

Survey on COVID-19 and International Students, Comments on “Others”
Comments besides the options, a summary of Japanese and English version

As of 5:30 p.m., May 13, 2020

Comments in blue are thought to be particular to international students

Q3 Health/hygiene concerns

- Worried about going to hospitals with lack of Japanese language skills
- Feeling anxious about the situation of infection testing in Japan (cannot come back to Japan)
- Not being able to return to their home country for medication
- Need to go to the Immigration Office for extension of period of stay, but worried about being infected by coronavirus
- Lack of preventive measures by people around them
- Feeling anxious for not being able to meet parents and friends
- Having days and nights mixed up, erratic sleeping habits, lack of exercise

Q4 Financial difficulties

- Have returned to their home country temporarily, but need to pay the rent for apartment in Japan (cannot transfer money)
- Have returned to their home country temporarily and unable to receive (extend) scholarship
- Planned to go back to their home country, but couldn't. Staying in Japan with no income.
- Being unable to go back to their home country, unable to withdraw money
- Wife's part-time job income have decreased
- *Certain number of international students live in Japan with their spouse
- Unable to receive allowance from parents, parents going out of business or decrease in income
- Greatly anxious about financial conditions about the future

Q5 Troubles with study/research situation

- You are in disadvantage if you are abroad and unable to attend Zoom online classes that includes attendance points for evaluation
- Sharing Wi-Fi with friends (family) causes bad connection when having classes at

the same time

*Certain number of international students share rooms with friends or family

- Don't know how to register for courses
 - Worried whether it is possible to graduate in fall or not
 - Unable to participate in fieldwork or collect samples abroad
 - Having difficulty in buying textbooks and materials
 - Having difficulty in concentrating on research since children are at home
- *Certain number of international students live with their children
- Cannot attend online classes completely with PC problems; not being able to buy a PC, have broken PC, PC with insufficient performance, etc.,
 - Worried about Zoom security problems
 - Worried about missing something since various tools/apps are used in online classes
 - Suffering from eye strain with classes online