

Overseas Travel Safety Guidelines for Students

September 28, 2017

TMDU President

The following guidelines shall be implemented on behalf of students (undergraduate or graduate student, including international students) who travel overseas for the purpose of study, research, participation in academic conferences etc. The guidelines are based on the Overseas Safety map issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (MOFA) for travel advice and warnings, particularly with regards to infectious diseases.

While staying overseas, you should keep in regular contact with the "Overseas Studies Support Unit (OSSU)" in the Global Gateway Division, Institute of Global Affairs, especially in the event of an emergency. Be sure to observe the pledge and follow the procedures before departing Japan.

Measures based on travel advice and warnings, particularly with regards to infectious diseases (4 categories), issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan

(1) Level 1: Exercise great caution

Students should fully understand the overseas safety information issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and obtain additional information about their travel destination. In accordance with the situation, consult beforehand and obtain the consent of the university president. Students should exercise great caution in deciding whether to travel or to stay.

(2) Level 2: Avoid non-essential and non-urgent travel

Students are advised to avoid non-essential and non-urgent travel. Further, students should carefully reconsider their travel plans.

When the country/area where students are staying changes to Level 2, in principle, they should return to Japan or evacuate to a safe country/area. Try to gather information from local partner institutions and overseas diplomatic establishments abroad. In case it is necessary to postpone your stay, consult in advance and obtain the consent of the university president.

(3) Level 3: Avoid all travel (travel warning)

Students are advised to avoid all travel (except international students participating in training or academic conference etc. in their own country).

When the country/area where students are staying changes to Level 3, they are urged to immediately return to Japan or evacuate to a safe country/area.

(4) Level 4: Evacuate and avoid all travel (evacuation warning)

Students are advised to avoid all travel regardless of purpose (except international students participating in training or academic conference etc. in their own country).

When the country/area where students are staying changes to Level 4, students are urged to immediately return to Japan or evacuate to a safe country/area.

Furthermore, in cases where students experience medical symptoms, including fever, on their return to Japan from a country experiencing an epidemic outbreak, students should contact a public health center first, follow their instructions, and then contact "Overseas Studies Support Unit (OSSU)" in the Global Gateway Division, Institute of Global Affairs.

In the case of private overseas travel--that is, personal overseas travel that is not for the purpose of study, research, or participating academic conference etc.--be sure to check the risk information and infectious disease risk information issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and pay sufficient attention to safety concerns. You are also required to purchase overseas travel insurance.

Note

This decision by the president shall be in force starting September 28, 2017.