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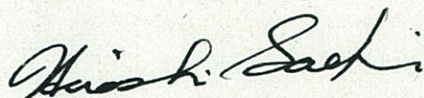
May 12, 2011

Dear Prospective International Student,

As you may have already heard on the news, an extremely severe earthquake took place on March 11th and wreaked devastating damage in Tohoku district in Japan. Fortunately, our campuses did not experience any damage, and we have been able to continue our education and research activities as usual. Since our campuses are more than 500 km away from the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant, which was damaged by the earthquake, we have not directly been affected by radiation. For your reference, please see the enclosed document for the current situation of radiation level on Sapporo Campus. We are keeping a close eye on the current situation, and have committed ourselves to collect information in order to best serve our students and faculty.

In this vein, we strive to seek ways to make the best contribution in this challenging situation as an institution of higher education and academic research. We appreciate your continued interest in our university and will welcome you should you decide to pursue your studies and research at Hokkaido University.

Sincerely yours,



Hiroshi Saeki  
President  
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## An important message from Hokkaido University.

In light of the recent disaster that has struck Japan, we would like to take this opportunity to reassure our exchange partners and prospective students that Hokkaido University is a safe zone.

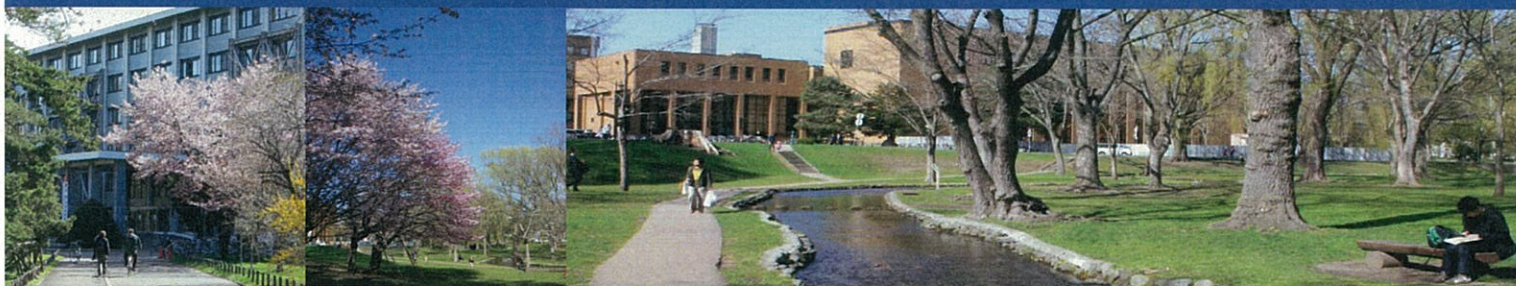
We are also committed to providing the very best support and guidance we can to our valued international community of students and staff in the wake of the disaster.

This is our continuing promise.

Now is a great time to be on campus as spring arrives and the cherry blossoms come into full bloom. Our Sapporo Campus, with its tree lined streets and rivulets is widely renowned as the most beautiful college campus in Japan. A truly idyllic place to study or conduct research located right in the heart of Sapporo City.

We look forward to continuing to share not only this natural beauty with you but also our world class research facilities as we look into the future.

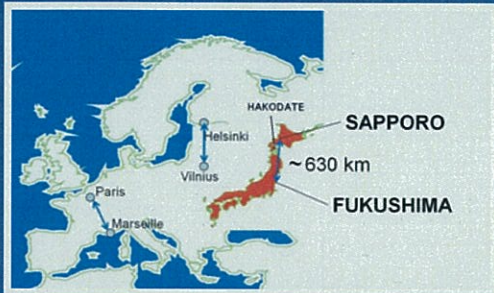
Thank you.



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## Fact Sheet concerning the disaster impact on Hokkaido University.

Damage : There were no reports of injury or property damage caused by the earthquake and tsunami on March 11, 2011 within any of Hokkaido University's campuses.



Distance from Fukushima : Our main campus in Sapporo is located 630km (390 miles) away from the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant. The subsidiary campus, Hakodate Campus is located 490km (305 miles) away from the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant. Please see the map for relative distances within Europe.

Radiation Levels : In Hokkaido, radiation levels in air and drinking water have remained normal.

Radiation dose rate in air in Sapporo City, Hokkaido.

Measured value on May 15 ( $\mu\text{Sv/h}$ ) in Sapporo - 0.028 to 0.034

Range of past usual value ( $\mu\text{Sv/h}$ ) in Sapporo - 0.020 to 0.105

You can obtain the latest radiation dose rate from the following links:

Radiation Monitoring in Hokkaido : <http://www.pref.hokkaido.lg.jp/foreign/English.htm>

Radiation Monitoring by Prefecture: <http://www.mext.go.jp/english/>

Radiation Monitoring in Hokkaido University Sapporo Campus:

[http://www2.qe.eng.hokudai.ac.jp/nuclear-accident/index\\_english.html](http://www2.qe.eng.hokudai.ac.jp/nuclear-accident/index_english.html)

Hokkaido University Special Lectures on the Fukushima Nuclear Disaster : Hokkaido University held two lectures on the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant in English to alleviate any concerns felt by our International Student Body. Please use the following links to view these presentations.

The First Lecture, 'The Latest Information of the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant':

<http://ocw.hokudai.ac.jp/OpenLecture/Symposium/2011/FukushimaNuclearPowerPlant/index.php?lang=en&page=home>

The Second Lecture, 'Health Effects of Radiation and the Role of the Media':

<http://ocw.hokudai.ac.jp/OpenLecture/Symposium/2011/SecondSpecialLecture/index.php?lang=en>



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