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To all March 2020 graduates and those planning to graduate in September 2020,

President DEGUCHI Hiroaki

Hello everyone.

This is an announcement regarding APU's graduation ceremony scheduled for September 18 for those whose graduation is approaching in September, as well as those who already graduated in March.

As I announced via SNS on July 28, 2020, we have been preparing to hold the graduation ceremony on Friday, September 18 simultaneously both online and in-person for the first time in APU's history.

However, this is very unfortunate, but it cannot be said that the spread of coronavirus has been effectively suppressed in Japan or overseas.

In Oita Prefecture the number of cases has been increasing since the end of July, and even now small numbers of cases are still being found.

In response to this situation, the university has decided to cancel the in-person portion of the September 18 graduation ceremony, and hold it online-only.

It gives me a pit in my stomach to think of the feelings of all the graduates who were looking forward to their bright departure from our university and celebrating their accomplishments with their friends and faculty members,

APU has been working hard and preparing to the last minute to put together the in-person ceremony, so I did not want to have to make this announcement, but we ask for your understanding in light of the current situation.

Of course, even though the graduation ceremony will be held online-only, we will do our utmost to ensure we create a ceremony with all the elegance and gravitas worthy of a celebration of your graduation.

Details of the online graduation ceremony are shown below, so if you planned to participate in the in-person ceremony please take a look at them and refresh your memory.

We all will be participating in the ceremony from different places, but let's do our best to make it an APU-style ceremony that connects people from all over the world.

I am looking forward to getting to see you all online on September 18.