

The Pilot Plan for Third-Cycle Institutional Review

The purpose of this study is to explore the planning ideas and practices of the third cycle of institutional accreditation. The research methods include document analysis, field observation and focus group. The results of the study point out six comments for further implementation and improvement, these are, the purpose of institutional accreditation should be clearly defined, QAAs should take serious concern about the reviewers' expertise and universities' characteristics, How to ensure the quality assurance profession of QAAs, the discussion and consensus of onsite review panel is very important, Quantitative data is not easy to use, enhancing the understandings of simplified standards and indicators and give the flexibility to universities while they plan their standards and indicators. Corresponding suggestions are also made