

Japan Credit Rating Agency, Ltd. (JCR) announces the following credit rating.

Fukuoka Kogyo Daigaku Corporation (security code: -)

<Affirmation>

Long-term Issuer Rating: AA-
Outlook: Stable

Rationale

- (1) Fukuoka Kogyo Daigaku Corporation (the “Corporation”) is an incorporated educational institution founded in 1954, with a campus for Fukuoka Institute of Technology (“FIT”) in Higashi-ku, Fukuoka City, Fukuoka Prefecture. FIT’s premises conveniently have a direct connection to Fukkodai-mae Station on the JR Kagoshima Main Line, where rapid trains make a stop. FIT, the core of the Corporation, consists of three faculties and nine departments, and is one of the leading private universities in the Kyushu region. In April 2024, the Department of Information Management was established in the Faculty of Information Engineering (reorganizing the existing department). The total number of students is approximately 6,700 including its junior college and high school. Under the management concept of “For all the students!,” its medium-term management plan (“MP”) formulated through cooperation between teachers and education staff is highly evaluated by the circles of higher education.
- (2) While application trends among prospective students continue to shift, the total number of applicants and actual applicants for FIT has remained solid. Comprehensive selection and school-recommended selection are steady, and the general application ratio stays at a high level. Regarding the high school, there are no major concerns over securing students for enrollment. Stability of tuition revenue, which form the financial foundation, is high, and partly thanks to a tuition revision applied progressively by academic year, the overall revenue is expected to grow for the foreseeable future. On the back of the strong budget control, the Corporation will likely be able to continue sound financial management into the future by striking a balance among the maintenance/upgrade of existing facilities/equipment, aggressive investments in education/research, and fund accumulation for the future. Based on the above, JCR has affirmed the rating on the Corporation with Stable outlook.
- (3) The effectiveness of the Corporation’s PDCA cycle is high, and it has a reputation for the speed of management. In 2025, it formulated a long-term vision depicting the future of the entire corporation, under which it launched the 10th MP. To enhance the driving force, it newly introduced a unit system and has also established a framework to support cross-departmental initiatives. Its academic management is also smooth, and in recent years, under a structure where the president is assisted by the vice president, reforms have been implemented in rapid succession. This time, it was selected for a large subsidy program called “the program for the functional enhancement of universities and colleges of technology (KOSENs),” and plans are underway to undertake a developmental reorganization of the Faculty of Engineering and the junior college by 2027. Considering the declining birthrate, further improvement in positioning is a challenge, and JCR will be paying attention to the progress of the MP and its outcomes.
- (4) There are no changes in its policy of setting the balance in revenue/expenditure on business activities at a low level in advance to make maximum returns to students in the form of education, support, etc. In the near term, with an expected increase in revenue, the budget will be focused on education and research activities. Additionally, there are plans to advance facility improvements utilizing large subsidies, and capital expenditures are expected to be manageable within cash flow for the period. The accumulation of funds is also expected to progress toward future environmental improvements.

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