

Dear New TMU Students,

Congratulations and welcome to you -the newest members of Tokyo Metropolitan University family!

I have been looking forward to welcoming you and celebrating with you in person in the past few months. It is with deepest regret, therefore, I announce that TMU has made the difficult decision to cancel all in-person gatherings for new students due to ongoing restrictions on large gatherings put in place by local and national authorities, as well as TMU's own efforts to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Alternatively, I am writing to provide insight into your life with the university.

At Tokyo Metropolitan University, one and only public university founded and largely funded by the Tokyo Metropolitan Government, we are focused on providing the excellent education for all our students, whether they are enrolled in undergraduate or graduate programs. TMU prides itself on maintaining small class sizes and a low student-faculty ratio across its academic disciplines, including humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, engineering and health sciences. Students can cultivate closer relationships with their professors, have quicker access to support and feedback, and engage in more interactive discussions. In short, TMU offers its students with the resources and the attention students need for their learning.

TMU is also one of the nation's and even world's top research universities. TMU has been one of top ranked universities in Japan for research citations in many university rankings. Faculty research is widely and effectively integrated into academic courses, generating positive synergies between research and teaching. TMU students in every field and discipline benefit from the unique opportunities and resources that such research-teaching synergies provide.

Additionally, our beautiful campuses with unique academic buildings, abundant green spaces provide a calm and relaxing atmosphere and create a welcoming environment that instill a sense of pride and belonging in our students, staff, and alumni.

Once again, on behalf of the entire university community, welcome to Tokyo Metropolitan University. I am confident that the years ahead will be full of exciting and rewarding challenges.

Jun Ueno

President

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