1. What is Oiwake International Hall of Residence?

Oiwake International Hall of Residence (OIHR) is located near the Hongo campus. It is a part of Oiwake International Lodge. Mainly, Oiwake International Lodge is for researchers. While, Oiwake International Hall of Residence is for students.

The aim of OIHR is to provide a good living and studying environment for students. When you enter the residence, you can stay at a personal resident’s room (western style) and common area (kitchen and living room: for members of the same floor).

UTokyo encourages to experience a variety of viewpoints by communicating with each other closely. The residence has an association which is called “Jichikai” in Japanese, which deals with a variety of daily affairs at its own discretion. Every resident is obliged to join this association.

2. Permitted Period of Stay

Undergraduate student: up to the minimum permitted program duration
Graduate students: up to the standard program duration
Foreign Research student: up to one year

Note:
※1 The maximum residence period is one year (11 months for research students who enrolled in UTokyo in October) for resident entered OIHR as a research student. Tenants with permitted period of five or six months can extend their stay only more six month if they enter UTokyo regular course (Master course, Doctoral course, or Professional degree course) or prolong their research student period during their stay at OIHR.

※2 International students who once entered OIHR or other residences attached UTokyo are not allowed to reenter them because UTokyo would like to give the equal opportunity of entering residences or lodges to every international students who are now studying or will come to study at UTokyo.

3. Outline

Address: 1-12-8 Mukougaoka, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo, Japan 113-0023
Quota: 150 rooms (including 45 rooms for international students), 14-story high
Access: See the web page below
http://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/administration/housing-office/housing/shukusha/oiwakkekokusai.html

Facilities
(1) Personal Residents’ Room(14 m²): Desk, Chair, Bookshelf, Bed, Shoe Box, Closet, Toilet, Bathtub, Shower, Sink, Air Conditioner, IH Cooking Heater
(2) Communal Area: Kitchen: Sink, Cooking Table, Refrigerator, IH Cooking Heater, Range (infrared heating), Microwave Oven, Cupboard
Living Room: Table, Chair, Sofa, Air Conditioner, TV
Laundromat: Washing Machine, Drying Machine
(3) Others: Japanese Room, Vending Machine
4. Necessary Expenses

(1) Residence Expenses

① Deposit: 50,000 yen (On the entrance procedure period)

Residents must make a payment by bank transfer within the entrance procedure and bring a paying slip issued by the bank together with a copy of your bankbook.

The entrance period will be indicated in “Notification of Admission to OIHR”.

The deposit consists of the cost of a security deposit which are held as security for the rent and a room cleaning fee which is paid after your moving out. Some of deposit will be refunded if there is a remainder.

② Accommodation Fee (Monthly Rent): 36,300 yen (per month)

UTokyo withdraws the accommodation fee (36,300yen) from resident’s bank account monthly. So please put sufficient amount in your bank account before the day of deduction. (This is so-called “a monthly house rent”)

Due to the System of withdrawing the accommodation fee, UTokyo will not withdraw your accommodation fee on the entrance month (April), and then on the next month (May) UTokyo will withdraw two month accommodation fees (April and May) from your bank account together. From the third month, you will be withdrawn your accommodation fee (one-month accommodation fee) on the designated day of the month.

If you are officially acknowledged to be a needy person, the fee will be reduced to 20,000yen. But if the rules of the residence is changed, the accommodation fee will be changed.

The accommodation fee is a monthly payment and it is not divided. Even if you enter or leave the residence in the middle of the month, you must pay a one-month accommodation fee. And the accommodation fee does not include the cost of your personal room fee (electricity, water, gas, etc.). So you should make a contract with these companies by yourself. And then, you are individually responsible for the cost of them.

③ Cleaning Fee After moving out

When you move out, you must check your room with the residence officer. At that time, if there are some stain or broken parts in your room, you must restore them as almost the same condition as it was when you entered.

After you move out, the residence will clean your room for the next residents. UTokyo will withdraw the cost of it from your deposit.

④ Compensation for Damage

In case you break or pollute any goods, items, or furniture in the residence without reasonable explanation, you must restore or compensate for the damage. If the residence restores the damage instead of you, UTokyo will withdraw the cost from your deposit.

(2) Residents’ Association Fee: 1,000 yen (per month)

All the residents of OIHR must become a member of the Residents’ Association of OIHR.

So you must pay the Resident’s Association fee (1,000yen × your whole permitted period months) to the Resident’s Association at the first month of your entrance of the residence. This fee will be changed by the decision of the Resident’s Association.

(3) Fire Insurance: approximately 2,000 yen (per year)

All the residents of OIHR are advised to take out a fire insurance. The cost of it depends on companies. As for UTokyo Co-op, it is approximately 2,000yen per year.
(4) Opening Bank Account and Automatic Bank Transfer

All the residents of OIHR are required to open a bank account either at Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation or at Japan Post Bank called “Yu-cho Ginkou” in order to pay the accommodation fee (36,300yen or 20,000yen / Monthly).

For those who use Sumitomo Mitsui Bank (SMBC):

Please use the brown copying paper form written as “預金口座振替依頼書” for registration of automatic bank transfer at SMBC branch and receive some receipt documents from the bank. Prospective residents who use SMBC bank account must submit document such as “預金口座振替払いに関する届出書” and a copy of your bankbook during the residence period.

For those who use JAPAN POST BANK (Yu-cho Ginko):

Please use the green copying paper form written as “自動払込利用申請書” for registration of automatic bank transfer at JAPAN POST BANK and receive some receipt documents. Prospective residents who use JAPAN POST BANK must submit document written as “お客様控” and a copy of your bankbook during the residence period.

Residents who have already had a bank account either at Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation or Japan Post Bank need not open another new bank account. The payment by bank transfer of Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation is toll free. But Japan Post Bank will charge you 25yen for each monthly payment.

(5) Return of Deposit

The deposit will be returned to your bank account if there is remaining balance. Basically it takes a couple of months, approximately three months, so please do not close your bank account until the refund is done.

If damage is found in your room after moving out, the repair cost of the damage will be taken out of your deposit. And if the repair cost exceeds the deposit amount, you will have to pay an additional bill for the extra amount.

If you have any questions about OIHR, please contact Welfare Team.
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