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Coronavirus Response: A Message from the President (second semester)

To Students:

Due to the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), we have been giving priority to the health and safety of you, the student, to ensure that you can study without interrupting your education. In principle, we have been conducting our first semester classes online. I'm sure that many of you have not been able to live the campus life you had in mind, and you may have had some concerns about being taught through a screen. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all of you for taking steps to prevent infection and for your diligent efforts to adapt to the new class format so that we were able to finish the first semester of classes without any confirmed cases of infection on campus.

However, there is no sign of an end to the coronavirus, and the development of vaccines and remedies is still very difficult to predict, not only in Japan but around the world. Therefore, we ask everyone to continue to take thorough measures to prevent infection.

Second semester classes will begin on October 9th. The University of Yamanashi has developed a new rule of "Class Implementation Policy for the Second Semester of 2020," based on the new lifestyle. Following the new rule, in principle, the second semester classes will also be taught online. However, we are also considering offering face-to-face classes or hybrid classes that combine face-to-face and online when it is deemed appropriate to do so. We will do our best to ensure that you can study effectively and have a fulfilling campus life.

While taking thorough infection-prevention measures, we are also gradually resuming club activities. As it becomes easier for you to connect with other students, we hope that little by little you can deepen your relationships with other students, following the rules of this new lifestyle. As you spend long periods of time away from the university, at home or elsewhere, you may experience some emotional distress or anxiety. If this is the case, our professional staff will be happy to help you. Please feel free to contact a staff member.

The university will do its utmost to fulfill its role as a higher educational and research institution while placing the highest priority on your health and safety during the second semester. I would like to ask for your continued understanding and cooperation.

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