

November 30, 2021

To all faculty and staff members:
(including visiting scholars to the university)

Office of Human Resources Management, Keio Corporate Administration
(Jukukan-kyoku)

Update International travel, etc., for faculty and staff members (November 30, 2021)

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The guidelines regarding international travel for faculty and staff members have been updated.

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In light of the global spread of the emergent Omicron variant of COVID-19 (coronavirus disease), **we have decided to effectively prohibit international travel for faculty and staff members.**

Note that faculty and staff members of Shinanomachi Campus are requested to comply with the specific instructions for Shinanomachi Campus contained in this notification as well as “Policies Regarding COVID-19.”

Prohibition of international travel for faculty and staff

In response to the worldwide spread of the new Omicron variant of COVID-19, the Japanese government has announced regulations to temporarily suspend entry to Japan from all countries from November 30. Due to these circumstances, Keio University has decided to effectively prohibit international travel (both work-related and personal) of faculty and staff members for the time being.

If your scheduled trip overseas cannot be cancelled, please be sure to consult in advance with the Office of Human Resources Management Planning Group through your department head/supervisor.

Please refer to each of the following sites to make an informed decision on whether or not to travel.

“Overseas Travel Safety Information” homepage of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

<https://www.anzen.mofa.go.jp/masters/explanation.html>

Countries and regions with measures restricting the entry of Japanese citizens and persons travelling from Japan and with restrictions on movement upon entry (Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

https://www.anzen.mofa.go.jp/covid19/pdfhistory_world.html

The departure/re-entry of faculty and staff members, as well as acceptance of foreign researchers, will be handled in accordance with 2 and 3 from “Overseas travel, etc., for faculty and staff members” distributed on October 11, 2021, and the “(Office of Human Resources) Operational changes in response to the government’s ‘new measures for strengthening border control’,” published on November 19. (Japanese language only)

However, as the government policy effectively bans entry to Japan from all countries, and previously implemented policies such as the “New measures for strengthening border control (19),” which allowed for a reduction of the mandated quarantine period from 14 days to 10 days, have been suspended, we ask that all faculty and staff members [follow the guidelines of relevant government ministries and agencies and make their decisions regarding departing and re-entering Japan carefully.](#)

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