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To all students,

Regarding Classes in AY 2021

Although the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) infection has yet to be contained, Kyoto University will

implement face-to-face classes in the first semester of 2021 while taking all possible measures to

prevent the spread infection. By resuming face-to-face classes, the university aims to ensure that

students are provided the necessary study hours, recover the opportunity for students to interact with

their peers and with faculty members, and provide a better environment for education and research.

Depending on how the COVID-19 situation develops, however, it may be necessary to revert to online

classes. Please note, however, that the university support system for the provision of online classes

(including the lending of mobile routers) that was provided in AY 2020 will not be provided in AY

2021. Each individual student is therefore requested to ensure that they maintain the necessary

facilities to take online classes at home at any time.

For international students who have not yet arrived in Japan and students who are unable to attend

face-to-face classes due to preexisting conditions or other reasons, the university will arrange

alternative options, such as the provision of classes online. Please note that the necessary procedures

must be completed in order for students to receive such special provisions.

Detailed information regarding the above will be provided via the university website or KULASIS.

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