Frequently Asked Questions by MSSU Students About Attending Ryukoku University

**Q: Should MSSU students still allocate approximately 80,000 JPY per month for food and living expenses? Or, has the amount increased?**

A: Yes. The students need to write on the Financial Support form how much money they plan to have on hand per month while in Japan, and they generally look for a ballpark figure of 80,000JPY. Of course, every student will have their own lifestyle. MSSU students might not use that much at all. If he doesn't, he can save it. But it should be there, at least.

**Q: Do utilities still cost between $90 and $130 per month? That is for electricity and Internet, correct?**

A: Utilities are between 8,000JPY ~ 10,000JPY per month and include electricity, water, and the internet within the dormitory. If MSSU students wish to purchase their own telephone, that would be an additional expense. In addition, even though MSSU students will have a dormitory room rental waiver, they will still need to pay the bedding rental fee (which is required of all dormitory residents and costs 1,528JPY/month).

**Q: How far will MSSU students be living from the campus? Will they need to purchase a monthly bus pass? If so, what will it cost?**

A: Classes take place on our Fukakusa Campus, and all of our International Student Dormitories are a 2-3 minute walk from campus. MSSU students will not be required to purchase a transportation pass.

**Q: Will our students be paired with a Japanese student as a “buddy” to help them get acclimated?**

A: Our dormitories have Residential Supporters (who are Japanese students) to support them in their daily lives and to take care of all initial procedures after their arrival, in tandem with our office.

**Q: Will the apartment or building have a safe so our students can lock up their passport?**

A: Our dormitories do not have safes in which the students are able to store their valuables for the long term. MSSU students will be responsible for keeping their valuables safe in their room. They will be provided a key for their room, so they can keep the door locked.

**Q: If Ryukoku does not provide an airport pickup, will MSSU students be given an address and instructions on how to get to their apartment?**

A: Yes, in that case we will provide all students with the dorm address and information that will assist them in coming on their own.