

HIROSHIMA UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS



To Exchange Partners sending Students to the HUE Short-Term Exchange Program
July 16, 2020

We regret to inform our exchange partners expecting to send students to our 2020 Fall/Winter Semester Short-Term Exchange Program (STEP) that the University President has informed the Center for International Education Exchange to suspend the program in connection with the continued "global" outbreak of the COVID-19. One major reason is due to the Japanese borders still being closed to international students interested in studying in Japan. We, in Japan, are trying our best to control the spread of the virus as well as to limit the death toll to a small number, however, community transmission has made it difficult to control the infected numbers, especially in the big cities. It may be that we may not be able to resume our previous mobility and exchange targets until there is a reliable vaccine that can help control the spread of this virus. This decision is also based on a cautionary measure for the safety of your students travelling to Japan after border restrictions have been lifted in the near future. Also, we are very sorry to inform you all that the present on-line environment we offer to Japanese students and international students who are fluent in Japanese is, unfortunately, not available for international exchange students in English. During this shutdown, we hope to recharge our batteries and offer to your students an even better program next Spring/Summer Semester. Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George R. Harada".



George R. Harada

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