Current Status and Future Directions for Evaluating the International Exchange Programs of Fukuoka University and Keimyung University

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Abstract:

The purpose of this research project was to evaluate an international exchange program started in 2008 to develop the global views of the nursing students and faculty of Fukuoka University and Keimyung University, Korea. Analyses with questionnaires were conducted for the students and faculty members of Fukuoka University who directly participated in the program in 2011 and 2012, and indicated that both the students and faculty members had a high degree of satisfaction with the program. It was also shown that the program is valuable for the development of global views, for promoting intercultural understanding and communication and for improving the way the subjects thought about international activities. To improve this program, it was suggested that the following issues should be addressed: construction of a coherent management system for the program, routine training of volunteer students for international activities, improvement of the publicity work and encouraging the active participation of the faculty.

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