Re: Work Permit Application for RA Activities in SOKENDAI

To: International Students,

Due to the Amendment of the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act and other statutes effective as of July 1 2010, a work permit is not required when an international student is engaged in the work only for assisting the education/research activities based on the contract with his/her university. As a result, it is no longer necessary for an international student to obtain a work permit if he/she works as a research assistant (RA), teaching assistant (TA), or tutor under the contract with his/her university.

However, international students of SOKENDAI (except those in School of Advanced Sciences) work as a RA/TA under the contract with the research institutes, not with the university. Therefore, in accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Justice, we request you to obtain a work permit if you engage in RA/TA activities.

For those who engage in the activities, the total working hours should not exceed 28 hours per week. (During school vacation set by the school regulation, the total working hours should not exceed 8 hours per day.)

As for tutoring activities, you do not need to obtain a work permit as you make a contract with the President of SOKENDAI. In this case, the working hours should not be affected by the aforementioned working limit.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

* If you would like to engage in:

RA activities/ TA activities Work permit is necessary (except those in

School of Advanced Sciences).

Tutoring activities Work permit is unnecessary.

Contact:

Student Affairs Section

SOKENDAI (The Graduate University for Advanced Studies)

TEL:046-858-1526/1527 FAX:046-858-1632

Email: gakusei@ml.soken.ac.jp