

For immediate release:

The Education Abroad Center regrets to announce that we have cancelled the UC Davis Quarter Abroad spring program to Kyoto, Japan, effective immediately. This is a significant decision that is based on thorough analysis and input of campus risk and safety experts, UC Systemwide information, and US State Department advisories. Our primary concern is the safety of students and faculty who would have travelled to Japan on this program. The fluid and rapidly changing nature of events in Japan present significant obstacles to ensuring their wellbeing.

The Education Abroad Center will be working in the coming days to facilitate students' return to the UC Davis campus and mitigate disruptive impacts to the extent possible. At the moment, this decision does not impact two UC Davis Summer Abroad programs scheduled to depart for Kyoto and Okazaki on June 25. However we are closely monitoring the situation as it develops. We are in constant contact with those students and will advise on any changes that may occur in the coming weeks.

Most importantly, our thoughts are with the citizens of Japan in the aftermath of this horrible tragedy. Although our program is closed, may we be reminded of the struggles and the international effort to help the individuals and families in Japan most directly affected by this disaster.

Sincerely,

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