

Dear Summer Abroad Japan 2011 students,

At this time, we do **not** plan to cancel “Japanese Popular Culture in Tradition” or “Community and Everyday Life in Japan.” We will continue to monitor the situation closely for any developments that may impact running the programs as planned.

Yesterday, a team of UC Davis campus experts in safety and risk management, radiation and nuclear activity, legal counsel, Japanese culture and infrastructure, as well as those responsible for campus study abroad programs convened to assess the safety of sending students to Japan for Spring Quarter. Because the fluid and rapidly changing nature of events in Japan presents significant obstacles to ensuring student well-being, the decision was made to cancel the UC Davis Quarter Abroad program scheduled to begin March 26th in Kyoto, Japan.

If the current State Department Travel Warning for Japan is still in place on May 1st, we will re-evaluate the Summer Abroad 2011 programs in Kyoto and Okazaki using a similar consultative process. Our primary concern is the safety of students and faculty who will travel to Japan for these programs.

At this time, our thoughts are with the citizens of Japan, and we are mindful of the challenges they face in the aftermath of this tragedy.

Sincerely,

Kathy Cunningham
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