

Soka University Enrollment Procedure Guidelines for Fall 2020 ② [Undergraduate students]

Congratulations on your acceptance to Soka University!

Please complete the Enrollment Procedure ② by reading these guidelines carefully and submitting the required paperwork by the informed deadlines.

* All deadlines are based on Japan Standard Time (JST).

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Firstly, we apologize for the inconvenience on sending this announcement late.

Please find below information regarding the schedule for international students coming to Soka University in fall semester. Read all instructions carefully and complete the procedures.

Regarding classes for fall semester

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, classes in fall semester will mainly be held online, with a number of in-person classes being held on campus. Furthermore, we plan to offer "hybrid" type classes which will be held both online and in-person depending on the course.

These in-person classes will be held upon enforcement of preventative measures to avoid the 3Cs (<u>C</u>losed spaces, <u>C</u>rowded places, and <u>C</u>lose-contact settings). To prevent the spread of COVID-19, we ask that students who will be attending in-person classes follow the "Guideline for the In-Person Classes on Campus"¹.

The list of classes that will be conducted in-person is available in the PLAS student portal.

As much as possible, Soka University will provide support to students who cannot enter Japan due to immigration measures or cannot commute due to specific circumstances in order to attend classes that were supposed to be conducted in-person only (e.g., providing in-person classes through video data or using real-time streaming, etc.).

Depending on how the pandemic escalates, Soka University may need to switch back to online classes only during the fall semester.

Please find below the class schedule for the fall semester.

	Undergraduate students	Non-degree students	Transferred and recommended students from partner institutions (programs in Japanese)
Sep. 7 (Mon)	Orientation session	_	_
Sep. 8 (Tue)	_	_	Orientation session
Sep. 10 to 18	Class registration period		
Sep. 12 (Fri)	Deadline for submitting the Housing Questionnaire		
Sep. 14 (Mon)	Classes start		
Sep. 20 to 26	Class revision period		
Oct. 26 to Nov. 13	Class withdraw period		

¹ Access the PLAS Portal Site, click on the "Important Announcements" button and check the "(Faculty) Classes on fall semester, 2020)" message. The guidelines are available on "Attachment 3".

Soka University will continue to give maximum priority to protecting the safety and health of our students, providing an environment for their continued learning, and enhancing students' opportunities. Thank you for your cooperation and kind understanding.

Regarding arrival in Japan

Due to the pandemic control measures, all people entering in Japan must be self-quarantined for 14 days, and are forbidden to use public transportation (train, bus and taxi included) from the airport to the place of living.

Based on this, once immigration restrictions from your country are lifted and you are able to enter Japan, a Soka University staff will pick you at the airport. Further information can be found on page 23.

Regarding body temperature check

In order to avoid the spread of the COVID-19, Soka University is asking all students to check their body temperature daily and inform whether they have any of the symptoms. Access the temperature check form available on PLAS, and from two weeks prior to departure inform your body temperature and any symptoms you may have. Further information can be found on page 18.

Students will be asked to continue reporting their temperature and eventual symptoms daily after arrival in Japan, therefore please bring your personal thermometer, masks and sanitizing solutions.

Soka University will ensure each student's health and safety, and therefore we will keep taking the necessary measures for it. We would like to count on your cooperation to provide a safe student life for everyone on campus. We are very grateful for your cooperation.



Let's use this list while doing the procedures! The applicant is expected to complete the procedures by him/herself.



No	Procedure	Due Date	√
1	Read the Enrollment Procedure Guidelines for Spring 2020	NOW	
2	Apply for the student visa in the nearest Japanese consulate office. * Bring the COE, Approval Letter, and passport. Other documents may be requested, therefore check the consulate website beforehand. * Visa type: Student * Check beforehand if the consulate is currently issuing visas.	When available	
3	Orientation session for undergraduate students (EMP students only) Group A September 7 (Mon), from 9:00 (Japan time) Countries: Brazil (-12h); China, Malaysia and Mongolia (-1h) Group B September 7 (Mon), from 17:00 (Japan time) Countries: Ghana (-9h); Nigeria and Cameroon (-8h); Italy (-7h); India (-3.5h) * Sessions will be conducted via Zoom (further information will be provided by the Academic Affairs Office)	Sep. 7 (Mon)	
4	Orientation session for transferred and recommended students from partner universities from China (those who will take Japanese programs only) September 8 (Tue), 13:00 (Japan time) Country: China (-1h) * Sessions will be conducted via Zoom (further information will be provided in a near future)	Sep. 8 (Tue)	
5	Submit the housing questionnaire and dormitory application (online questionnaire)	Sep. 12 (Sat)	
6	Schedule your flight ticket	When available	
7	Submit the Arrival Information (online questionnaire) * Submit it at least one week prior to departure.	When available	
8	Submit the Immunization Questionnaire on Measles and Rubella		
9	Submit the Medical Interview Sheet		
10	Check and register your temperature daily. * Start checking your temperature two weeks prior to departure.		
11	Receive the "Residence Card"	Immigration booth at the airport	
12	Apply for the "Permission to other activities"	Immigration booth at the airport	
13	Submit the Agreement on Handling Personal Information	PLAS Portal Site	
14	Submit Dormitory Terms of Agreement (for students entering dormitories only)	When entering the dormitory	
15	Submit a copy of your passport	PLAS Portal Site	
16	Pay dormitory fees and bedding fees (only those who are applying for)	After arrival	



STEP 1

Fill in the Questionnaire on Housing!

The due date is Saturday, September 12th, 2020 Do not miss the deadline!

Although entrance in Japan is still not allowed, read the information below and answer the housing questionnaire by the deadline in order to ensure a smooth arrival procedure.



Housing options

After deciding where you want to live, please fill in the questionnaire below.

Apartment

Dormitory

Someone else's house

Questionnaire on housing application for dormitory

Japanese/English: https://forms.gle/zytVXVZvRrq4HzgB9



Mandarin: https://www.wjx.cn/jq/89288753.aspx



Types of dormitories



Soka University has seven dormitories for international students. These dormitories focus on creating a proper environment for students to develop cooperation and autonomy skills while living together with students from all parts of Japan and the world. Although it might be difficult to adapt into an environment with diverse cultures, habits and different opinions, the students will be able to cooperate and create deep bonds of friendship by the time of dormitory graduation!

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Soka University decided to reduce the number of dormitories available. Access the webpage below to find the information on each dormitory. Students willing to enter a dormitory must read all instructions available in the following page. https://www.soka.ac.jp/en/admissions/enrollment/dormitories



Dormitory available		
Male dormitories	Takiyama International	
Female dormitories	Cosmos	
_	Yuko	



Dormitory rules

1) Health management

- ① Check your body temperature every morning and night, and fill in the form every time. Whenever going out, take note on the places you went.
- Always wear a mask whenever living your room. Make sure to wash your hands using soap every time you return to the dormitory, before cooking or eating, after using toilet, and after coughing or sneezing.
- ③ In case your body temperature goes above 37.3°C or you have any symptoms related to a cold, contact the Soka University Health Center and International Affairs Office, and refrain from attending classes and leaving the dormitory for two weeks. In case fever or other symptoms persist, follow the instructions from the Health Center and move to the quarantine room at the dormitory or, depending on the situation, return home (in case necessary your guardian may be requested to come and pick you up).

2) Avoid the 3Cs (Closed spaces, crowded places, and close-contact settings)

- ① Cafeteria in male dormitories will have time and seat restrictions to avoid clusters. Lounges in female dormitories will be closed and students will be requested to eat in their own rooms. Refrain from sharing kitchen utensils, towels, etc.
- ② When using common spaces, make sure to keep a minimum distance of 2 meters from other people and avoid talking in front of them. Apart from using toilet, shower, etc., avoid leaving your bedroom. Gatherings should be conducted online.
- ③ Avoid going out for unnecessary reasons, and avoid doing part-time jobs if possible.
- 4 All dormitories will have curfew implemented.

3) Policies on dormitory cleaning, disinfection and ventilation

- ① Open your windows for ventilation often (e.g. 5-10 minutes every 1-2 hours).
- ② Students will be designated to be in charge of disinfecting public spaces (cafeteria, lounge, multi-purpose rooms, meeting rooms, toilets, etc.) based on daily shifts.
- Whenever you have a runny nose or phlegm, make sure to dispose tissues and other garbage in a plastic bag, and to tie the bag before throwing away. Make sure to wash your hands thoroughly using soap, and to use disinfecting alcohol solution after taking off your mask and gloves.



[Dormitories rules]

O **Dormitory rules**

- ■It is not possible to move between dormitories.
- ■Curfew: Male dormitories: 00:00 / Female dormitories: 23:00
- ■Students are in charge for cleaning the dormitory.
- ■Only those living in the dormitory can enter the building. However, the dormitories have an area to welcome visitors (please check the details after entering the dormitory)

O Sending packages to dormitories

■If you plan to send luggage to the dormitory, please contact the International Affairs Office.

O About alcohol and tobacco

It is possible to smoke and drink alcohol in international dormitories under the following rules:

- ■Smoking is only allowed outside the dormitory building in the "smoking area".
- ■Please check your dormitory rules regarding drinking alcohol.
- XIn Japan, people younger than 20 years old are prohibited by law to smoke and drink alcohol.

Dormitories addresses

Male dormitories	Takiyama International	zip/postal code: 192-0003 1-236 Tangi-machi, Hachioji-shi, Tokyo	
Female dormitories	Cosmos	zip/postal code: 192-0011 1-582-1 Takiyama-machi, Hachioji-shi, Tokyo	
	Yuko	zip/postal code: 192-0011 1-481 Takiyama-machi, Hachioji-shi, Tokyo	



Purchasing bedding

You can order bedding (thin mattress, blanket, and pillow) in advance.

Bedding	3 pieces (thin mattress, blanket, and pillow)	
	※Please purchase sheets and covers by yourself after your arrival.	
Price	8,900 JPY	

Bedding sample



Dormitories have beds included!

Please apply for bedding in the Housing Questionnaire.

Dormitory fees

Dormitory		Entrance fee	Housing fee (Fall semester)	Bedding fee (Applicants only)
Male	Takiyama International		189,000 JPY	
Female	Cosmos	50,000 JPY	173,000 JPY	8,900 JPY
	Yuko		159,000 JPY	

^{*} Entrance and housing fees will be charged after arrival in Japan.

^{*} In case you cannot arrive in Japan by the beginning of the semester, the amount of days you did not live in the dormitory will be deducted from the fees above mentioned.



STEP 2

Let's use the PLAS Portal Site!

Information on student mail, announcements from the university, class registration, grades verification and temperature check system

Student number and PIN number Each student will receive a student number and PIN number.

- With your student number and PIN numbers, you can use:
 - PCs in computer labs
 - Wireless LAN

On campus

PLAS (Portal)

G Suite (including Gmail and Google Drive)

How to login

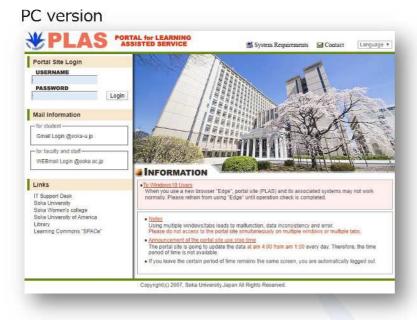
- Username
 - e + student number
- Password

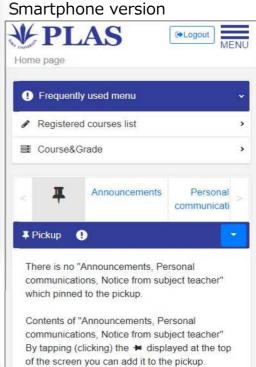
Soka + 4 digit PIN numbers





Information for Portal for Learning Assisted Service PLAS

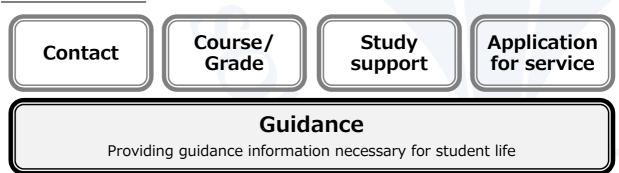




Information for PLAS

SOKA University provides the PLAS Portal Site to support student life and learning activities for current students. You can use this portal site after enrollment. Important announcements and information are sent via portal site in the future, therefore make sure to check this site frequently.

Main functions



How to use

Step.1 How to access portal site

From PC

Access your internet browser (e.g. Google Chrome, Internet Explorer) and enter the following URL.





From smartphone or tablet

Please access using the QR code on the right.

*You can enter the above URL directly into the browser. Your smartphone may direct you to the mobile version.



Step.2 Enter username and password and log in

Enter your username and password as below, and click on "Login".

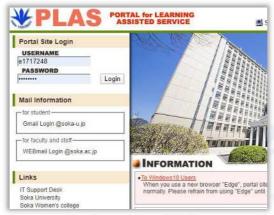
Username

e + student number (7digit numbers)

Ex.) e2001904

Password

Soka + Password sent to you (4digit numbers)



Login screen (PC)



Login screen (smartphone)

Check your email

Check the below information and email frequently as all important information will be sent using this tool.

<u>Information for you</u>: Announcements and notifications from the International Affairs Office Gmail account: Click on "WEB Mail"

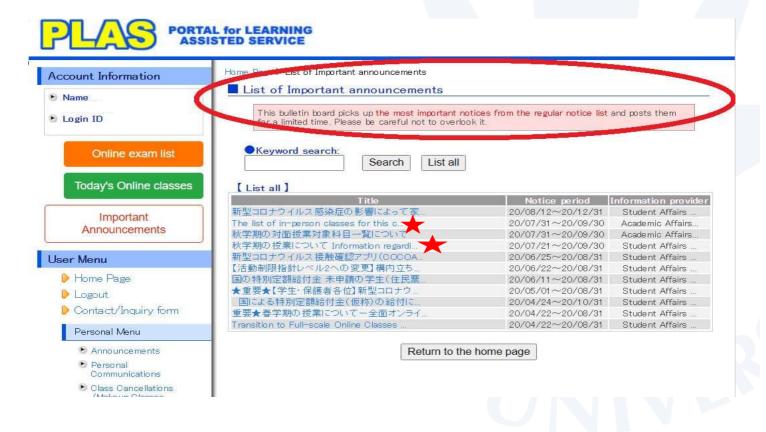




Click on "Important Announcements"!

Read the "(Faculty) Classes on Fall semester, 2020" notice.







Click on "Course & Grade"

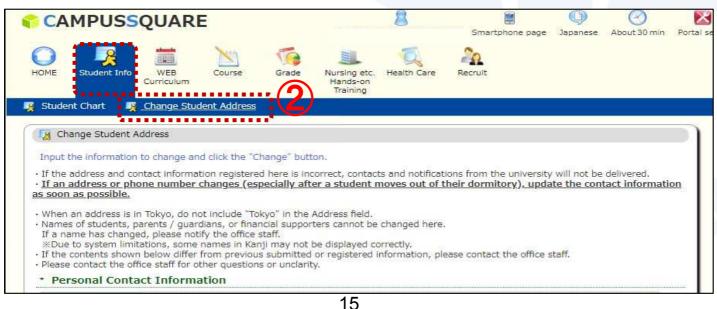




- ① Review your student information
- 2 Click on "Change Student Address". Please fill in your current address in the "Personal Contact Information" and "Financial Supporter Contact Information" fields.

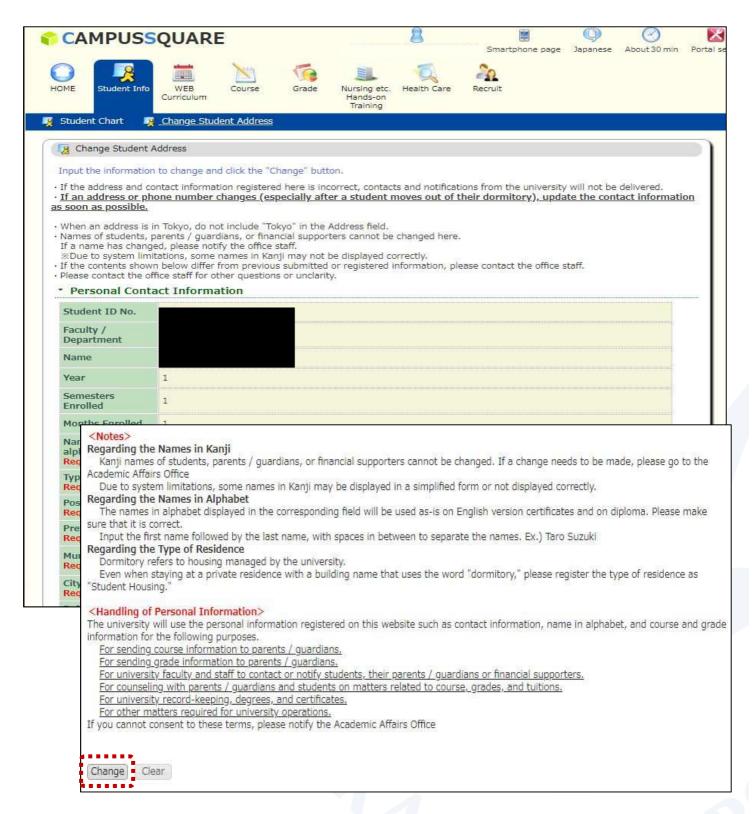
XYou need to review this information by the beginning of every semester. This screen will be shown in your first access every semester, therefore please update your information.







Once you are done, click on "Change". The following screen will appear.





③ Once you complete, do not forget to logout.



Class registration: from September 10 (Tue)

<Inquiries regarding class registration>

Soka University – Academic Affairs Office

Telephone: 042-691-2203 E-mail: kyoumu@soka.ac.jp

Provide the following information:

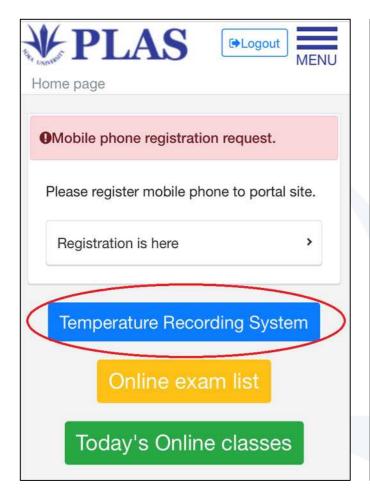
- 1 Student number:
- 2 Name:
- 3 Subject:

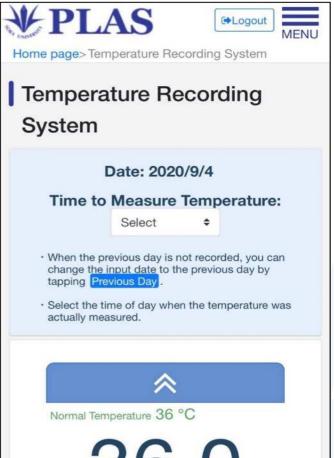


Temperature Recording System

In order to avoid the spread of the COVID-19, Soka University is asking all students to check their body temperature daily and inform whether they have any of the symptoms. Access the temperature check form available on PLAS, and from two weeks prior to departure inform your body temperature and any symptoms you may have.

- at https://plas.soka.ac.jp/csp/eplassm/login.csp.
- 1) Access the PLAS Portal Site (mobile version) 2) First, register your normal temperature and then follow the instructions.

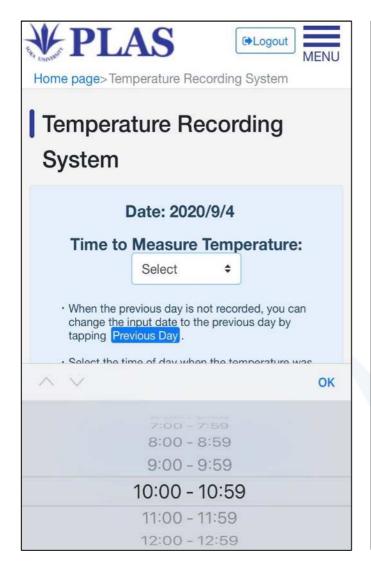






3) Insert the time of record

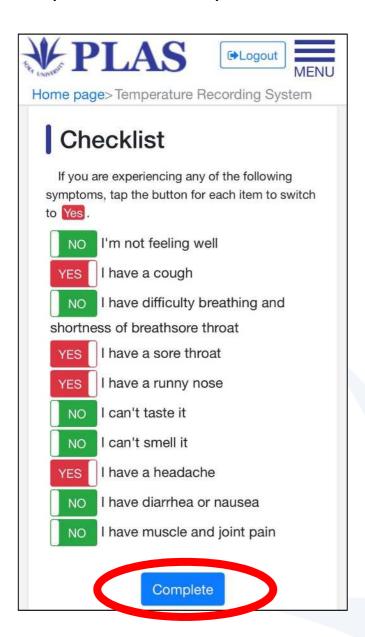
4) In case you have any symptoms, check them in the list below.







5) After checking the symptoms, click on "complete" to conclude this procedure.

















G Suite





G Suite



G Suite is a web-based service where you can use various programs!

<Pros>

- Available while you are a Soka University student (Your data will be deleted after graduation)
- Unlimited storage



Available services in Soka University

- Gmail
- Google Group

- Google Drive
- Google Sites
- Google Calendar
- Google Hangouts



How to use G Suite

- ① Let's begin with logging in
 - A link to the login page is available on PLAS



- 2 Access to the email address for G Suite
 - Username: (e + student number) @soka-u.jp
 - Password: Soka + 4 digit PIN numbers
- ◆With Google Drive, you can:
 - Save data easily by drag & drop
 - Save even folders if you use Google Chrome





STEP 3

Fill in the questionnaires below!

- 1 Arrival Questionnaire
- 2 Immunization Questionnaire on Measles and Rubella
- 3 Medical Interview Sheet



After arrival, all students must self-quarantine for 14 days, and are forbidden to use public transportation (train, bus and taxi included) from the airport to the place of living. For this matter, Soka University staff will pick you at the airport.

You cannot enter Japan until the immigration ban measures are lifted. Check the Japanese embassy or nearest consulate office website, as well as the Ministry of Justice website to find out more information.

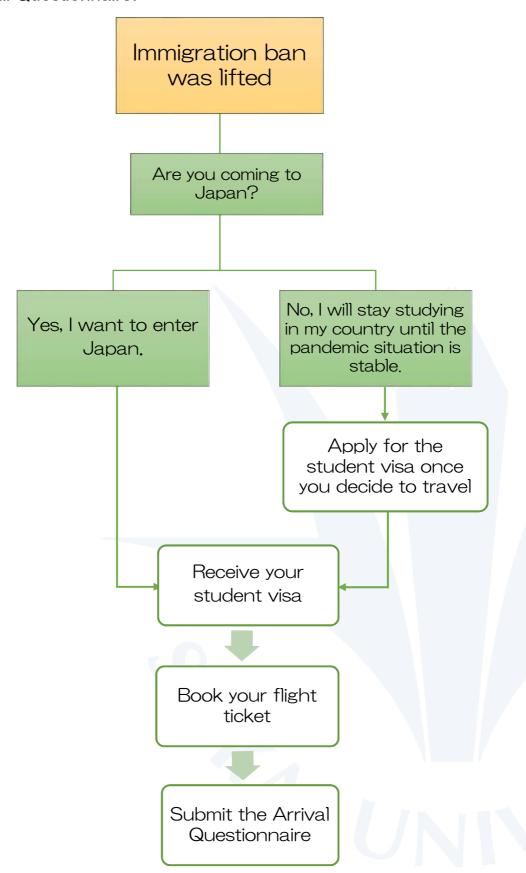
After the immigration ban is lifted and you receive your student visa, you will be able to book a flight ticket. <u>Please inform us your flight information by at least one week prior to departure by filling in the Arrival Questionnaire form</u>.

In case any change in your flight occurs, please contact the International Affairs Office and resubmit your flight information in the same form.





* The pickup service will be provided based on the following steps. Once your flight is booked, submit all required information at the Arrival Questionnaire.





Direct bus information



Soka University staff will pick you up at the airport.

Provide your arrival schedule and flight information in the Google Form below.

Airports: Narita Airport (Terminal 1 and 2), Haneda Airport

**Only students can take the bus. Relatives and other people cannot take the bus with you. **We will contact you once the pick-up preparation is ready.

(1) [Arrival Questionnaire]

*Fill in this form one week before your departure, after the arrival ban is lifted.

Japanese/English: https://forms.gle/d1sKrkQ41kVedXUt5

Chinese: https://www.wjx.top/jq/89288886.aspx



[Points to note]

♦ Measures taken at the airports to prevent spread of the disease

Access the websites below to find information on measures to prevent the spread of the pandemic as well as medical inspection measures.

Airport measures to prevent the spread of the pandemic:

Narita Airport: https://www.narita-airport.jp/en/news/prevent corona

Haneda Airport: https://tokyo-haneda.com/en/covid19_prevention/index.html

· Medical inspection measures at the airports:

Narita Airport: https://www.naa.jp/en/20200612-prevent corona en.pdf



♦ Measures to be taken after arriving at the airport

A Soka University International Affairs Office staff will be at the airport to pick you up. After meeting with you, the staff will proceed with the following measures, therefore please cooperate.

XYou will be asked to show your temperature registry available in the PLAS Portal Site.

- Temperature check;
- Spray disinfecting solution (alcohol based);
- Once entering the bus, take the seat to be indicated by the staff.

Once arriving in the dormitory, your temperature will be checked again. If your temperature is above 37.3°C (99.1°F), or if you have any symptom such as cough, drowsiness, sore throat, etc. you will be moved to a different dormitory.

2 [Immunization Questionnaire on Measles and Rubella]

To be submitted before arriving in Japan

③ (Medical Interview Sheet)

To be submitted by September 30

Access the questionnaire: https://bit.ly/35Xydge



Print the questionnaire and fill in all questions



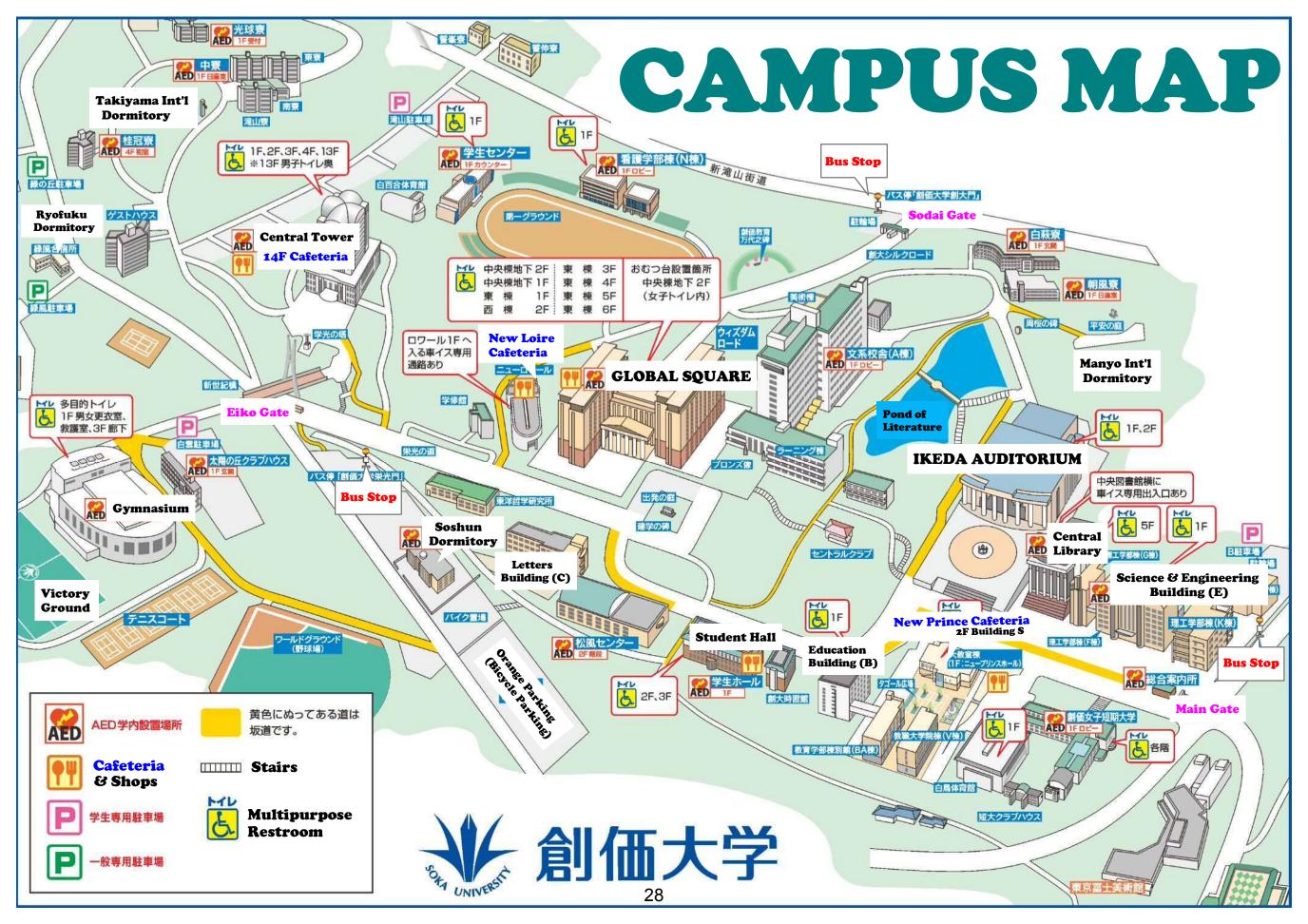


Email: welcome@soka.ac.jp
Subject: Student number_Name

Ex: 2020001 SOKA JOHN

Scan it as a .pdf file and send to:

International Affairs Office, International Admissions Section: welcome@soka.ac.jp



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