

Urgent Need for Childcare Facility at ICU

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I am An, I come from Vietnam. I am the first year student of ICU, Master course specialized in public economics. Now, I live in Japan with my small daughter (2 years old). And my husband and my mother had to come to Japan to support me (only for short term). In my opinion, I think ICU should have a nursery department or nursery school to facilitate the mother student like me.

Firstly, if I stay in Japan without any family member, especially my small daughter, it is a very difficult time for me to focus on studying, since every day I spend at least 4, 5 hours to call and connect or wait for the phone call, video call from my family in Japan. And I am not sure about my baby situation when I live in Japan, for example when she is ill or any problem with her, I could not study all day. This term, with my baby and my mother in ICU, I can still focus on studying in ICU library and take care of my baby when I have free time. My friend always ask me "why I have much energy to do everything with my family here" because my friend lives lonely and she did not have enough time to finish all the things she needs to do. I answer her that the power from love of my baby and my husband in Vietnam.

So, for me, my baby supports me so much when she stays here with me, everything becomes better with us.

Secondly, when ICU has the specialized nursery department, then many mother students can enroll in ICU and the quality of an international university like ICU will be improved clearly. And all mother students will feel comfortable to continue studying in ICU. In my case, I have to pay a lot of money to buy air ticket for my husband and my mother to come to Japan and also every month I have to spend a lot of money to purchase everything for my family in Japan. If ICU can support me to take care of my

baby, I can feel more comfortable to live in Japan because of the expensive price here. I can save more money to take care of my baby better in Japan.

Finally, I hope that ICU can consider quickly about the plan of a nursery department in ICU then when my mom goes back home in July, I can come to school every day and do not need to worry about my baby. Because in Mitaka, it is very difficult to find a public nursery school and then when my mom goes back, I have to plan every day to find some friends to give me a hand to keep my baby in the class time.

Thank you very much.