



Update for International Students re: Entering Japan

On November 29, 2021, the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced "New measures for Border Enforcement (20)" against a new variant of the new coronavirus (omicron variant). The entry of international students into Japan will be suspended for one month from midnight on November 30, 2021.

In response to this, the procedures for new entry into Japan will also be suspended. We will inform you as soon as the restriction on entry of international students into Japan is lifted.

Since the outbreak of the pandemic, the Japanese government has suspended the acceptance of new international students as one of its measures to combat the spread of the novel coronavirus, and as a result our international students have been unable to enter Japan and have been taking classes online.

On November 5th, 2021, the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced, "New measures for Border Enforcement (19)" and on the same day, the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) issued a notice to the effect that "Privately-Funded Foreign Students at the Universities and other Institutions may resume entry into Japan." (The measures became effective from 10am on November 8th, 2021.)

In accordance with the above, we would like to announce the following procedures for new international students entering Japan to study at KUFS.

«Flow chart for International Students seeking to enter Japan»

1. KUFS will apply to the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) for acceptance/screening after having the student submit a written pledge (in a designated format) to our University. However, the timing of application will differ depending on the date of issuance of the COE (Certificate of Eligibility).

【Documents Required for Application for Screening (University)】

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| (1) Application Form | (5) Copy of the Applicant's Passport |
| (2) Written Pledge | (6) Vaccination Certificate |
| (3) Activity Plan | (7) Copy of Certificate of Eligibility |
| (4) List of Applicants | |

2. After screening, the student is contacted and will then need to go through visa issuance procedures at the Japanese Embassy or Consulate abroad and confirm his/her international flight.

【Documents required at the time of application for visa issuance】

- (Documents 1 through 3 will be sent by MEXT.)
- (1) Screening Certificate
 - (2) Pledge that screening has been completed
 - (3) Activity Plan
 - (4) Admission Letter or Certificate of Enrollment

3. After confirming immigration and quarantine upon entry, you will need to stay at a hotel for 14 days.

* If you are fully vaccinated and you meet the requirements, please contact the division/department in charge at the University.

4. After your restrictions are lifted, please make your way to KUFS



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