

Regarding Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University's Reappointment as a "Selected Institution"

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Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University
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Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU) has been reappointed as a "selected institution*" by the Immigration Services Agency of Japan. The certification period will be effective for one year starting January 1, 2027. We understand this recognition as the result of our efforts to maintain strict oversight of international student enrollment as well as the corrective and preventative measures implemented following our previous loss of the certification.

At the same time, we would like to once again express our sincerest apologies for the concern and inconvenience caused to our current students, prospective students, families, alumni, and stakeholders as a result of APU not being designated as a "selected institution" last year.

Since its founding, APU has been a university where students from around the world come together, overcome differences, learn from one another and work together to shape the future. Taking this experience as a vital lesson and fully recognizing significance of our responsibility and role in supporting international education, we will continue striving to uphold even higher standards of governance and student support.

We regard this reappointment not as the final goal, but as a new starting point. Amidst the growing uncertainty of the international landscape, APU remains deeply committed to its mission of cultivating individuals who can bridge diverse values and contribute to solving social challenges. We will continue to grow as an international university trusted by people around the world.

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has supported and encouraged APU throughout this process. We sincerely ask for your continued understanding and cooperation in the years to come.

*The "selected institution" is a system in which the Immigration Services Agency designates educational institutions that accept international students under the "Student" visa status. Institutions that properly manage student enrollment—including attendance, grades, residency status, activities outside the scope of residence status, and other requirements—and submit all necessary statutory documents are designated. The selection process occurs annually and includes

universities, vocational schools, and Japanese language schools.

This system allows students of “Selected Institutions” to submit a shorter list of required documents when applying for Certificates of Eligibility and other papers, while the Agency still maintains strict and appropriate immigration controls.