STOP!! HARASSMENT

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Message from Harassment Counseling Office Specialist Adviser

Our Goal is a Harassment-free University

ORespect each other's rights and individuality

Harassment is an invasion of an individual's rights. In addition, harassment can lead to immense stress and mental illness. Also, harassment frequently creates an unpleasant education- and work-space causing the productivity of both individuals and groups to drop. Once it comes to light, that group also brings down the reputation of the university.

OPeople in positions of authority should consider their words and actions in the light of their influence and imagine the feelings of others.

Power harassment occurs in a context of strength of authority. Invitations and requests from someone in authority, even if thought to be inappropriate or uncomfortable, may be accepted in order to pander to that person. If this situation repeats, it can be considered harassment. If, particularly men, do this with romantic intentions, it is considered sexual harassment.

○To create a healthy and pleasant environment for people, it is vital to be constantly aware of human rights.

Human rights are based in the Constitution executed in 1947, however, in the 21st century, recognition of harassment has broadened. Maternity harassment is now considered to be SOGI* harassment. Just like currently in the field of sports, where past oppressive coaching methods are being raised as issues, the old methods of instruction in laboratories etc. will no longer pass inspection.

*SOGI harassment is ridicule, scorn, bullying, and physical or emotional violence, against someone because of their Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity.

We at Osaka University do not overlook or allow harassment and will take steps to deal with harassment strictly. We ask for everyone's cooperation.

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