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Message to All Students

in the College of Arts and Sciences, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences,
and Graduate School of Mathematical Sciences

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As you know, the number of people infected with COVID-19 is now increasing rapidly throughout Japan and especially in the Tokyo area. The number of new cases among UTokyo students, faculty, and staff has also been rising, and we must now strengthen our measures to prevent the further spread of infections.

As you have been told many times, infections spread easily when groups of people eat and drink together in confined spaces. Travel can also spread the virus, especially when people stay together overnight. We therefore urge you to continue to be very cautious about both meals and travel. We also once again ask you to continue to disinfect your hands, wear a mask, and maintain social distancing.

Thanks to the efforts of many people, UTokyo is now able to provide vaccinations on the Hongo Campus and can accept more reservations than previously. While vaccinations are not required of students, we urge you to take this opportunity to get vaccinated.

The current university-wide activity restriction level is Level B. Accordingly, the Komaba Campus remains at Stage Orange I. As long as our campus stays at this stage, we do not plan to impose stronger restrictions on student activities on campus.

On the condition that we continue to take thorough measures against the spread of infections, the College and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and the Graduate School of Mathematical Sciences are now planning to make improvements to our campus so that students can use its facilities with even more confidence in their safety. We particularly want to create spaces where students can relax and talk with each other while

still maintaining social distancing. It is difficult for the faculty and staff to plan such spaces appropriately without input from students, however, so we would like to ask for your ideas and suggestions.

Please submit suggestions through the following form about how to make the Komaba Campus more comfortable and welcoming to students during the COVID-19 pandemic. We especially welcome ideas about the sorts of spaces and facilities that students themselves want.

<https://forms.office.com/r/unexTXQsc0>

You may include your name if you like, or you may submit your suggestions anonymously. Your e-mail address and other personal information will be kept strictly confidential and will be used only for planning campus improvements.

Although we may not be able to adopt every suggestion, we want very much to be able to work together with Komaba students to make our campus better during these challenging times. We would therefore be very grateful for your cooperation.

- The 2021 University of Tokyo Activity Restrictions Index for Preventing the Spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
<https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/covid-19/en/policies/index.html#id01>

- The 2021 University of Tokyo Activity Restrictions Index for Preventing the Spread of COVID-19 (on Komaba Campus I from July 12, 2021)
https://www.c.u-tokyo.ac.jp/eng_site/info/covid19/Restrictions_Index_COVID-19_Komaba_20210712-2.pdf