

ATTACHMENT 2

As it has come to my attention that research misconduct (plagiarism) has been found to have been committed on a thesis paper submitted to obtain a doctoral degree, the degree shall be cancelled, and the issued diploma returned. As an institution of higher education responsible for making sure the utmost care is taken when awarding degrees, this kind of incident is extremely regrettable.

The strict measures above are enacted by our university as we accept our social responsibility from the position of fair research practices and as a degree-issuing institute of higher education.

Research misconduct is an unequivocal issue of the personal ethics of researchers and students. Osaka University will urge those involved at the graduate school as well as those responsible for issuing the degree to strongly reflect on their actions.

Due to this incident, in order to regain the loss of trust placed in the degrees issued by Osaka University by society, university-wide measures will be enforced on each faculty member to further enhance their attention to detail and educational guidance as well as to prevent occurrences of research misconduct in the future.

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