

Welcome Kit

by International Student Support Association (ISSA) of TUFS

Dear ISEP Student,

welcome to Tokyo University of Foreign Studies!

Everybody at the ISSA is delighted to hear of your safe arrival at TUFS. We

are impressed by your courage and willingness to travel to Japan despite the

spread of the Coronavirus, and hope that you will achieve your purpose here.

Unfortunately, the mandatory two-week quarantine will begin immediately

after arrival. We can only imagine that you may be anxious and

inconvenienced. In order to reduce your inconvenience, we will provide you

with this Welcome Kit. We hope that these items will help you in your two-

week isolation. This small gift is prepared through donations from numerous

ISSA members.

Please be reassured that there is a volunteer organization that is ready to

support you in Japan. If you have any problems, feel free to contact us by

email.

Our Contact room is located in Building No. 2 of the International Residence.

Please feel free to visit us after the two-week guarantine.

We are looking forward to meeting you in person.

Yours,

ISSA

International Student Support Association

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For more information about ISSA, please read the attached sheet.

Invitation to the Programs of International Student Support Association

International Student Support Association (ISSA) of Tokyo University of Foreign Studies (TUFS) est.in 1999 offers various support programs for the students and researchers from overseas, as well as for their families. Approximately 1000 members and volunteer staffs, including university faculty members, student parents, graduates, and neighbors, work together to carry out the following programs and events for you:

A. To extend support to those in need of help:

* Bazaar at the beginning of the semester, *Problem-solution counseling, *Subsidy for the international conference, etc.

B. To help deepen understanding of Japan and Japanese culture:

- *Visit to Kamakura, Kawagoe, Kabuki Theater, Japanese restaurant etc.
- *Organizing such Japanese culture classes as Flower Arrangement, Tea Ceremony, Igo, Kimono dressing, Japanese language etc. *Participation in traditional and cultural events nearby.
- *Plant visit to study the advanced and traditional technology in Japan.

C. To promote friendship and goodwill:

- *Co-hosting social gathering of international students together with the school authorities,
- *Hosting cultural exchange between international and Japanese students *Organizing home stay and home visit
- *Support for the international students to participate in programs by elementary and middle schools.

COVID-19 pandemic and Activities of ISSA

Due to the spread of COVIC-19 infection this year, the above activities could not be carried out in the spring/summer semester. Instead, we engaged in emergency financial support for students who were in financial distress under COVIC-19 crisis: an emergency benefit program, the donation to the three times food pantry projects by University.

In the fall/winter semester, while working on such emergency support projects, we would like to resume the programs for study visit, friendship and cultural experience if possible.

In any case, the starting point of our activities is your situation and needs. So, feel free to contact us and tell us about your difficulties and needs under COVIC-19 crisis.

For further information and inquiries, please contact:

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留学生支援の会へようこそ!

東京外国語大学留学生支援の会(支援の会)は、東京外国語大学に学ぶ留学生、研究者とその家族を支援するため、1999年に結成されました。大学の教職員、学生の保護者、卒業生、近隣住民など約1000名の会員とボランティアスタッフが協力し、国際交流会館2号館の連絡室を活動拠点として、留学生達の生活支援、日本理解、友好親善などの促進のため、以下のような事業を展開しています。

A. 生活。経済支援

○入学時の生活用品バザー、○生活相談 ○国際会議発表参加旅費補助、

B. 日本理解

- ○鎌倉・川越・歌舞伎等の見学、日本食体験
- ○華道・茶道・書道・囲碁・着付け・日本語教室等の開催
- ○近隣の各種伝統・文化行事への参加
- ○近代的工場(製鉄・自動車など)及び伝統的工場(酒造など)の見学

C. 友好親善

- ○留学生交流会を大学と共催
- ○日本人学生と留学生の交流会開催(各国文化紹介も兼ねて)
- ○ホームステイ・ホームビジット推進
- ○小中学校の国際理解教育や地域交流プログラムへの留学生派遣のサポート

COVIC-19 と支援の会の活動

今年発生した COVIC-19 感染拡大により、春・夏学期には上記の活動を実行できませんでした。そのかわりに、経済活動縮小により困窮化した留学生を支援するため、会独自の緊急給付金の支給や大学による 3 回のフードパントリーへの寄付協力に取り組みました。

秋・冬学期には、このような緊急支援事業を継続しつつ、感染が収束すれば見学や交流事業、文化体験事業を再開する予定です。そのためにも、COVIC-19 による困難な時期に皆さんが何に困っているのか、何を必要としているかについての情報を遠慮なく支援の会に伝えてください。皆さんが留学目的を達成するために、できる限りの支援を行っていきます。

支援の会の連絡先

支援の会連絡室 (ボランティアスタッフが情報提供や相談に応じます)

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支援の会の支援事業については留学生課や学内の掲示板でも知ることができます