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## About the Cancellation of the AY 2020 Matriculation Ceremonies

The University of Tokyo

In order to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus infections, careful consideration is still required for holding large-scale events. Because new students from all over the world gather for the Matriculation Ceremonies, there is a great risk of the spread of novel coronavirus infections. Therefore, we decided not to use the Ryogoku-Kokugikan as the venue of the ceremonies, and then carefully examined how to hold them.

As a result, **we decided to cancel the AY 2020 Matriculation Ceremony for undergraduate students and Matriculation Ceremony for graduate students.** We sincerely apologize for the inconvenience caused to new students and their families who have been looking forward to participating in the ceremonies. We ask that you understand this as an unavoidable measure after giving top priority to the health and safety of all new students and their families to ensure that new students enjoy a healthy student life.

As this decision deprives us of the opportunity to directly convey congratulatory words to new students and their families, we are truly sorry that the Matriculation Ceremonies cannot be held. However, messages that were planned to be delivered at the ceremonies, such as the address by the President and congratulatory address from the guest, will be prepared as video messages to be distributed online. We will publish them on our website as soon as they are ready.

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