

8. HOW DO I OBTAIN A STUDENT VISA?

Ryugaku Visa

Before coming to Japan, accepted students need to obtain a "college student" (Ryugaku) visa, issued by the Japanese Embassy or Consulate, in their country of residence.

We will send a letter of acceptance to students who are officially accepted to **OUSSEP**. At this time, Osaka University will request the Japanese Immigration Bureau to issue a Certificate of Eligibility for Status of Residence (CESR) for each of the students. Only the CESR document will serve as proof of status when applying for a visa to enter Japan as a student.

The process of obtaining a CESR takes time and the certificate usually does not come through until early September. We will forward the CESR by an express courier service to each student's summer address as indicated in the OUSSEP Application Form. We often have to make urgent contact with applicants during the summer.

It is therefore important that applicants provide us with accurate information about their summer address, including the street address, phone, fax numbers, and an e-mail address.

Each applicant should follow the advice of the Japanese diplomatic office in his/her home country concerning the procedure for obtaining an appropriate visa.

SARS Guidelines

*Osaka University will not allow anyone with SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome) symptoms to enroll in the program. In addition, Osaka University will not accept students from areas where there is sufficient reason to suspect SARS outbreaks may have occurred. In order to maximize security across the university, the International Affairs Committee of Osaka University established a set of guidelines, which can be found in the **OUSSEP** application package. Those who apply to OUSSEP must respect these guidelines.*

Avian Influenza (Bird Flu) / New Strains of Influenza

*In order to prevent the spreading of avian influenza together with new strains of influenza, and thus maintain the university's pleasant education and research environment, Osaka University issued the guidelines for their prevention. In order to promote the early detection of any cases of the above illnesses, and thus decrease the sphere of possible infection, all members of Osaka University, including **OUSSEP** students, are expected to respect these guidelines, which can be enclosed in the application package.*



Trip to Toyota



Miyajima, Hiroshima



Dinner with Friends (Hiroshima)



Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum



Farewell Trip to Koya-san



Boating Excursion at Kibi



Lunch at Highway Service Area



Trip to Kurashiki



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More information related to OUSSEP, including study and living guides for students, may be found at OUSSEP web site.

<http://ex.isc.osaka-u.ac.jp/oussep/>