



# Student Support News

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Tohoku University  
Student Life Support Specialist Committee

## ATTN: All Students

### Second Warning on Illegal Drugs

As has been reported by various news outlets, in January of this year six international students were arrested for violating the Narcotics and Psychotropics Control Law (possession) in connection with the international student who was arrested last December on drug-related charges.

After the initial arrest, Tohoku University published a warning about drug use in Student Support News No.6, but in light of the recent arrests, we have decided to issue a second warning.

Drugs are often offered with promises that they will give the user more energy, clear their head, or let them forget unpleasant memories. However, this is not the whole story. Addiction to narcotics such as amphetamines or "loophole drugs" can induce the addict to commit crimes. In addition, many drugs cause lifelong medical problems in the nervous and cardiovascular systems, and come with a host of other health risks.

Using drugs is of course illegal in Japan, but so is just acquiring or possessing them. Moreover, drug-related crimes carry extreme social as well as legal penalties that can destroy the user's life. All students need to be aware of the seriousness of this issue, and refrain from having anything to do with illegal drugs.

Please recognize that your actions affect not only yourself, but also the entire Tohoku University community. We strongly hope that you will behave conscientiously and responsibly. Tohoku University severely punishes criminal activities by students, including drug-related offenses.

Tohoku University Student Health Care Center homepage:

Prevention of Drug Abuse (Japanese)

[http://www.health.ihe.tohoku.ac.jp/health\\_information/prevention\\_of\\_drug\\_abuse/](http://www.health.ihe.tohoku.ac.jp/health_information/prevention_of_drug_abuse/)

Prevention of Drug Abuse (English)

<http://www.health.ihe.tohoku.ac.jp/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/yakubutuEH26eng.pdf>