

Centre for International Relations  
Joshibi University of Art and Design  
Joshibi Junior College of Art and Design

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All information below is valid as of 12.00pm, 22nd March, 2011 JST. Please be sure before you read that some parts of it may already have been invalid when you read, as situations surrounding the earthquake are changing from moment to moment.

To international students, incoming international students from April 2011, and their parents and guarantors

Reactions to the Tohoku Pacific Earthquake

The staff at Joshibi University of Art and Design in conjunction with Joshibi Junior College of Art and Design would like to extend our sincere sympathies to all people caught in the Tohoku Pacific Earthquake occurred on 11th March 2011. Our deepest condolences go to anyone who lost their lives.

**1. Confirmation of the safety of international students and incoming international students**

Joshibi sent out a safety confirmation email to all of our international students on 16th March 2011. Those who have not received it yet, as well as incoming international students, are strongly requested to get in touch with us by sending an email with four pieces of your information listed below to Centre for International Relations at [itn@venus.joshibi.jp](mailto:itn@venus.joshibi.jp)

1. Your name in full
2. Your current health status (sound, ill or injured)
3. Your current place to stay  
e.g., my home in Japan, my home in my home country, my friend's home in Japan, on travel etc.
4. Your place to stay until the start of the new term in April  
e.g., my home in Japan, my home in my home country, my friend's home in Japan etc.

**2. How to get important information from the University/Junior College**

Any important information from the University/Junior College will be put on Joshibi Website. You are advised to check it once a day at least so that you can get the most up-dated news. Still, if you are not sure about something, please send an enquiry email with your name in full to Centre for International Relations at [itn@venus.joshibi.jp](mailto:itn@venus.joshibi.jp)

**3. First day of College of Art and Design and Junior College of Art and Design**

The first day of the new term, when student orientations begin, will be postponed. The new date and time will be announced on Joshibi Website by Saturday 26th March, so please check it out.

**4. First day of Graduate School of Art and Design (Ph.D. and Master's programmes)**

The first day of the new term, when student orientations begin, will be postponed. The new date and time will be announced on Joshibi Website by Saturday 26th March, so please check it out.

## **5. Entrance ceremony**

The entrance ceremony on Thursday 7th April at Nakano Sunplaza has been cancelled. The first day that incoming international students come to the University will be the postponed first day of the new term.

## **6. Leave of absence, payment of tuition and fee by installments or with delay**

If you are interested in how to apply for a leave of absence and the amount of tuition and fee during the absence period, or/and in payment of such cost by installments or with delay, which is not subject to incoming international students, please send an enquiry email with your name in full to Centre for International Relations at [itn@venus.joshihi.jp](mailto:itn@venus.joshihi.jp)

## **7. How our campuses are at this moment**

There has been no damage at all to the buildings and facilities both on Sagamihara Campus in Kanagawa and Suginami Campus in Tokyo. They all are safe and sound, so please do not worry. You are requested, however, to come over to the campuses as little as possible until the start of the new term in April in consideration for possible aftershocks, unpredictable suspension of public transportation services, and power outages.

## **8. How Kanagawa and Tokyo are at this moment**

Most of our international students live in Kanagawa or Tokyo. In these areas, no buildings and houses have been collapsed by the earthquake, and there has been no effect of the tsunami at all. Images of disastrous damage by the tsunami to cities in the Northern Japan facing the Pacific Ocean, as you may have watched on TV or newspapers, are not a case to the areas. Sagamihara in Kanagawa and Suginami in Tokyo, where our campuses are located, are situated inland tens of kilometers away from the shore of the Pacific Ocean. Provided that another tsunami occurs in the Ocean, it will apparently not hit the areas. We are free from tsunami, so please do not worry.

## **9. Diffusion of radiation**

In Kanagawa and Tokyo, a very small amount of radiation coming from the Fukushima No.1 nuclear power plant has been detected. This amount of radiation, however, is not harmful to the health of human body at all. You will not have any small damage to your health while you live in Kanagawa or Tokyo as usual. We can say that you do not need to get upset. This information is proved scientifically and medically. A series of incidents happening at the plant does not include a nuclear explosion. The nuclear reactors themselves have been suspended, therefore, nuclear reactions have not occurred so far.

## **10. Electricity rationing**

An electricity rationing is to suspend electricity supply for about three (3) hours a day to one of the five different electricity supply zones. It is implemented in rotation with time lag. Kanagawa and outside 23 Wards of Tokyo are subject to this measure. Even within 23 Wards, some spots may be affected as long as their electricity is supplied from outside of the Wards. Timing of each power outage varies by your local area. We have seen so far that sometimes power outage does not take place even if a certain zone is projected to have it. If you are not sure about which zone your home belongs to, please send an enquiry email with your name in full to Centre for International Relations at [itn@venus.joshihi.jp](mailto:itn@venus.joshihi.jp) We will look into it and get back to you with your zone number.

## **11. Public transportation services**

Most train and bus services have been reduced. They do not run in a smooth and time-accurate way, which takes us a lot of time to move. Some services may be suspended without prior notice. Tokyo-Narita and Tokyo-Haneda Airports are in normal operation.

## **12. Food and commodities**

Food and commodities have been in short supply, however, please do not worry. You will not experience not to be able to buy goods at everywhere you go. Also, you will not experience to be able to buy nothing for meals. Supply of such goods is now in recovery. Restaurants and places for dining out are in normal operation.

## **13. Fuel**

Petroleum has been in short supply, however, please do not worry. It is extremely unlikely that petroleum will be run out all over Japan. In the country, there is a total amount of 164 days' worth of oil stockpiling: 94 days' worth of it by the state and 70 days' worth of it by the oil industry. In addition, oil import from foreign countries has been stable as ever.

## **14. Hospitals**

Hospitals and medical institutions both in Kanagawa and Tokyo are able to accept people for regular medical care and hospitalization as usual, regardless of their size. There is no hospital which was closed due to the damage of the earthquake. No hospitals have been in chaos with the injured.

## **15. Contact**

If you feel unsure about studying with us or have questions, please send an enquiry email with your name in full to Centre for International Relations at [itn@venus.joshiu.ac.jp](mailto:itn@venus.joshiu.ac.jp)

## **16. Useful links**

### *NHK Radio New*

in 4 languages: Japanese, Korean, Chinese and English

Other languages are also available.

<http://www3.nhk.or.jp/nhkworld/english/radio/program/16lang.html>

### *Earthquake Information*

in 4 languages: Japanese, Korean, Chinese and English

[http://eqinfojp.net/?page\\_id=66](http://eqinfojp.net/?page_id=66)

### *Tokyo International Communication Committee*

in 4 languages: Japanese, Korean, Chinese and English

<http://www.tokyo-icc.jp/>

### *The Research Results of Environmental Radioactivity Levels by Prefecture Released from the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT)*

in Japanese only

[http://www.mext.go.jp/a\\_menu/saigaijohou/syousai/1303723.htm](http://www.mext.go.jp/a_menu/saigaijohou/syousai/1303723.htm)

### *The Research Results of Environmental Radioactivity Levels by Prefecture Released from the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT)*

in 3 languages: Korean, Chinese and English

<http://eq.yahoo.co.jp/>