

## To all Applicants: Message from GRIPS President Tanaka

Dear applicants,

Thank for you to those who have applied, and thank you all for your interest in GRIPS. At present there are some hurdles to be cleared, since the emergence of new variants is making it ever more difficult to contain this pandemic, and as a result, Japan still has some border controls in place. However, I encourage you think positively and proceed with your plans.

Once you are accepted to GRIPS, even if you cannot come to Japan physically for some Covid-19 related reasons, we are fully prepared to provide you with a GRIPS education regardless of your whereabouts. If you are unable to travel to Japan, we will provide on-line classes, which we have developed and refined during the past year and a half in response to initial waves of the pandemic. For those of you who are in Japan, we will provide classroom lectures—or perhaps hybrid classes with both face-to-face and remote formats. Whatever your circumstances, we will make sure that you will receive a GRIPS education, including the extensive guidance offered by our university, just like that received by our current students and our graduates before them.

So, please focus on career success, and if you haven't done so already, apply to GRIPS now!

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