Travel Guidelines for Students, Faculty Members and University Employees in case of a Crisis Overseas

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In case of a crisis including an incident, accident, terrorism, natural disaster, and infectious disease, the following measures about overseas travel for students, faculty members, and university employees (on business, etc. or personal business) shall be taken, based on the overseas travel safety information by country and by region released by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (MOFA) - travel advice and warning, including the travel advice and warning on infectious diseases.

Those who travel overseas on business, etc. shall always carry out the security export control procedure and input information into FAIR in advance, and even during travel on personal business, it is suggested that they submit detailed information about their travel destination, travel period, and contact information to their affiliated organization for the confirmation of the safety of students, faculty members, and university employees in case of an incident or accident.

Additionally, students are required to submit the overseas travel notification ONLINE when traveling out of Japan regardless of purpose.

1. Measures based on the travel advice and warning, including the travel advice and warning on infectious diseases (4 categories), released by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan

(1) Level 1: Exercise caution

Students, faculty members, and university employees traveling to and residing overseas are advised to fully comprehend and stay alert to the security situation released by MOFA and to regularly contact their affiliated organization after ensuring a line of communication where they are staying with their affiliated organization.

(2) Level 2: Avoid non-essential travel

Faculty members and university employees are advised to avoid non-essential travel and to conduct a review of their travel plans. If travel is required by necessity because of business obligations, etc., they should stay alert to the security situation by not engaging in activities other than the original intent and take appropriate safety measures after liaising and coordinating with the local partner institute or diplomatic establishment abroad for confirmation. Additionally, they should regularly contact their affiliated organization after ensuring a line of communication where they are staying with their affiliated organization.
Avoid all dispatch and travel of students.

(3) Level 3: Avoid all travel (Travel warning)
Avoid all dispatch and travel of students, faculty members, and university employees. However, there will be a preliminary talk with the head of their affiliated organization and the president on the request of the government and international organizations including the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and JICA (such as participation in an inquiry or international support team, etc.).

(4) Level 4: Evacuate and avoid all travel (Evacuation warning)
Avoid all dispatch and travel of students, faculty members, and university employees regardless of purpose. All visiting students, faculty members, and university employees are urged to evacuate immediately from the country or region where they are residing to a safe country or region.

Furthermore, in case symptoms including a fever develop on their return to Japan from a country with an epidemic outbreak, they should refrain from visiting a local medical institution but first contact a public health center, comply with their instructions and after doing these, they should contact their affiliated organization.

In addition, in case of inbound researchers and students, etc. coming from a country with infectious disease, cases are determined on an individual basis depending on the disease, while getting the opinions of the vice president, person in charge of medical affairs, etc.

Note:
This decision by the president shall be put in execution from September 1, 2015.

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