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To all students

Executive Director and Vice President, Education and International Affairs

Notice Regarding Classes from June in the 2021 Academic Year

Although the university had planned to hold classes on campus this academic year while guarding against infection, as you are aware, a state of emergency was announced for Tokyo on April 23. Under the circumstances, classes scheduled until the end of May are being held online.

The state of emergency announced five weeks ago was initially intended to continue about one more week. However, the fact remains that virus variants currently circulating are believed to be highly infectious and pose a risk of severe symptoms even in younger people. With reports of infection even where containment measures are in place and a certain number of infections still occurring in Tokyo every day, there has also been some talk of extending the state of emergency again, until June 20.

Accordingly, in view of infection levels in Tokyo and to ensure the safety of students and family members, the university will continue to hold classes online in June. Classes will not be held on campus unless there is a compelling reason.

Monitor your email account registered in the Live Campus academic system or other means of contact attentively. Instructors will be in contact regarding any changes in how classes will be conducted.

Students will generally not be allowed on campus in June. However, those attending classes taught in person and others listed below who have a compelling reason will be granted access after the university reviews an application for access from their instructor and academic advisor.

June 1–13: Graduate students and undergraduates who will graduate or complete their studies in September, or students involved in animal or wildlife care or with other reasons for being on campus

June 14–30: Fourth-year undergraduates and graduate students conducting thesis research, or students involved in animal or wildlife care or with other reasons for being on campus (unless infection levels have worsened)

From July 1: Access restrictions lifted (unless infection levels have worsened)

We ask for your understanding and cooperation in this preventative measure, so that we can ensure student safety while providing educational opportunities, and, by containing infection as soon as possible, return to the kind of university life everyone is looking forward to. We also encourage your active communication with faculty members, such as in Q&A sessions during interactive classes.

In closing, especially to avoid becoming infected or infecting others, be very mindful about wearing a mask, frequently washing your hands and using sanitizer, avoiding the three Cs, keeping a safe distance from others, and taking other steps to prevent infection, as by avoiding crowds and group meals. Let's keep working together to get past this difficult situation.