The entrance examination of the Department of Astronomical Science is scheduled to be held at Mitaka Campus with measures taken to prevent infection. We will take measures to ensure safe entrance examination, such as wearing masks and sanitizing hands, keeping a wide space between seats, and reducing contact with others.

However, for applicants who live overseas and are unable to travel to Japan, the entrance examination will be conducted online.

Depending on the future expansion of covid-19, the entrance examination will also be conducted online for those living in Japan. If there are any changes in the examination method, examination schedule, or other details of the examination, it will be announced on the website of SOKENDAI (https://www.soken.ac.jp/news/7028/) and the website of the Department of Astronomical Science (https://guas-astronomy.jp/). We will compensate for any cancellation fees for travel expenses including accommodation due to the change in the method of conducting the entrance examination.

If the entrance examination is held online, applicants will need to secure a venue suitable for taking the examination (a room that can be occupied by a single person exclusively is acceptable), an environment with a stable network connection, hardware (electronic device with a camera and microphone) and software to participate in a remote conference system using zoom, etc., and a device to scan your answer sheets on the spot at the end of the examination (a smartphone is acceptable). If you have any difficulty with the above, please contact Graduate Student Affairs Unit, National Astronomical Observatory of Japan.

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