Online Seminar for International Students on Renting Apartments FAQ(Dec.22,2022)

Q. Since the Tohoku University Joint Guarantor System application takes about a month, when should I apply?

A. If you want to use the Guarantor System, apply after you find an apartment.

For example, if you find a room in early February, it is safer to set the move-in day for mid-March or later.

IT IS NECESSARY to obtain the approval from Tohoku University before start moving in.

You can use a private guarantee company if you wish to move in as soon as possible.

Q. Which season is easier to find rooms, summer or winter?

A. It is easier to obtain information on many properties in winter because there is more information on properties.

However, many Japanese students are also looking for rooms at the same time, the room search may take some time.

Q. It is possible to lease an apartment for just one or two months?

A. Most apartment leases are for two years. Short-term leases are very rare, and it is very likely that you will have to pay additional fees to end the contract early.

Q. If I want to lease an apartment through the Co-op, can I do so while still living overseas?

A. You need a Residence Card to lease an apartment, so you cannot apply while still living overseas. However, you can begin gathering information on apartments.