

Declaration of Total Smoking Ban on The Entire Kyushu Institute of Technology Campus

In consideration of the four below-listed perspectives, Kyushu Institute of Technology (Kyutech) declare a total smoking ban on the entire campus as of October 1, 2019, for the prevention of disease in students, faculty, staff and guests, the maintenance and promotion of health, and the creation of a pleasant environment for study and work.

1. Scientific evidence supports the importance of preventing passive smoking

Smoking not only harms the individual smokers but also seriously impairs the health of non-smokers; and the separation of smoking areas cannot thoroughly prevent passive smoking. In recent years, many epidemiologic reports have revealed that comprehensive policies to prevent passive smoking have succeeded in significantly reducing the incidence of such ailments as cardiovascular and respiratory disease, and cancer in some countries. The convincing evidence presented in these reports establishes the prevention of passive smoking as an effective approach to protection from such health issues.

2. Global trend

As many countries around the world have enacted laws and regulations designed to prevent passive smoking, on smoking bans in public areas, both indoors or outdoors, are becoming a global standard. University campuses in particular are highly public areas open to large numbers of people, including students who have not yet come of age. It is reported that at least 1,743 universities and colleges in the United States have banned smoking on their campuses as of November 2017.

3. Basic philosophy of Kyutech

Kyutech is an institution of higher learning whose basic philosophy emphasizes the fostering of individuals with dignity and creativity that enable meaningful contributions to the development of industry in Japan. Seeing an increasing number of companies and local governments adopt on smoking bans in the workplace and during business hours to ensure the health of workers and create a pleasant working environment, we believe that a total smoking ban on our entire campus is completely in line with our philosophy. With this declaration, we strive to discourage students from developing the habit of smoking during their school days with the aim of increasing the non-smoking workforce after they graduate.

4. Legal requirements in Japan

Amendment of the Health Promotion Act on July 25, 2018, requires that smoking be banned on university premises under the first category in the act.

In consideration of the above-mentioned scientific evidence, the global trend, our basic philosophy and the Amended Health Promotion Act, we declare a total smoking ban our entire campus to protect our students, faculty, staff and guests from passive smoking.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

Following this declaration, we will continue to publicize the importance of preventing passive smoking and proceed with preparations to facilitate enactment of the ban on October 1, 2019.

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