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## **President's Message on Second-Semester University Policies**

Tokyo Metropolitan University has adopted various measures in view of the COVID-19 situation, holding classes online until the end of June and primarily conducting online since then, with some experiments and practical training taking place in face-to-face classes. I feel a great sense of regret at the considerable inconvenience that our students have been forced to endure during this period.

Holding nearly all classes online throughout the semester is also an unprecedented experience for the university. We have received feedback from students and faculty members alike that everyone's enthusiastic involvement in their online classes has yielded outstanding academic achievements, however. I'd like to express my sincere appreciation for everyone's efforts.

As you know, the coronavirus is spreading again. With this in mind, we have devoted considerable and careful thought to how to undertake university activities in the second semester.

In consideration that the health and safety of students and university personnel come first, we've decided that online classes will be the core mode of instruction during the second semester as well. We will, however, allow some experiments and practical training for some courses to take place as face-to-face classes on the premise that we will all take comprehensive steps to prevent infection. Students will also have access to the library, computer rooms and other university facilities to the degree possible—while we all take steps to prevent infection—in the belief that this will make time spent at university more fulfilling. Students often earnestly tell us that they want to be on campus and use university facilities, and we would like to fulfill those hopes whenever possible.

On the other hand, I believe that some people harbor concerns about coming to school during the current crisis. We want to seriously consider such cases as well, so please consult with the university if you have such worries.

The details of the university's second-semester policies are provided on the following page. We plan to notify you all about how each class will be held and other details at the beginning of September, while closely monitoring the COVID-19 situation.

Dealing with COVID-19 will require each of us to maintain extreme caution and mindfulness. We ask you to continue acting responsibly as a Tokyo Metropolitan University student.

These unprecedentedly tough conditions are affecting everyone associated with the university. However, it is also true that there is considerable value being discovered under these conditions, such as what we can achieve with online classes. There will also be various constraints placed on your university activities, but focus on the things that we can discover only during this point in time, and make your time at university under the circumstance something extremely worthwhile.

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## Summary of Second-Semester Policies

### Summary

#### ■ Classes

- Classes will basically be held online, although some experiments, practical training, seminars and courses will take place face-to-face with infection controls in place.

#### Notes:

1. Large lecture hall classes and presentations with large numbers of students will be done online, for example. We plan to discuss how to hold each class, giving consideration to the number of students in each class and classroom capacities.
2. We plan to provide details and points to note on the university website in early September with regard to how each class will be held and class attendance.
3. We also plan to continue taking into account students who reside in other regions.

#### ■ Coming on campus and using university facilities

- Students will be allowed to use university facilities whenever possible, on the premise that we will all take steps to prevent infection.
- There will be no restrictions for students to come on campus. You will be allowed to come to campus to use facilities and for other business.

#### ■ Preparation and distribution of Guidelines for Preventing COVID-19 Infections in Student Life (the name may change)

- We plan to distribute guidelines in early September that summarize items that students should note regarding student life.
- We request that everyone read these guidelines carefully, and follow them to ensure that every step possible is taken to prevent infection.

### Future schedule

- We will provide detailed information in early September about such things as how each class will be held, points to note when attending classes and how facilities will be run.

### Note

The preceding guidelines may change depending on the COVID-19 situation. Classes may all be switched back to an online format due to the spread of the infection, for example.