



Peer-Review Statements

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All of the articles in this proceedings volume have been presented at the *5th International Conference on Education, Humanities, and Social Science (ICEHoS 2025) – Japan Series* during 22-26 April 2025 in University of Aizu, Japan. These articles have been peer reviewed by the members of the *Editorial Board* and approved by the Editor-in-Chief, who affirms that this document is a truthful description of the conference's review process.

1. REVIEW PROCEDURE

The reviews were *double-blind*. Each submission was examined by *at least 2* reviewer(s) independently.

The conference submission management system was IGERs.

The review process for the conference begins with an initial screening by the editorial members to ensure the manuscript's relevance to the conference topics. If the manuscript is deemed suitable, the editorial members forward it to at least two reviewers for evaluation based on its substance and quality. The editorial members are responsible for ensuring that the manuscript is assigned to reviewers with relevant expertise while considering potential conflicts of interest.

A manuscript can only be considered for acceptance if it receives positive recommendations from both reviewers. Authors of rejected manuscripts are given the opportunity to revise and resubmit their work after addressing the reviewers' comments and feedback.

Once the revised manuscript receives approval from the reviewers, the editorial members submit it to the editor-in-chief for further review, including checking its compliance with the publisher's formatting and writing guidelines. The final decision regarding the acceptance or rejection of the revised manuscript is conclusive.

2. QUALITY CRITERIA

Reviewers were instructed to assess the quality of submissions solely based on the academic merit of their content along the following dimensions:

1. Pertinence of the article’s content to the scope and themes of the conference;
2. Clear demonstration of originality, novelty, and timeliness of the research;
3. Soundness of the methods, analyses, and results;
4. Adherence to the ethical standards and codes of conduct relevant to the research field;
5. Clarity, cohesion, and accuracy in language and other modes of expression, including figures and tables.

In addition, all articles have been checked for textual overlap in an effort to detect possible signs of plagiarism by the publisher. To ensure that manuscripts are free from plagiarism, the editorial team uses Turnitin as a tool to perform plagiarism checks. Any manuscript found to have significant overlap with other works is flagged for further investigation, and appropriate actions are taken in accordance with the conference's ethical guidelines.

3. KEY METRICS

<i>Total submissions</i>	56
<i>Number of articles sent for peer review</i>	32
<i>Number of accepted articles</i>	22
<i>Acceptance rate</i>	39.2%
<i>Number of reviewers</i>	8

4. COMPETING INTERESTS

Neither the Editor-in-Chief nor any member of the Scientific Committee declares any competing interest.

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