

The Establishment of Official Languages for
Graduate School of Life and Environmental Sciences and
Faculty of Life and Environmental Sciences

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Declaration:

We declare Japanese and English as the official languages for Graduate School of Life and Environmental Sciences and Faculty of Life and Environmental Sciences. (The establishment of official languages)

We will make every effort to convey up-to-date information in both Japanese and English. Information in other languages becomes optional and will be provided only if necessary. We aim to issue the relevant information in both these languages.

Expected results:

By focusing on two languages, we can foster Japanese students as competitive and internationalized individuals. This is one of the burning issues for the Japanese government. High English proficiency is also vital for international students. In addition, Japanese proficiency will be advantageous for studying at the University of Tsukuba.

Public relations activities, lectures and official documents will be provided in Japanese and English at Graduate School and Faculty of Life and Environmental Sciences. This produces educational benefits for international students, no matter where they are from, to acquire Japanese and English proficiency. The bilingual environment will also create a promising future for international students and will increase the scope for their activities post-graduation.

Working in two languages will also be helpful in reducing the administrative workload. Preparing and translating documents in other languages; e.g., Chinese and Korean will be no longer necessary. Administrative staff can spend additional time and energy on the two languages, improving the service level.

Moreover, it will save notice board space for efficient utilization. To post safety instructions, for instance, in many languages on the entrance doors obscures the view and is dangerous. By reducing the number of documents, one can reduce the risk.

Making Japanese and English the official languages will effect improvements demonstrating our strategy toward globalization in research and education.