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Development and Follow up of Web consultation reception form in Kyushu University during covid-19 pandemic

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# We will show you our university (1 min)





Mental health worst during covid-19 pandemic



### (from unknown?)



# Location of Kyushu University, Fukuoka, JAPAN (N=5,117,967)

### Number of covid-19 in Japan (since March 3, 2020)



### WAVE 8 visit (and declined and finished)





Refrain from three dense

- Open the door
- Not gather
- Not conversation

Sort-time open (shop, restaurant)

Conversation with mask

Self-restraint to go out



# Closure of campuses

220 million HE students globally affected

Source: UNESCO Covid-19 response, UNESCO, 2021



- Live-streamed lectures synchronously (74.6%)
- Presentations sent to students (44.5%)
- Asynchronous pre recorded video lectures available online (32.1%)
- Asynchronous pre recorded audios (20.6%)

# **Teachers'** perspective



# Students' perspective

- Heavy workloads
- 50% felt their performance had declined
- Inequitable access to tools and internet
- Psychological and emotional well-being

Source: European Union (2021). The impact of COVID-19 on higher education: a review of emerging evidence.

# Learning Loss during Covid-19

- Learning loss of about three percentile points
- Learners from less educated home 55% more prone to learning loss

### Learning Inequality During the Covid-19 Pandemic

Per Engzell, Anun Frey, Mark Verhagen



### Stress

## No freedom

Restriction



# Suicide Prevention Topics

## Annual Changes in the Number of Suicides



Source: Compiled by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare from the National Police Agency's original data on suicide statistics (2021)



Fig. 2 | The effects of COVID-19 pandemic on suicide across gender and age groups using DID and event-study approaches. a, Results of the DID and

16% increase in suicides in the second wave of coronas (July-November) 37% increase in females (5 times more than males),
49% increase in youth (under 20 years old)

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# Increase in college student suicides



# 82 National Universities (433,032 students)

In FY2020, 76 students (58 boys and 18 girls) died by suicide or suspected suicide

Suicide rate of 17.6 per 100,000 students (21.2 for boys and 11.3 for girls)

Male students had the highest suicide rate in FY2020 in the last 6 years and female students had the highest rate in FY2020 in the last 8 years.

# Survey on Leave of Absence, Withdrawal, and Retention Students at Universities (2019 Survey)

- Suicide is the most common cause of death among students
- Mortality rates among 4-year students who stay in school are prominent
  - Association between isolation and suicide
- Involvement of health care centers, etc. is not high (15.6%).



# WEB CONSULTATION RECEPTION FORM TOPICS





# Development of support at universities under measures to prevent the spread of novel coronavirus

(Omodaka · Kaku · Matsuda · Sato · Maruyama 2021c ; Omodaka, Kaku, Sato & Maruyama, 2021d)

Deteriorating mental health and increased suicide among youth (Chen et al., 2020)

Deteriorating mental health is affecting learning (Eisenberg et al., 2009)

How do we continue to provide support in the university settings?

Two challenges:

(1) Difficulty in connecting to support organizations

(2) Difficulty in coordination among related services

## Development of "Web Consultation Reception Form"



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# Web Consultation Reception Form



Web相談受付フォームのご利用にあたって、どのような手続きやルールがあるのかについて説明します。 もし、疑問や心配があれば、キャンパスライフ・健康支援センター コーディネート室まで遠慮なくお尋ね下さい。

#### 説明事項

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利用料金は無料です。Web相談受付は、原則として九州大学の学生・教職員のみが利用できます。ただし、 関係者(保護者や教職員)が学生・教職員に して相談することもできます。相談者がフォームに記載した内容は、キャンパスライフ・健康支援センターのスタッフ(医師やカウンセラー、精神保健福 土、障害者支援スタッフ、保健師など)が確認し、メールにて返信致します。メールの返信は、受信後1週間以内(平日)に差し上げます。1週間以内( 信がなかった場合は、ご連絡ください。

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#### 同意事項

### Development of support at universities under measures to prevent the spread of new coronaviruses

#### **Methods and Subjects**

88 persons who filled out the form during the first wave (May-July 2020).

329 persons who came in the same period in the past (2018 and 2019) for comparison.

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	相談者の所属	
, 2021d)	1930 電話番号	

(Omodaka et., 2021c; Omodaka et al, 2021d)

## Developing support at universities under measures to prevent the spread of new coronaviruses.

	2018年·2019年(4月~7月)	2020年(5月~7月)			
	n=329	n=88	$\chi^2$ 検定		
	n (%)	n (%)	$\chi^2$ 值	df	p值
学部	274 (83.3)	47 (53.4)	34.96	1	<0.001
大学院	55 (16.7)	41 (46.6)			

#### 表1. 支援対象学生の属性(学部・大学院)

### Higher need for postgraduate students

(Omodaka et., 2021c; Omodaka et al, 2021d)

# Low-credit stduents topics

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Research: General counselling and support sector

- A study of the coordinating function in the support of students and staff
- Examination of the effectiveness and significance of support
- Low credit students
- Development of support at universities under countermeasures
- Web-based consultation form

Development of a Web Consultation Reception Form Under the COVID-19 Pandemic: About one year of achievement

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 Need for early response to students who are difficult to connect to support (Kimura, 2017)

• What are the coordination functions required at universities?

 Analysis of the number of consultations at the Coordination Office from 2014 to 2017 (10,861 in total) What are the coordination functions required at universities? Advice and coordination between the parties concerned is required. →To the priority objectives of the work.

相談者の内訳

# Study of the coordination function in student and staff support

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# Low Credit Issue is important!



Examination of the effectiveness and significance of support for low credit students

### (Issues)

 1 in 5 students are academically underperforming or maladjusted Cooperation between classroom teachers and student support professionals is effective in dealing with students with poor academic performance (Tarumon, 2016).

[Method]

 Start-up briefing session 」

 (twice a year)

### **Reasons for leaving school**

Academic underachievement Maladjustment to school life Changing jobs (e.g. moving to a new school) →20% around

(Ministry of Education and Science, 2014)

# Examination of the effectiveness and significance of support to low credit students

#### [Subjects and Methods]

Notification to low credit students and their parents

At the end of the first semester...

students who have acquired less than 10 credits in their first year,

less than 20 credits in their second year

and less than 25 credits in their third year and above.

Orientation on study (how to take courses, timetable assembly, on-campus support resources, etc.) Individual psychological counselling (by counsellors in the student counselling room) Course counselling and timetabling (by the Core Education and Academic Affairs Section) Results: the effectiveness and significance of support to low credit students

- Increased credits earned and improved GPA as a result of participation in start-up briefings (Kaku, et al., 2019)
- The effectiveness of participation in the start-up information sessions was also recognised after one year. (Matsuda, et al., 2021)

Daily support (homeroom teachers and undergraduate study support offices) in your faculty (educational organisation) is important. The link is also more important.



# Low Credit: fact-finding study

Review of the effectiveness and significance of support to low credit students Mental health status and developmental disorders tendencies in relation to low credits.

### [Issue/objective]

What are the key aspects for early response?

### [Methods]

- Kyushu University students, 5,072
- Mental health status and developmental disorder tendencies

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入学年次	2018年度	2019年度 2,558	
学部新入生(人)	2,514		
男性(人)%	1736 69.1%	1773 69.3%	
女性(人)%	778 30.9%	785 30.7%	
入学時の平均年齢(歳)±SD	$18.5 \pm 1.16$	$18.4\pm1.04$	
低単位取得学生(人)	37	49	

## Characteristics of low credit students

# Difficulty in having a perspective

表2 ロジスティック回帰分析の結果

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設問項目	В	SE	Wald	Р	Exp(B)	95%CI.forEXP(B)
発達障害傾向						
見通しを持つことの苦手さ	0.129	0.057	5.096	0.024*	1.137	1.017-1.272
感覚過敏	-0.021	0.043	0.245	0.621	0.979	0.899-1.066
抽象的理解の苦手さ	0.035	0.088	0.161	0.688	1.036	0.872-1.230
同時並行処理の苦手さ	0.108	0.091	1.417	0.234	1.114	0.933-1.331
メンタルヘルス状況						
	0.271	0.140	3.745	0.053	1.311	0.997-1.726
うつ	0.154	0.177	0.755	0.385	1.167	0.824-1.651

\*p<0.05 df=1
## Dealing with low credit students

- Study environment very different from that of high school
- Too much information at once → missing informationDivision of roles: building a multilayered support system
- Assumption of the existence of students who have difficulty in holding prospects,
- Setting up information sessions and provision of materials
- Provide a consultation service.
- Adding them to the target group for early support

## Survey of students who have difficulty in connecting with support in the Corona Disaster

Survey of students who have difficulty in accessing support in the Corona Disaster

### Subjects and Methods

Individual telephone interviews based on the interview guide.

Of 43 first-year students (as of Sep. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020) with less than 10 credits in core education subjects, 19 students were not connected to any support.



### Results:

### Result (1) :

The majority of students lived alone in situation

Only one student had a diagnosis (asthma).



# Results (3)



Results (3) : • Interviewees were more likely than the individual to perceive the problem as a problem in their studies.

Topics related to the characteristics of students who are difficult to connect to support and how support should be provided

How to support those who have difficulty in connecting with support

(Methods)

Results and Discussion

Subjects:

 Coordination office 156 users

Evaluation:

• WHOQOL26

• WHODAS2.0

Quality of life structure differs from the general population
Psychological and environmental contributions

Up to moderate levels may be more likely to lead to medical and psychological supportSevere: added need for environmental adjustment

INQUIRY: The Journal of Health Care Organization, Provision, and Financing The quality of life of students with difficulties accessing support . Yusaku Omodaka & Takeshi Sato (2023)



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## Impact of mental and developmental disorders on disability in Japanese university students: A cross-sectional study

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 Mental health is impaired → Disability levels increase

Preventive involvement and the development of a supportive environment to prevent secondary disability are important. →E.g. outreach from an early stage

Table 3. Average score and standard deviations by diagnosis and WHODAS domain and results of the dispersion analysis (N=152).

Diag. Domain	No diagnosis (N=83)		Mental disorders (N=36)		Developmental disorders (N=24)		Multiple ( $N = 9$ )					
	м	SD	м	SD	м	SD	м	SD	н	df	p	Multiple comparison
Cognition	17.23	15.35	28.33	21.94	23.54	16.91	32.78	20.93	10.63	3	.014	
Mobility	6.63	10.80	18.58	17.77	5.99	9.12	13.89	19.96	14.07	3	.003	None, Developmental < Mental
Self-care	5.06	8.02	12.50	14.22	8.33	14.35	6.67	10.00	7.95	3	.047	None < Mental
Getting along	21.49	23.18	40.74	25.49	41.32	28.81	32.41	29.89	19.99	3	.000	None < Mental, Developmental
Life activities (school)	36.57	29.23	56.35	26.66	36.61	28.90	66.67	18.21	18.27	3	.000	None < Mental, Multiple Developmental < Multiple
Participation	23.69	21.13	40.51	18.08	26.39	18.54	42.59	25.92	21.26	3	.000	None < Mental
Overall disability	19.39	14.41	33.60	16.24	24.76	14.15	34.80	10.63	25.01	3	.000	None < Mental, Multiple

Taylor & Francis

"Multiple" refers to those with both mental and developmental disorders diagnoses. Analysis was performed after excluding four individuals with physical disabilities from the 156 subjects.

H: Kruskal-Wallis H; df: degrees of freedom.

## Great East Japan Earthquake (March 11, 2011)

# 10 years ago 20,200 death







Disaster is strongly associated with students' mental health.



## **Over-concern and Japanese**

Minimize direct competition.
Handle things as little as possible to feel humiliated.
It is an overly vulnerable national illness.
The Japanese are more likely to fall into depression.
In the end, instead of destroying others, you end up destroying yourself.



Japan has become an "ultra-clean society" in terms of human relationships.

Instead, Japanese may be more valuable or sensitive to others.



From now on, more play alone will be increased, and the number of people with developmental disorder will increase.

For example, I can't read the air, I can't help interacting with people, and there is a possibility that more people will be hostile to people.

### Conclusion

• Face to face communication was difficult under COVID-19 pandemic.

• We developed Web Consultation Reception Form and connected with students with distress.

• The characteristics of and responses to low-credit students were discussed.

