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Dear All Students,

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Classes after the Winter Break

COVID-19 is still rampant around the world, and the situation continues to be unpredictable in Japan as the cold season approaches. I expect that all of you are working hard on your studies, taking measures to prevent infection.

As for the class policy for the fall semester, it has already been announced (September 9th and October 9th). The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) has continued to request all universities to consider offering face-to-face lectures, which could be considered the most appropriate way, after taking infection prevention measures, and the university is also working hard to increase face-to-face contact opportunities.

Despite the rapid increase in the number of confirmed cases across the country, there will be more opportunities to travel back home and gather together during the winter break. In addition, the Coming of Age ceremony is scheduled on around January 11th. There will be increased opportunities to get infected for students. Also, university entrance exams are scheduled on January 16th (Sat.) and 17th (Sun.).

Based on the situation mentioned above, the University of Fukui will basically hold all classes via the Internet from January 5th (Tue.) to 14th (Thu.) after the winter break, and we will resume face-to-face lectures as before from January 18th (Mon.). However, at the School of Medical Sciences, all classes will be offered via the Internet from January 5th (Tue.) to 22nd (Fri.), and face-to-face lectures will be resumed as before from January 25th (Mon.).

Please note that the systems are slightly different, depending on each school, so you should see the details of each school below;

【Classes of Each School after the Winter Break】

1. School of Education

All classes from January 5th (Tue.) to 14th (Thu.) will basically be offered via the Internet. Classes originally scheduled as face-to-face ones will be conducted via the Internet, or make-up classes will be offered. Working on senior thesis (experiments or seminars) will be allowed after consulting supervisors. Traveling out of the prefecture or having meals with a large number of people should be refrained from unless absolutely necessary. When returning home to areas where large spreads of infections are occurring, please try your best to return to Fukui by January 5th.

2. School of Medical Sciences

Face-to-face lectures will begin on January 25th (Mon.).

Classes from January 5th (Tue.) to 22nd (Fri.) will be offered via the Internet, offered in December, or postponed after January 25th (Mon.).

Since some exams or training may be conducted before January 25th (Mon.), please make sure to see the timetable of each year for more details.

3. School of Engineering

Since a large number of students are from outside the prefecture, and many students are expected to go back to their hometowns during the winter break, classes from January 5th (Tue.) to 14th (Thu.) will be offered only via the Internet as one of the infection prevention measures. In addition, coming on campus from January 10th (Sun.) to 17th (Sun.) is prohibited.

Additionally, there are some exceptions, depending on each year regarding study for senior theses during the prohibited period; please **make sure** to see the link below;

<http://www.eng.u-fukui.ac.jp/wp-content/uploads/jyugyouR2.11.27.pdf>

4. School of Global and Community Studies

A large number of classes will be offered via the Internet as before. The School of Global and Community Studies requests students pay more attention to their behavior during the winter break and make every effort to stay healthy when they come to Fukui from areas where large spreads of infections are occurring.

Some face-to-face lectures, group meetings regarding PBL, or meetings with people outside the university will be allowed after taking sufficient infection prevention measures.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out the contact information below.

We appreciate your kind understanding and cooperation.

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