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To all APU students and members of the APU community,

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Message from the Acting President of APU: Regarding media reports on easing of entry restrictions

Last evening, media reports began circulating that the Japanese government is planning to allow newly entering international students into Japan, who will be subject to certain conditions such as an isolation period after entry, and that specific details will be announced in due course.

Due to current immigration restrictions, many international students have been unable to come to campus. As such, it would be a great pleasure for APU to see the immigration restrictions eased as soon as possible so newly entering international students who want to come to Japan are able to and can interact in person with current students, faculty, and staff on our multicultural campus.

APU has been lobbying the relevant ministries and agencies to ease the restrictions on immigration. In response to this news, we are already gathering information from the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology as well as other related ministries. As soon as the government makes an official announcement, the entire APU community will work together to initiate immigration support for new international students entering Japan.

I look forward to seeing all of our international students at APU soon.