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Implementation of courses including fieldwork amid coronavirus crisis during
the fiscal year 2020

Courses including fieldwork are difficult to be carried out as in usual years. The school has now plans for them as follows. These are only outlines, and details will be instructed once courses have started.

○Service Learning A (45 learning hours)

Ashiu virtual field trip (online) is under consideration. Details will be notified later.

○Service Learning B (45 learning hours)

“Nursing home” option is canceled.

You are encouraged to find and participate in domestic or international online volunteer activities. It is also recommended to participate in Overseas Service Learning (Laos) planned by Professor Takashima and WASAVI.

Your decision on either option should be made by mid May.

○Overseas Internship (Knight-Errantry/Musha Shugyo)

It is recommended to concentrate on your research for PhD dissertation this year, since Overseas Internship is unlikely to be allowed within FY 2020. The fourth-year students should take into consideration the possibility of conducting Overseas Internship and PBR together next year. The school is considering excluding Special Research Project II (Overseas Internship) from the requirement for advancement to the fifth grade.

○PBR (A part of Special Research Project III in the previous curriculum (180 learning hours))

You are encouraged to conduct some projects which can be conducted online (i.e. cyber workshop).

○ Overseas Service Learning (Laos) (A part of Special Research SeminarII in the previous curriculum (90 learning hours))

It is planned to carry out field trip in Laos in September 2020 or March 2021 after taking some online pre-sessions. If it is unable to carry out the field trip in September 2020, the credit for Overseas Service Learning will be admitted by one of the following two alternative activities. Even in such a case, it is recommended to participate in the field trip in March 2021 or later. (travel expenses of JPY 100,000 to 150,000 must be borne by the participants).

- 1) Online discussion with Lao students
- 2) Desktop research work using domestically available information and previous studies

Remarks: Overseas Service Learning is a compulsory course for the second-year students in the previous curriculum. Although students in the latest curriculum can be admitted to the credit for Service Learning B by only participating in the online sessions, it is encouraged to attend the field trip to Laos if possible.