

For anyone searching for a room

# You can search for rooms at the Kyōto University Cooperative

## Searching for rooms in Kyōto

When searching for a room in Kyōto, a necessary requirement is to ensure that someone acts as a joint guarantor. A joint guarantor is someone who will pay the rent on your behalf, if you are either unable to pay or if you miss your payment deadline. Often, Japanese citizens use their parents as a joint guarantor; however, many foreigners find themselves unable to find one. In the event that a foreign student experiences difficulty in securing a joint guarantor, it is necessary to register with a company that provides this service and is entrusted with such tasks.

The Kyōto University Cooperative supports its students by bearing a part of the registration fee.

## Companies that act as joint guarantors

By registering with a company that will act as a joint guarantor and by entrusting them with the related responsibilities, you may proceed to sign your rental agreement.

Please rest assured that the joint guarantor companies introduced to students by Kyōto University will allow students from any country to register.

## Items that you are required to present

Please have your residence card and student card (or study permit) ready. This will allow proceedings to take place smoothly.



## Inquiries

Kyōto University West Campus Shop Rune 1F Residence Corner

☎ 075-771-0823

✉ [sumai-tantou@s-coop.net](mailto:sumai-tantou@s-coop.net)

Business Hours: Weekdays 11:00-17:00

Weekends and public holidays: Closed

※English language support is available (please inform us before arrival)

To all apartment seekers

# If you should face discrimination/harassment, we are here for you.

## Kyoto University Co-op stance on discrimination/harassment

In our modern society, with unprecedented diversity of individual values, the Kyoto University Co-op has concluded that we must deepen our awareness toward discrimination and harassment based on the fundamental rule “to respect each other as human beings,” and clearly and publicly show our attitude on this matter. Therefore, we state anew our stance on discrimination/harassment as follows.

- The Kyoto University Co-op places great emphasis on mutual respect among fellow human beings, and does not condone unfair or unequal treatment (discrimination) or disrespectful and malicious acts (harassment) based on race, color, family/ethnic/tribal origin, nationality, creed, religion, etc.
- The Kyoto University Co-op cooperates with Kyoto University in order to help create a comfortable campus community free of discrimination and harassment.



If you encounter problems while looking for an apartment, please contact us.

The term “racial discrimination” shall mean any distinction, exclusion, restriction or preference based on race, colour, descent, or national or ethnic origin which has the purpose or effect of nullifying or impairing the recognition, enjoyment or exercise, on an equal footing, of human rights and fundamental freedoms in the political, economic, social, cultural or any other field of public life (extract of Article 1 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (source: HP of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan: [http://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/gaiko/jinshu/conv\\_j.html](http://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/gaiko/jinshu/conv_j.html))).

The International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, ratified by Japan in 1995, specifies that the refusal of occupancy is illegal and requires the national government and local municipalities to guarantee procedures to recover rights of victims by law.

Even if you experience discrimination of this kind, you are not at fault in any sense. If your occupancy is refused by reason of “not having Japanese nationality” or “being a student studying abroad,” please contact the following office for consultation.



### In-school contact

Kyoto University Co-op

☎ 075-753-7640

✉ [info@s-coop.net](mailto:info@s-coop.net)

Welfare Division, Education Promotion and Student Support Department, Kyoto University

☎ 075-753-2531 (Division line)

### General contact

Human Rights Counseling Offices for Foreigners, Ministry of Justice

<http://www.moj.go.jp/ENGLISH/information/hrcf-01.html>

Anti-Racism Information Center (ARIC)

Consultation form:

<http://antiracism-info.com/soudan> (in Japanese)

✉ [soudan@antiracism-info.com](mailto:soudan@antiracism-info.com)