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**CONTINUATION OF EMERGENCY REMOTE CLASSES AND
CAMPUS CLOSURE**

TO: All KUFS Students and Parents/Guardians:

Amid the ongoing state of emergency over the COVID-19 pandemic, we would like to express our deepest gratitude to you for your understanding and cooperation with us in connection with our measures for the prevention of the spread of novel coronavirus infections.

The Japanese government's "Declaration of the State of Emergency" was lifted in 39 prefectures on May 14, 2020, with the remaining 8 prefectures expected to be lifted sometime later this month. Henceforth, however, it will remain necessary for us to avoid the "**Three Cs**": 1) **Closed** spaces with poor ventilation; 2) **Crowded** places with many people nearby; and 3) **Close**-contact settings, such as close-range conversations. We will also need to avoid "non-essential, non-urgent" outings. Thus, we must continue to take necessary measures for the prevention of the spread of coronavirus infections, with the second and third waves of the spread of infections expected to come. It should be noted that we are currently in such unpredictable and opaque circumstances.

Such being the case, even after the "Declaration of the State of Emergency" was lifted, it is our judgement at this point that we are and will continue to be in a changing and unpredictable situation, one about which we cannot necessarily be so optimistic. To secure our students' health and safety is always our top priority. Therefore, we will continue maintaining our measures for remote classes and campus closure (no-entry into campus) in the spring semester.

As stated in our website notification, dated April 16, 2020, regarding the "implementation of emergency remote classes and a change in tuition payment period," we are planning to consider resuming usual (face-to-face) classes at our university if the situation of the spread of coronavirus infections could show itself to be clearly improving, and one in which we would be able to secure our students' safety.

We deeply apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you. We are also sorry for making you worry in one way or another. However, your considerate understanding and cooperation would be highly appreciated, especially in light of this "unprecedented" situation.

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