

Hiroshima University No-smoking Declaration

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Hiroshima University is a highly public place where many people gather, including students that are still underage minors and patients. The university passed a Campus No-Smoking Policy, to take effect from January 2020, to build a smoking-free environment that takes into account the importance of preventing exposure to second-hand smoke.

It has been scientifically proven that smoking is extremely harmful to people's health. In particular, forming a long-term smoking habit that started from adolescence is a factors causing serious illness.

Smoking is not only bad for the health of smokers but second-hand smoke also has a serious impact on the health of non-smokers. To prevent undesirable second-hand smoke, the World Health Organization is creating global trends, including the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC). In 2018, a partial revision to the Health Promotion Act was made, requiring schools, hospitals, government agencies and other public organizations to ban smoking on the premises in principle.

In addition, as an educational institution, we aim to nurture our students to be conscious about their own health and the health of others, by not maintaining a smoking habit, and "graduating" from smoking so that they can complete their university education and go out into the world with both a healthy heart and mind.

Hiroshima University is a highly public place where many people gather, including students, children, teachers, patients and their families. We also take to heart that the environment could potentially be conducive for causing harm due to second-hand smoke. We passed a Campus No-Smoking Policy to build a comfortable and safe educational, research, medical and work environment to produce mentally and physically healthy under- and post-graduates that do not smoke.

We request the understanding and cooperation of currently enrolled students, our teaching staff, people utilizing the adjacent university hospital, visitors to the university, local community members, and other university-related individuals.