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The University of Tokyo

Support for Students Affected by the Spread of the Novel Coronavirus
-The University of Tokyo Emergency Support Package for Students-

The significant changes in people's social lives and economic activities due to the spread of the novel coronavirus have been affecting the academic lives of the students. The University of Tokyo offers the following support measures as "Emergency Support Package for Students" in order to assist students who are suffering from difficult circumstances such as sudden changes in their family finance and loss or decline in their part-time job income.

1. UTokyo Emergency Assistance Grant (New)
 - The University will provide 50,000 yen to each student who is finding it difficult to continue their study and research and is in need of financial support due to a sudden change in the family finances of their parents or other support providers or a decrease in their own income from part-time work, based on their application.

2. Emergency exemption from the payment of tuition fees (New)
 - For students who are qualified for exemption from payment of the University's tuition fees due to a decline in the income of their parents or other support providers but who have not been included in the "New Financial Support System for Students (修学支援新制度)," the University will exempt them from payment of its tuition fees. This is an emergency support independently provided by the University.

3. Extension of the deadline for the payment of tuition fees (Already implemented)
 - The University has extended the deadline for the payment of its tuition fees for the first half of the academic year 2020 by two months.
Initial deadline: May 27 Postponed to July 27

Supplementary explanation:

To qualify for items 1 to 3 as described above, you must be an undergraduate or graduate student of the University.

All students are qualified for item 3, regardless of their economic situation, including whether the family finances of their parents or other support providers have changed or not.

4. Providing information about the support programs by the national government and other organizations (Already implemented)

The University is providing information about various support programs available for its students who are affected by the spread of the novel coronavirus, and quickly processing their application materials. Examples of the programs are as follows.

(1)“New Financial Support System for Students (修学支援新制度),” Urgent Loan(緊急採用)(interest-free scholarship loan) and Emergency Loan (応急採用)(scholarship loan with interest) offered by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology and the Japan Student Services Organization.

(2)The University of Tokyo Satsuki-Kai* scholarship program

- Target: Female Japanese undergraduate and graduate students of the University who are living apart from their families in order to attend the university and who meet the scholarship requirements, such as a sudden change in the family finances

Note: For this scholarship, non-Japanese students need to meet the requirements set by the Japan Student Services Organization’s scholarship.

- Amount of benefit: 100,000 yen per student (grant-type)

- Recipients: Up to 30

- Applications will begin to be accepted in the middle of May

* Satsuki-Kai is a voluntary organization composed of alumnae and female students of the University of Tokyo.

5. Study and student life related measures (Already implemented)

(1)Support regarding online classes

- Free-of-charge rental of mobile Wi-Fi routers to students upon request, depending on their online communication environment.

- Establish a “Class Supporter” system and a “University-wide Common Supporter” system and pay the students who have registered and conducted activities as student supporters. This enables online classes to run smoothly while providing financial assistance to the students through on campus job system.

(2)Enhancement of various consulting services and prompt information sharing

- To assist all the students so that they may maintain a sense of stability amidst the restrictions on their activities, the Career Support Office and the Student Counseling Center will offer online consulting services to students, in addition to services offered by phone and email. The University will increase the ways

students can contact its various consulting services by making use of its website and the UTokyo Academic affairs System (UTAS). This allows for better information sharing and enhancement of the student support system.

The future of the situation surrounding the novel coronavirus remains uncertain. But the University of Tokyo will continue its effort to implement measures to help the students, including providing financial support.

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