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海外留学ご参加学生の保証人の皆様へ

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新型コロナウイルス感染症の世界的な蔓延に際し、海外留学に参加されている国際教養学部学生の保証人の皆様には、大変ご心配をおかけいたしております。感染地域の急激な拡大およびその緊急度に鑑み、本学部では、留学センターからの注意喚起に加え、本学部から直接、留学中の学生全員に対してこれまでに4回のメッセージを発信しました。

緊急を要する国が多かったにもかかわらず、学生の皆様には冷静に現状を把握し判断を行っていることに、学部長として敬意を表するとともに感謝申し上げます。またこのような緊急な事情の中で、学生からの相談に応じていただきました保証人の皆様にも厚く御礼申し上げます。

これまで学生の皆様にお伝えしたメッセージの概略は、以下の通りです（日付はいずれも日本時間）。

1. 一年間の留学が卒業要件とされている SP1 プログラム（日本語が母語）の学生に対し、半期の留学で帰国した場合でも一年間の卒業要件を満たしたものとみなし、かつ半期（3月中まで）で取得した単位の認定を行うこと（3/13-3/17 に段階的に適用。3/17 をもって世界中の全協定大学に適用）。
2. 海外留学中の学生は、全員（復学か留学継続かで迷っている学生も含む）が早稲田大学の2020年春学期の科目登録を可能とすること（3/16 通知、3/19 登録開始）。なお、留学継続を決定した場合、登録した科目は自動的に取り消しとなります。
3. 多くの協定大学でオンライン授業が提供されているため、日本またはその他の場所でオンライン授業を受講した場合は「留学継続」とみなし、取得した単位を認定すること。また「留学継続」を選択した場合は、留学期間終了後に夏クォーター科目、夏季集中科目等を一定の範囲で登録を可能とすること。

なお、新型コロナウイルス感染症への本学部の対応につきまして以下のサイトにまとめてございますので、ご参照いただければ幸いです。このサイトは今後必要に応じて随時更新を行います。<https://www.waseda.jp/fire/sils/>

本学部では新型コロナウイルス感染症の影響を受けて多くの受入交換留学生が辞退または途中帰国します。科目の定員については海外からの途中帰国による増加分や受入留学生の減少分を集計し、無理のないよう定員を調整させていただく予定です。

学生の中には、既に帰国された学生または帰国を決定された方々、日本またはその他の国で協定大学のオンライン授業を受講される方々、現状で留学の継続か復学かを迷っている方々などがいらっしゃいます。学生の皆様は半年前に大きな期待をもって留学に出発されましたが、今回留学も半ばで帰国を余儀なくされた皆様の無念さを考えると、学部長としても誠に残念な思いです。

何よりもまず学生の皆様が健康と安全を最優先にお考えいただき、国際教養学部での学業を全うすることができるよう心より祈念申し上げます。保証人の皆様におかれましても、ぜひとも暖かいお力添えを引き続きいただきますよう、ここにお願い申し上げます。

以上

Message from the Dean

**To the Parents & Guardians of Students
who are participating in the Study Abroad Programs**

As a result of the Novel Coronavirus global outbreak, we can understand that the parents and guardians of SILS students who are participating in the study abroad programs must be extremely concerned. In light of the rapid expansion of infected regions and the urgency, the School of International Liberal Studies (SILS), on top of the warning alerts sent by the Center for International Education (CIE), has sent out four messages directly to all the students who are currently participating in study abroad programs.

Despite the urgency, students are able to calmly judge the current situation and make a sound decision. As the dean, I would like to express my utmost respect and sincerest thanks. In such an urgent situation, I would also like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the parents and guardians who have swiftly responded to the students' concerns.

Please find below a summary of the messages delivered to the students. The dates are all Japan Standard Time (JST).

1) For SP1 students, whose mother tongue is Japanese, SILS has granted the following special provision: half-a-year study abroad program would be considered as a one-year study abroad program, thus fulfilling the SILS study abroad graduation requirements. In addition, the credits earned in half a year (up to the end of March 2020) will be reviewed for credit transfer. These provisions have been implemented in stages from March 13 to 17. After March 17, they apply to all SP1 students who are enrolled in all the university-wide exchange institutions worldwide.

2) All study abroad students are able to register for courses, offered by Waseda University, for the spring semester of 2020. This also applies to the students who have not decided whether to be reinstated as Waseda University students in the spring semester of 2020 or to continue the study abroad programs. The students were informed on March 16, and the first course registration started on March 19. Please kindly note that once the students have decided to continue their study abroad programs, the courses registered will be automatically cancelled.

3) Many partner universities are providing online classes. In the event a student continues to take online classes offered by the partner (host) universities in Japan or in a different location, this will be deemed as "to continue study abroad". The credits (passed subjects) earned will be reviewed for credit transfer. If a student chooses to continue study abroad, he/ she can register for summer quarter and summer intensive courses, which is subject to a limit.

To learn more about our measures with regard to the Novel Coronavirus, please refer to the following website for all the latest updates.

<https://www.waseda.jp/fire/sils/>

At SILS, due to the Novel Coronavirus outbreak, many incoming foreign exchange students have withdrawn from our program, and many have quit and returned to their home countries. With regard to the course intake, we will adjust the capacity within reasonable boundary in view of an increasing number of returning students and a decline in the number of foreign exchange students.

There are many SILS students who have already returned to Japan (or one's home country) or have confirmed their trip home. There are also many SILS students who are taking online classes offered by the host universities in Japan or a different country. There are also SILS students who are still considering whether to continue the study abroad program or to be reinstated as a student back at Waseda University in the spring semester of 2020. All of them departed half a year ago with many great expectations. Having to return to Japan (or one's home country) under such circumstances must be very hard on them. As the dean, I could feel their disappointment.

The health and safety of our students are our TOP priorities. We sincerely hope that all our students will be able to complete their studies at the School of International Liberal Studies. To the parents and guardians, we would greatly appreciate your understanding, and we look forward to your continuous support and advice. Thank you very much.

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