



HIROSHIMA UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS

Center For International Education Exchange

Message concerning applications process  
for the 2021 Fall/Winter Semester Short-Term Exchange Program  
May 31, 2021

Dear International Education Exchange Partners:

As I write this message, Japan is experiencing a “passive” lockdown due a sudden increase of coronavirus infections (third wave). The borders have been closed for new visa entries since the beginning of our semester, and so things are at a standstill for us at this time. Since Japan is on its way to do the Summer Olympics, we are hoping that things will improve with this lockdown and enable the immigration authorities to open up the borders for new international student visa holders to attend our Fall/Winter Semester Short-Term Exchange Program. We have, at this time, decided to accept applications for our program starting in the Fall, however, if the situation does not improve and the immigration authorities do not decide to open up the borders by mid-July, we will, unfortunately, have to resume our suspension of the program for the 2021 Fall/Winter semester. Let us hope that things improve so that your students can come to Japan.

If you have any questions on this matter, please let us know.

Sincerely Yours,

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

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