Summer Vacation is Here! Have Fun! Be Responsible!

With the highly contagious Delta variant causing the number of COVID-19 infections to spike in Japan, students, faculty and staff are reminded to be extra careful during the summer break and Obon season.

Even if you have been vaccinated, there is still a risk that you can spread or get infected with the coronavirus. So please do not let your guard down yet.

If you’re thinking of travelling or returning to your hometown:

- Please reconsider. It is safer for you, as well as your friends and family, to hang out online instead.
- Tokyo remains in a state of emergency and should be avoided.
- Japan’s borders are still mostly closed. Note that if you leave, you might have trouble coming back.

If you’re meeting up with family and friends:

- Please avoid large groups, especially if there’s eating, drinking or singing involved.
- Parties associated with student clubs and circles are strictly prohibited.
- Take special care when meeting vulnerable people such as the elderly or those with underlying health conditions.

Summer activities:

- Avoid popular times and places that attract large crowds.
- Remember to wear a mask even when doing outdoor activities.
- It is very hot, so stay hydrated and make sure that rooms are properly ventilated.

In all situations, please wear a mask, wash your hands, keep physical distance from others and avoid the 3Cs (closed spaces, crowded places and close-contact settings.) If you feel unwell, stay home and monitor your condition.

Let’s all have a safe and restful summer. See you next semester!