

Respecting Diversity and Eliminating Gender Discrimination in Student Organizations' Activities

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To all new students,

Congratulations on your admission to the University of Tokyo (UTokyo).

UTokyo is advancing various initiatives with the aim of creating an environment where everyone can participate freely and actively. Developing an attitude of respecting diversity will not only enrich your student life but also be an important first step to enable you to play an active role and contribute to society in the future.

The importance of respecting diversity also applies to the activities of student organizations and clubs. Unfortunately, for many years, some student organizations at UTokyo have effectively refused membership to female students.

In response, the Orientation Committee of the College of Arts & Sciences, a student organization, has announced a rule that prohibits student groups from discriminating based on gender during the recruitment of new members. The university wholeheartedly welcomes this rule and its stance against discrimination. We strongly hope that each of you will uphold this principle throughout your student life.

UTokyo aims to be "a university that anyone in the world would want to join." As part of this vision, we have issued the University of Tokyo Statement on Diversity & Inclusion and our Guidelines for Students on Diversity of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity, thereby making clear our commitment to respecting diversity and promoting inclusion. Let us all work together to create a healthy campus environment so that each and every one of you can enjoy a fulfilling student life.

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