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To All Students,

Class for the Fall Semester

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President of the University of Fukui

I expect that all of you are spending your student life and working hard on your studies, despite having various anxieties under the severe situation of COVID-19.

As for the class policy for the fall semester, it has already been announced on July 8th and August 28th. The second wave of COVID-19, which peaked in July and August, is still not over, and Fukui prefecture's own warning about the spread of the infection is still in effect as of now. Under these circumstances, I am sure that you must be concerned about the class implementation for the fall semester. Therefore, I would like to reiterate to confirm the class policy for the fall semester. Although the university has a policy of basically conducting remote classes in the fall semester, it does not mean that all classes will be conducted online. Rather, we will offer face-to-face classes when necessary or possible at the university's and each school's discretion.

The class policies of each school for the fall semester are as follows;

1. School of Education

Regarding experiments, practical training and seminars, some classes have been conducted face-to-face since the spring semester, while taking care to prevent infection. In the fall semester, face-to-face classes will be conducted as for experiments, practical training and seminars when necessary. Regarding lectures, they will be conducted face-to-face when necessary if sufficient infection prevention measures can be taken. For freshmen, face-to-face guidance is scheduled before classes for the fall semester start.

2. School of Medical Sciences

With sufficient measures against infection in place, classes will be conducted as much as possible in the lecture room, and distance lectures will also be offered. For more details, please see the message from the Dean of the School of Medical Sciences on September 7th, "School of Medical Sciences; Class Policy for the Fall Semester" below.

(School of Medical Sciences; Class Policy for the Fall Semester)

https://www.med.u-fukui.ac.jp/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/koukizyugyou_20200907.pdf

3. School of Engineering

For students currently living outside Fukui, the school is asking them to move to Fukui in time for the fall semester. In the fall semester, the school plans to offer face-to-face classes for experiments or practical training, as well as some lectures and seminars that cannot or should not be offered online. For more details, please see the message from the Dean of the School of Engineering on August 31st, "School and Graduate School of Engineering; Class Policy for the Fall Semester".

(School and Graduate School of Engineering; Class Policy for the Fall Semester)

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4. School of Global and Community Studies

As for some classes that have the character of training or practice, such as Project-Based Learning (PBL) or graduation research subjects, the school plans to partly offer face-to-face classes. When conducting these classes, every possible measure to prevent infection will be given, taking into account the educational effects of the classes as well as the regional infection situation. For more details, please see the message from the Dean of the School of Global and Community Studies on September 2nd, "Classes for the Fall Semester of the School of Global and Community Studies" posted on the Student Portal.

As mentioned above, with sufficient anti-infection measures in place, some face-to-face classes will be conducted at each school in addition to remote classes. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the address below. As for extracurricular activities, for which sports' trips or competitions are currently restricted, we are considering easing the restrictions for the fall semester, as long as sufficient consideration for the infection risks should be given.

Although many cases of COVID-19 in Japan are currently milder than those in Europe or the U.S., there are still cases of severe disease even among young people, and a certain number of cases with serious complications and sequelae are expected to occur. Based on this, the University of Fukui will continue to place the highest priority on the health of our students. Thanks to the cooperation of students, there have been no cases of infection as of now. We would like to ask for your further cooperation for the time being.

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