

## Preface

This research report was prepared by the National Institute of Multimedia Education (NIME) for the purpose of supplying the findings of the surveys conducted by the 1987 research projects, the Research Team on University of the Air Students (led by representative Masaya Iwanaga) and the Psychological Research Team on the University of the Air Students' Continuation of Studies (led by representative Yusaku Otsuka). (See the preface of Otsuka's report (1988) for the reasons why this research report has been used as data.)

A central component of this research report is the Survey on the Consciousness of University of the Air Students (with thin green cover), conducted in August 1987. The draft plan for this survey was prepared by Otsuka and Iwanaga of the Research Team on University of the Air Students and considered by the following persons: Hidetoshi Kato, Professor at the UA (currently Director of NIME); Morio Shibayama, Associate Professor at NIME (currently information systems specialist at the Office of Information Processing, the Department of Policy, the Education Minister's Secretariat); Chieko Shiozaki, Associate Professor at Shinonome Junior College; Hayato Yamanaka, Assistant professor at NIME; the authors; and other members of the same research team. The proposed plan was reduced to this form by Otsuka and Iwanaga, after obtaining advice from Yoshiya Abe, chief of the Division of Development at NIME. It should also be noted that some question items were prepared with the cooperation of those on the Psychological Research Team on the University of the Air Students' Continuation of Studies: the late Kazutoki Higuchi, Assistant Professor at Gakushuin University; Masahiko Kanbara, assistant professor at the University of Tokyo (presently Associate Professor at Teikyo University); Seiichiro Taketsuna, lecturer at Niigata University; Hiroki Yamaji (the University of Tokyo); and Masahiro Nasu (the University of Tokyo). Their cooperation in the conduct of the survey at other universities is also acknowledged here.

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Cooperation, NIME, who performed all direct clerical jobs regarding the conduct of the survey. We are thankful to those students of the University of the Air and other universities who filled out the questionnaires. The sincere responses made by the University of the Air students among others brings home to us the sense of responsibility that we, as men in charge of the research, must make the best of the data collected. In that sense, this research report alone cannot be called sufficient use of the information, which we hope will serve as the starting point for making a further in-depth analysis of the data gathered by this survey, such as correlational analysis or analysis of free-answer-type questions.

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