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To all those who plan to enroll in APU from 2019,

Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University

## **Announcement of AP House Dormitory Fee Revision**

For those enrolling from 2019, the dormitory fee will be revised as follows:

Current fees (monthly) –

Housing expenses: Domestic students 39,000 JPY, International students 29,000 JPY

Common service fee: 3000 JPY

Water utility fee: 5000 JPY

Bedding rental fee: 2000 JPY

Dorm fee Total: Domestic students 49,000 JPY, International students 39,000 JPY

**Fees after revision (monthly) –**

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In Japan, there has been a rise in energy costs and a consumption tax increase in the past 10 years. Expenditures for dormitory management have also been increasing.

As the dormitory facilities are being used and getting older, large-scale repairs and facility renovations have become necessary. In the past few years, we have been proceeding with a large-scale repair of each dormitory systematically on a budget scale in the tens of millions of JPY. We have also been updating the facilities and fixtures of the dormitory's public spaces such as the dormitory's kitchens and air conditioners. In accordance with the standards of the Ritsumeikan Trust, fundamentally these renovations need to be completed within the range of the dormitory budget.

Since the time that APU first opened, there has been a difference between the dormitory fee for international students and domestic students (at the beginning of the construction of the dormitory, there was a need to reduce the cost of international student housing in order to receive government subsidies).

Therefore, from 2007 to the present day, the cost of the domestic students' dormitory fee has been 10,000 yen higher than that of international students, and the fees have not changed for the past 10 years. Considering that the balance with the government subsidies that were received at the time of AP House's construction has already been resolved, it was proposed to make the dormitory fee the same for all students regardless of whether they are domestic students or international students.

In consideration of the circumstances mentioned above, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University has decided to revise the dormitory fee from 2019 enrollment as a result of the increase in expenditures for the dormitory and the renewal of its facilities.

We appreciate your understanding regarding the change to the dormitory fee and look forward to welcoming you here at APU.