan Domei Institute in 1950, which later offered a 3-year college education that was accredited as Tokyo Christian College. It then merged with Kyoritsu Women's Bible School and Tokyo Christian Theological Seminary. Based on the merger, Tokyo Christian University was established in 1990 as a university with the Department of Theological Studies and the Department of International Christian Studies. Since then, the University has developed and reorganized academic units and a graduate program, and currently operates as a university with one undergraduate program, the Division of Theology, and one graduate program, the Graduate School of Theology. With its campus located in Inzai City, Chiba Prefecture, the University has developed its educational and research activities based on the foundation principle of "Providing practical theology education to foster workers of world mission standing on protestant evangelical faith, serving the church and society of the 21<sup>st</sup> century across denominations."

After its accreditation review by Japan University Accreditation Association (JUAA) in 2008, the University has reformed its organizational structure by establishing an improvement system managed by the "Self-Study Committee", and has rigorously improved various aspects in the administrative and management system of both the Tokyo Christian Institute (a legally incorporated educational institution that runs the University) and the University, educational purpose and objectives of the undergraduate and graduate programs. The University has made some unique efforts, including its enriched grants and scholarships to support students and its cultivation of students' sense of independence by the dormitory education.

On the other hand, the University has several problems to address in the areas of enrollment management and finance. In particular, in terms of enrollment management, one of the departments has faced under-enrollment, which must be corrected. The University has worked steadily for reforms by conducting self-studies and evaluations. JUAA hopes that the University will make improvements in the future by way of self-study.

### **Notable Strength**

#### *Student Support*

- It is commendable that the University considers its entire campus life, in addition to its classes, as the site to learn Christian theology. In particular, in order to educate persons as referenced in its philosophy and mission, and based on its "Christian character education policy," the University requires all students to live in its dormitory. In addition, it has created a means by which each individual student, reflecting on self directed studies and dormitory life, writes a self-evaluation report on his/her college life.

### **Suggestion for Improvement**

#### *Administration and finance*

- The University has not established a sufficient financial basis. In order to achieve one of the objectives stated in the 2013-2017 Mid-term Plan, i.e., "making the continuation of revenue and expenditure balanced and the imputed income and

expenditure balanced,” the University should urgently formulate a sustainable mid-term financial plan that contains specific numerical objectives.

### **Area of Serious Concern**

#### *Enrollment*

- In the last five years, the average of the ratios of enrolled freshmen to the freshman admission cap is low at 0.83 in the Division of Theology, and it is also low at 0.70 in the Department of International Christian Studies and Social Work. The ratio of enrolled students to the student enrollment cap is low at 0.61 in the Department of International Christian Studies and Social Work in the Division of Theology. This situation must be corrected.