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To: UC Davis Students

Dear Students,

With the upcoming Spring Break upon us, we write to remind you that the U.S. State Department has active Travel Warnings in place that discourage unnecessary travel to various parts of the world. As you consider your travel plans, please review all active Travel Alerts and Travel Warnings at the US Department of State website:

http://travel.state.gov/travel/travel_1744.html

In particular, the developing events in Japan should be of concern to students who may be planning any trips in that area. There is an active Travel Warning for the entire country of Japan that discourages non-essential travel to the region. Please review the Travel Warning document for complete details:

http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_5390.html

Additionally, we call your attention to a standing Travel Warning for Mexico due to its popularity as a Spring Break destination for US college students. The Travel Warning specifically discourages travel to Michoacan and Tamaulipas, to parts of Chihuahua, Sinaloa, Durango, and Coahuila, and warns of a wave of crime and violence throughout Mexico specifically tied to conflict with and among drug cartels. We encourage students to review this warning before traveling to Mexico and to review the additional information found at the Department of State website:

http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_4755.html

The upcoming spring quarter break commonly provides an opportunity for students to engage in a range of positive activities, ranging from community service projects to international travel. The Department of State provides additional information resources geared specifically for Spring Break activities to all areas of the world:

A generic overview of Spring Break precautions:

<http://studentsabroad.state.gov/springbreak.php>

A comprehensive website for student travel abroad, including detailed resources on embassies, health, safety and emergency preparedness.

<http://studentsabroad.state.gov/>

As always, we encourage students to engage in spring break activities in a safe, responsible and informed manner.

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