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Keio University

Faculty of Policy Management/Faculty of Environment and Information Studies AO (Self-Recommended Admissions) Screening  
To all applicants for the Summer AO 2020  
To all who wish to apply for the Fall AO 2020

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Information regarding the Summer AO 2020 and Fall AO 2020 screenings

The Keio University Faculty of Policy Management and Faculty of Environment and Information Studies would like to express its gratitude to the highly motivated candidates who completed applications for the Summer AO (Self-Recommended Admissions) screening in the 2020 academic year. We had a record number of candidates this summer, compared to AO screenings conducted for the same period in previous years.

From the standpoint of preventing the spread of infections by COVID-19 (coronavirus disease), we did not conduct the second-round screening (interview) for Summer AO 2020. We have instead screened the application documents (including materials) and the “three-minute presentation video,” and after undertaking a series of comprehensive individual screenings, decided to offer admission to roughly the same number of successful applicants as the AO screenings we have conducted for the same period in previous years.

The “three-minute presentation video” was evaluated focusing mainly on the applicants’ reasons for applying to the university, study plans after enrollment, future goals, etc. The videos are not judged on their recording techniques or image quality. This point remains unchanged for the Fall AO 2020. For the past 10 years, SFC has a track record of using presentation videos as an alternative to interviews during the Winter AO 2020 (Global) screening (Admissions for the GIGA Program). We conducted the screening this time based on such experience, with a view to thoroughly evaluating the appeals of each applicant.

Although we did not conduct the second-round screening (interview) for the Summer AO 2020, we are hoping to hold the interview for the Fall AO 2020 upon giving utmost consideration to the safety of the applicants and finding possible methods. We will determine how the second-round screening (interview) for the Fall AO 2020 will be conducted depending on the circumstances of infections, and will notify on its method during the application status confirmation period.

The AO screenings at the Faculty of Policy Management and Faculty of Environment and Information Studies comprehensively screen and evaluate applicants on their multifaceted abilities. We anticipate that the Fall AO 2020 will also attract forward-looking applications from candidates with determined ambitions and a passion to further the level of their self-actualization, as well as strong aspirations to enter SFC based on a full understanding of the philosophy and educational aims of the university and faculties.

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