

Necessary Preparations for MEXT Scholarship (University recommendation -SGU-) Students Newly Coming to Japan

March 1, 2019

You have been selected for the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship based on your anticipated enrollment at Tokyo Institute of Technology (Tokyo Tech) from April 1, 2019. Please make the necessary preparations for coming to Japan.

1. Tuition fees

You are NOT required to pay admission and tuition fees.

Admission and tuition fees will be automatically waived by Tokyo Tech.

2. Visa

Only MEXT Scholarship Students living in their home countries may obtain the Student (*ryugakusei*) visa under the expedited process described below. This procedure can be handled only through the Japanese Embassy you indicated on your application.

1) Documents enclosed in the package:

- a) **Certificate** verifying that you are a MEXT Scholarship Student.
- b) **Document for Visa** explaining that you are a MEXT Scholarship Student who is not required to submit a Certificate of Eligibility for Status of Residence when applying for an entry visa. The "Document for Visa" requests that the Japanese Embassy or Consulate in your home country (hereafter, the Japanese Embassy) issue an entry visa and provides the name of an official contact person at Tokyo Tech.

2) How to obtain your visa:

- a) Please go to the Japanese Embassy **after March 8** to process your visa application.
- b) Before visiting the Japanese Embassy, it is recommended that you call their visa section and inquire about the correct procedure for obtaining a Student visa as a MEXT Scholarship Student (University recommendation -SGU-).

c) If the Japanese Embassy requests that you submit a Certificate of Eligibility for Status of Residence even after you have submitted the Document for Visa (explained in 1b above), please ask the Embassy to contact Tokyo Tech directly.

d) Since you are a MEXT Scholarship Student, it should only take a few days to process your visa application.

Please note that both a valid entry visa and the Certificate (explained in 1a) are necessary to enter Japan. Do not fail to bring **both** of these important items with you when you leave your country.

-For Chinese citizens-

Please consult with a designated proxy application authority in China before applying.

<List of proxy application authorities>

http://www.cn.emb-japan.go.jp/consular/visa_daili.htm

NOTE: The schedule will be extremely tight. Before visiting the Japanese Embassy, please call their visa section and confirm the correct procedure for obtaining a Student visa as a MEXT Scholarship Student.

3. Housing

Tokyo Tech offers off-campus dormitories to newly arrived international students.

If you are bringing your family to Japan, you need to arrange accommodation by yourself. It is recommended that you first come alone and secure suitable accommodations before inviting family members to join you, as it may take some time to secure accommodations for a family.

If you have any urgent questions about housing, please contact the Student Support Division at dormitory@jim.titech.ac.jp . In the email, please include your name and the name of your intended program at Tokyo Tech, and state you are a MEXT Scholarship Student.

4. Stipend

Your first stipend from MEXT will be transferred to your Japanese postal savings account in the middle of May at the earliest. Therefore, it is suggested that you bring at least 150,000 JPY to cover various expenses during your first 6 to 8 weeks in Japan.

The instruction of opening a bank account will be announced from the Student Support Division.

5. Pledge

MEXT requires recipients of its scholarships to sign a pledge. Please find a form, or [download it](#). When printing the form, make a double-sided printout. After reading the pledge carefully, please fill it out and sign it, then send the original copy with your signature **by airmail** to the International Student Exchange Division at Tokyo Tech. You do not have to fill in the "No." (number) column in the upper right corner of the form. Photocopies of the pledge will not be accepted. Do not use an erasable pen.

It must be received by Tokyo Tech **no later than March 15**. You will not be officially certified as a MEXT Scholarship Student until you have completed this procedure. If you cannot submit it on time, please contact the International Student Exchange Division **by email**.

6. Tokyo Tech Academic Calendar

For the dates of the start of the first quarter and the entrance ceremony for degree-seeking students, please refer to the Tokyo Tech Academic Calendar online at <https://www.titech.ac.jp/english/enrolled/life/schedules/2019.html>

INQUIRIES:

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