

APU, April 27th 2011,

Dear parents and current or prospective students of Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU), Japan.

Today I have visited APU and met with the Board of Directors as well as a number of students from Vietnam. It is wonderful to be invited here to see for myself the outstanding educational environment and outstanding facilities such as the dormitory and physical training center. APU's campus is perched on top of a mountain with a spectacular view over Beppu bay. The beautiful fresh air is enjoyed by several thousand students, 50% of whom come from various different countries; this is a university that has an abundance of language and culture on show. Using 2 main languages of instruction (English and Japanese), and being able to gain knowledge of other languages (6 offered including Vietnamese) and foreign cultures, students have the opportunities to equip themselves well for their future international careers and lead a very healthy and disciplined cultural lifestyle.

Japan has recently experienced a great deal of challenges due to the earthquake, tsunami and radiation issues. However, except for some parts of Tohoku region, where people are trying with great resolve to recover, life, including student life in other regions, has returned to normal. The new school year has begun and I would like to express to all parents that they should feel confident in sending their children to Japan for their studies.

Beppu city in particular, which is situated in Oita prefecture about 1000km away from the affected area, is extremely safe. All parents should be rest assured as to the natural environment, social life and studies of their children here in Beppu.

Best wishes,

Vietnamese Ambassador in Japan,
NGUYEN Phu Binh