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To whom it may concern

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About the establishment of the information security policy

Recently, interest in information security has been growing. Not a day goes by without the appearance of news concerning this issue. Previously, attackers mainly targeted companies. However, educational institutions, including universities, are no longer excepted. They are now Advanced Persistent Threat (APT) targets.

Given these circumstances, from January 2011 to January 2013, the Center for Information Technology began developing a security policy (basic operation regulations) and regulations for using it. This was done by the Center for Information Technology Committee and at Center for Information Technology member meetings. To carry out this task, we referred to security policies and implementation regulations of other universities and developed our own based on the template published by the National Institute of Informatics (NII).

Next, we aligned them with the Kansai University Regulations of Information Disclosure and the Kansai University Regulations of Document Handling, and in the end, the Kansai University Basic Regulations of Information System Operation, and the Kansai University Regulations of Information System Usage were established.

- These regulations apply to Kansai University as a whole, including affiliated schools at all levels that belong to the Kansai University network and use the system.
- These regulations designate the Director of the Center for Information Technology as Chief Information Security Officer (CISO). Thus, if an information security related problem occurs, the director can immediately deal with it to minimize the impact inside and outside the university.
- These regulations are designed to demonstrate in written form how people use IT services every day in a sensible manner. They are not intended to impose more restrictions.

Kansai University recently experienced a series of incidents at the end of last year. We believe that the information security level in an organization should not be determined by the security level of hardware and software comprising its information system, but by information literacy demonstrated by people who process information in the end. Now that the Kansai University Basic Regulations of Information System Operation and the Kansai University Regulations of Information System Usage have been established, we request that you be more aware of information security in daily life.

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