

ATTACHMENT 1

(1) Details of investigation

On April 2018, there was an allegation raised regarding research misconduct concerning a doctoral thesis of a former student at Osaka University. It was judged by Osaka University that there was a possibility that research misconduct may have occurred regarding this allegation, and under the Regulations regarding the Promotion of Research Integrity at Osaka University, a formal investigation committee was formed under the guidance of the Research Integrity Committee to conduct preliminary and formal investigations.

As a result of the formal investigation, research misconduct (plagiarism) was found to have been committed on the doctoral thesis in question and judged as so by Osaka University's Research Integrity Committee.

(2) Details of research misconduct

Widespread examples of research misconduct (plagiarism) from the doctoral thesis in question include text from other authors that was not cited or not properly cited and sourced text being partially deleted (with added phrases / changes).

(3) Cancellation of degree

Under the Osaka University Degree Regulations, Paragraph 1, Article 22, stating "In the event that an individual who has been granted a degree is recognized as having acquired the degree through dishonest means...", and after receiving the deliberations from the Osaka School of International Public Policy Faculty Meeting and opinions of perspectives from the entire university, the president of the university has issued a cancellation of the degree in question on the 21st of August, 2019, having concluded discussions with the Education and Research Council on that same day.

(4) University's response regarding the cancellation of the conferred degree

While Osaka University has always done its utmost to prevent matters of research misconduct regarding research papers, including the use of plagiarism checking software (2014), we will implement stricter measures to combat research misconduct in our university.

In addition, as this is an extremely serious situation, on 21 August, 2019, we will give notice to the relevant supervisors and make thorough efforts to prevent further reoccurrences throughout the entire university.