September 3, 2020

To All Graduate School Students Planning to Enroll in September 2020:

Your enrollment at APU is drawing closer and closer! However, entering Japan still remains a problem for those of you residing outside Japan who are planning to enroll in September. We are sure you must be anxious about many things concerning your studies and student life. All of us here, faculty and staff, will do our utmost to provide you with the support you need so that you can have a successful start at APU.

In our previous message (dated August 7, 2020), we informed you that if you are unable to enter Japan in September, it will be possible to attend all fall semester courses online for the time being, and that we have added a move-in period for AP House 4 in November in addition to the first move-in period in September (2nd Move-In: November 26-28).

In this message we will inform you of updated information, such as details for the New Student Orientation scheduled to start on September 23 (Wed), and the Entrance Ceremony that will be held online. Please carefully review the contents of both messages, and move forward with your preparations for APU, while taking care to stay healthy.

■ Updated Information ■

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I. Current Situation for Entry to Japan / AP House 4 Move-In

○ As announced previously, the Government of Japan has begun allowing re-entry to Japan for foreign nationals holding residence status who temporarily returned to their own countries, thus students currently enrolled at APU are gradually returning to Oita and Beppu. However, it remains unknown when the restrictions on entry into Japan will be relaxed for new international students. We will notify you via the APU website as soon as the Japanese government announces a new policy change.

○ Despite the current situation, staff and student RAs (resident assistants) are moving forward with preparations to welcome new residents to AP House 4 so that all AP House residents will be able to live safely, worry-free, and in good health. Measures for preventing COVID-19 infections are being implemented, such as an online system that can, in real time, track health monitoring carried out by each new AP House resident.

○ As announced previously, we have established two move-in periods for moving into AP House 4:

Period 1: September 16 (Wed) - September 20, 2020 (Sun) (5 days)

Period 2: November 26 (Thu) - November 28, 2020 (Sat) (3 days)

○ Please refer to the previous announcement (sent on August 7) for an overview of Move-In Period 2 and the Arrival Assistance Service. Details on how to apply for the Arrival Assistance Service will be formally announced around early October. For those students who are external scholarship recipients and will be receiving support to come to Japan from the scholarship-issuing organization, it is not necessary for you to apply for the Arrival Assistance Service.

○ For new international students currently residing in Japan, it is possible to move into AP House during Period 1. However, we request that you seriously consider the situation with COVID-19 infections in the region you are currently living, the risk of infection and the risk of spreading infection that comes with traveling to Oita and Beppu, as well as the option to move in to AP House during Period 2 instead.

○ For those of you planning to move into AP House 4 during Period 1, please be sure to record your health condition twice daily (morning and night) starting on the day you receive this announcement. Please download the file below, record your health condition, and then email your record sheet to the AP House Office by the submission deadline.

★体温体調記録シート/ Temperature & condition record sheet (MS word)

Submission Deadline: September 11 (Fri) 10:00 AM (Japan Time)

Email Address: aphohc20@apu.ac.jp

You must postpone moving into AP House if you are unwell or have a fever or other symptoms at the time you are departing for APU.

II. Entrance Ceremony (September 25, 2020)

○ The September 2020 Entrance Ceremony will be held online via Zoom. For new APU students from all over the world, this will be the first opportunity to gather with your peers, with whom you will study and grow together with. Though the ceremony will be held entirely online, we are in the midst of preparing a ceremony where each student will feel like a part of the APU community!

○ Date and Time: September 25, 2020 (Fri)　Ceremony will begin at 3:00 PM (Japan Time)

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Graduate School of Management / College of International Management

We will announce the Zoom URL at a later date on the APU website.

III. New Student Orientation

○ On September 9 (Wed), we will launch a special website for New Student Orientation (tentative). You can access it at the following URL:

http://en.apu.ac.jp/studentsupport/page/content0334.html/
(Currently, information on the 2020 Spring Orientation is posted there.)

○ The September 2020 New Student Orientation will be held September 23 (Wed) - October 2 (Fri). Fall semester classes will begin after that on October 5 (Mon).

○ Information related to studying at APU (curriculum, registration, grading, etc.) as well as information for living a physically and mentally healthy student life will be provided during the orientation. International students will complete procedures such as signing up for National Health Insurance and having their new addresses officially registered at this time (only for international students who have entered Japan and moved into AP House).

○ All the guidance sessions held during orientation will be livestreamed online or broadcast as recorded video. Furthermore, a few guidance sessions will be run in-person. However, please be rest assured that new students who have not been able to enter Japan or move into AP House will not be at a disadvantage. We plan to take care of these procedures with you individually once you have entered Japan and moved into AP House.

○ Please thoroughly review the PDF below for the orientation schedule. You must either participate in the orientation sessions in real time or watch the recorded sessions.

★Orientation Timetable EN (PDF)

○ All the guidance sessions held during the orientation period will be livestreamed online or broadcast as recorded video.

□ Livestreams will be broadcast using Zoom. Please join at the designated date and time using your Zoom account, which is scheduled to be distributed around September 17.
□ Recorded video broadcasts can be accessed and viewed at all times.

For details, please review the special New Student Orientation website from September 9.

IV. Information on Language Subjects: Placement Test

○ Students who would like to take a Japanese language course after enrollment at APU must take the Japanese Placement Test. An outline of the test is as follows:

	Information on Taking the Japanese Placement Test
Graduate School Students	○ All tests will be held online. ○ Apply for this test via the URL below by Monday, September 7. https://survey2.apu.ac.jp/limesurvey/index.php/336972?lang=en ○ Take both the web test on September 14 (Mon) and the web interview on September 24 (Thu). ○ Please review the following materials for further details. ★How to take the Japanese Placement Test (PDF)

○ For more information on the Japanese Placement Test, please check the email sent by the APU Academic Office to all who plan to enter graduate school.

Email subject (sent on September 2, 2020):
【APU】Regarding the Japanese Placement Test for the graduate students.

V. Schedule for Important Updates from APU

○ Please review the schedule below which outlines upcoming information and dates for new students enrolling in September 2020:

Tentative Information Release Date	Details (Tentative)
Approx. September 17, 2020	○ Distribution of student ID numbers and APU account information (ID, password)
Once APU accounts have been distributed, emails from APU to new students will only be sent to these APU accounts (*****@apu.ac.jp).	
Approx. September 17, 2020	○ Procedures for setting up your Zoom account
Early October 2020	○ Details on moving into AP House (Period 2) and how to apply for the Arrival Assistance Service

Official Announcements from the University

Information on APU's decisions related to COVID-19 is posted on the official APU website at the link below. Please check the link regularly for important updates.

Japanese: http://www.apu.ac.jp/home/news/article/?storyid=3173

English: http://en.apu.ac.jp/home/news/article/?storyid=3173

Contact for Questions

Questions concerning enrollment for international students:

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