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To all students,

Views on the usage of generative AI in learning at University of Miyazaki

The usage of generative AI systems, exemplified by Chat GPT, has gained attention in university education. However, the current situation highlights the following issues:

1) There is a possibility for the input information to be utilized in the training (machine learning) of generative AI systems without proper consent, leading to possible data leakage or unauthorized usage.
2) There is a possibility of the output results containing errors.
3) Using the output results directly in submissions, such as reports, may be viewed as plagiarism or fraudulent activity. In such cases, the submitted work may infringe upon copyrights, image rights, and the responsibility for any such infringement would fall upon the author (the student) themselves.

University of Miyazaki does not prohibit the use of generative AI systems as a principle, but due to the aforementioned concerns, students are advised to pay special attention to the following points regarding the use of generative AI for learning purposes:

- Do not input personal information[※1] or confidential information[※2] into generative AI systems.
- Follow the instructions of your faculty or graduate school regarding the conditions for using generative AI in lectures and other learning activities. However, for General Education, follow the instructions of Division for Arts and Science.
- When submitting reports or other assignments, consider the output of generative AI systems as supplementary material with acknowledgement that the submitted work is your own creation.

University of Miyazaki will take the following measures in response to the issues concerning the use of generative AI in education:

- We will provide information literacy education to learn about the precautions and issues related to generative AI.
- For reports, graduation theses, and other academic works, we will emphasize the awareness of them being one's own creations. Moreover, teachers and supervisors will create more opportunities to verify the content through oral examinations and discussions.

※1: Personal information: Information that can identify an individual.
※2: Confidential information: Information categorized as confidential by companies, such as collaborative research partners, and internship placements (employee information, customer information, internal documents such as proposals, internal emails, research or development project names and experimental results, unreleased product names and product information, and information designated as confidential by companies under non-disclosure agreements).