

To All Students of Nagoya University

### Beware: Dealing with Malicious Solicitations, etc.

- Among the groups and organizations engaged in soliciting and recruiting new members, there may be malicious actors, such as fraudsters posing as recruiters for part-time jobs or cults recruiting new members by posing as sports teams or cultural clubs. This may happen even on campus. Do not carelessly accept offers or let yourself be talked into anything.  
Be particularly cautious if anyone invites you to come with them to a different location to give a detailed explanation.
- Do not under any circumstances give your personal information (name, address, cell phone number, e-mail address, etc.) to someone you do not know.

#### About online scams and dishonest business practices

Vigilance is also needed when dealing with solicitations by cults that are posing as clubs, spam e-mails, other online scams, and dishonest business practices (such as multi-level marketing/pyramid schemes, appointment sales (where a salesperson makes an appointment with you intending to sell products), bait-and-switch schemes, fortune-telling fraud, street sales (where a stranger approaches you on the street, etc. and pressures or coerces you to buy a product or service), and romance scams). Solicitation methods are constantly evolving, and some scammers now use social media.

Please be extremely cautious of anyone seeking to profit unfairly by exploiting anonymity and convenience or by taking advantage of people's weaknesses.

#### [How to protect yourself from cults, online scams, dishonest business practices, and other trouble]

- If someone attempts to solicit you on the street or elsewhere in public, ignore them or flatly refuse and quickly walk away when you are not interested in it.
- If you get into trouble, talk with family, friends, or other people close to you, or consult with the university (such as the Student Affairs section of your department).
- Do not casually share your personal information. Also be careful in your everyday life to keep your personal information safe.
- Do not access suspicious sites or spam emails.

Some events held online or on social media are done with malicious intent. Do not trust an event simply because it has the Nagoya University logo or uses Nagoya University in its name; instead, make sure to check who is hosting the event.

**If you encounter someone suspicious or become a victim, please immediately contact student services at the University.**

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