

# Emergency Student Support Handout for Continuing Studies

<Provisional Translation>

## Intent of the Program

- COVID-19 is having a significant economic effect on the lives of students, such as by dramatically reducing household income and also severely lowering or completely wiping out part-time income.
- It is conceivable that students, especially those who do not live at home, may face difficulties continuing their studies at their university or other educational institution.
- We believe nothing is more important than providing proper support to students so that they do not abandon their studies because of COVID-19.

➡ **MEXT has established "Emergency Student Support Handout for Continuing Studies"**

## Program Overview

- ◇ This program is focused on how fast MEXT can provide its support to students, and is also designed to link with MEXT's other previous measures for supporting students, while anticipating that responding to COVID-19 will be a long term process.
- ◇ People attending universities and other educational institutions in Japan, including international students, are covered by the program.
- ◇ Although recipients must fulfill criteria, such as not living at home and covering tuition with resources such as part-time work, or losing a significant amount of income due to COVID-19 pandemic. (Estimated number : around 430,000 students)
- ◇ Students who are exempt from residence tax will receive 200,000 Japanese yen, while students of other households will receive 100,000 Japanese yen. (Total Budget : around 53.1 billion Japanese yen)

## Basic Process of the Program

