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Message to All Students, Faculty, and Staff

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Change in Alert Stage on Komaba I Campus

Thank you all for your continued cooperation with the countermeasures against COVID infections.

As you know, COVID infections believed to be caused by the Omicron strain have been spreading rapidly throughout Japan. As a result, priority measures to prevent the spread of the infections took effect in three prefectures on January 9 and were expanded to an additional 13 prefectures, including Tokyo, on January 21. A rapid increase in infections has also been observed on the campuses of the University of Tokyo.

UTokyo has therefore decided to strengthen the university-wide activity restriction level from Level A to Level B as of today. Based on this change, and in light of the spread of infections on the Komaba I Campus, we are changing the alert stage for the Komaba I Campus from Stage Yellow to Stage Orange I as of today.

Over the past two years, both UTokyo as a whole and our own College and Graduate Schools have learned much from our experience of dealing with COVID. This experience allows us to maintain the current relaxed restrictions on access to the Komaba I Campus (excluding buildings), and all gates into campus will remain open for the time being. Students may continue their extracurricular activities while remaining very careful to prevent infections and to limit the number of people in the facilities. The guidelines about

the participation of non-UTokyo people in extracurricular activities also remain unchanged.

Faculty and staff are requested to continue their research, education, and other work with the same thorough infection prevention measures as before.

The purpose of this change of stage is to draw everyone's attention to the resurgence of COVID infections and to encourage all of us to implement even more thoroughly the infection prevention measures that we have been taking. Please be even more careful to wear masks, disinfect your hands, maintain social distance, and avoid eating and drinking in groups.

Based on the suggestions that we have received from students, our efforts to make sure that the Komaba I Campus remains a safe and secure place are bearing fruit. As we continue to strive to ensure that students, faculty, and staff feel safe to be on campus, we would like to ask you to remain calm in the face of this stage revision and to continue to be careful in all of your activities.