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To the University of Tokyo Students:

Comment on the Activities of Student Groups

The University of Tokyo believes that it is necessary for our students to be able to manage their student groups independently and in an autonomous manner, taking part in cultural or physical activities to grow as students who have had the benefit of communication skills and are conscious of the existence of different sets of values and knowledge through the many interactions.

Unfortunately, we have received reports that some student groups restrict persons from joining to the group on the basis of their nationality, gender, and/or age, etc.

As you are all no doubt aware of the principles of *The University of Tokyo Charter* which states, “The University of Tokyo recognizes the importance of having diversity in its constituent members; guarantees no discrimination based on nationality, gender, age, language, religion, political or other reasons, origin, property, lineage, marital status, position within the household, handicaps, ailments, career, etc.; and strives to ensure that all its constituent members have the opportunity to participate widely in university activities.” Additionally, in Chapter II, Article 12. “Responsibilities of the constituent members of the University”, the Charter advocates that “the faculties, graduate schools, and affiliated institutes of The University of Tokyo, as basic organizational units of autonomous operations, will have fair opportunities to participate responsibly in the management of the entire University. Responsibilities include the resilience for essential self-reform with the objective of developing the system of education and research of the University as a whole.”

We strongly hope that you will review this policy once more and keep it in mind, so that it will guide you when you recruit new students on campus in and after April and take part in your independent and autonomous activities.

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