

Completion Report

Jenderal Soedirman University

Rahmawati Sri Riska

Subject of Research Project : Current Conditions and Issues of Overseas Internship programs at Indonesian Universities – Focusing on Japan Internship Programs-

Since the new Merdeka Belajar Kampus Merdeka (MBKM) curriculum in recent years, the number of domestic and overseas internships in Indonesia has been on the rise, and the number of students participating has also been on the rise. This study aimed to clarify the current status and issues of off-university experience activities by surveying universities and faculties majoring in Japanese and Japanese literature nationwide, collecting primary data on off-university experience activities, focusing on overseas internship programs, and examining the relationships between the data. According to the survey results of the primary data on the activities of the overseas internship program, the following was revealed: First of all, the significance of internships for universities is that they are practical efforts to promote career education and that the content of education is enriched by linking academic education and research with practical experience in society. Second, the program's significance for students is to stimulate their motivation to learn and think about their vocational aptitude and future plans. Therefore, it is possible to cultivate independent career choices and a high level of vocational awareness. In addition, work experience enhances "basic skills as a member of society" and "basic and general-purpose abilities," which leads to developing human resources who can think and act independently.

Finally, for companies, it will lead to the development of human resources with a high ability to adapt to the real world. Through collaboration with universities, it will be possible to convey industry needs and reflect them in university education. In addition, by increasing the points of contact between universities and companies, mutual transmission and reception of information will be promoted, and it will be particularly effective in disseminating the attractiveness of small and medium-sized enterprises. In addition, by increasing the points of contact between universities and companies, mutual transmission and reception of information will be promoted, and it will be particularly effective in disseminating the attractiveness of small and medium-sized enterprises. In addition, by deepening students' understanding of each company's business types and operations, it is possible to promote their desire for employment, and the effect of fostering young human resources of companies can be obtained.

On the other hand, as the number of internship activities increased, there were voices that there needed to be more follow-up from the university. The current situation is that the accepting companies have issues such as "the interns who sent them overseas have low Japanese ability, they do not feel like students, they do not feel that they are working and receiving a salary, and they are not proactive." As a result, the university has to create a curriculum to acquire the necessary skills in the real world as a preliminary preparation, and it has become clear that mentoring and guidance during the internship period are necessary. Moreover, to use the skills acquired during the internship, proceeding in an academic environment that would lead to a career development career path after graduation was also necessary.