

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)