

## **Support Measures for Foreign Students under the Influence of the COVID-19 Infection as seen from Newspaper Articles**

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The long-term persistence of COVID-19 has severely affected international students in various aspects of their lives, including experiencing difficulties with immigration, the wider economy, career paths, access to medical and administrative services, prejudice, and discrimination. The purpose of this study is to identify the difficulties faced by international students due to COVID-19 and to examine existing measures to support them. The research method was an analysis of relevant newspaper articles extracted from the database of the Asahi Shimbun newspaper.

As a result of the analysis, the difficulties faced by international students were classified into eight categories, and the support activities by various entities for these difficulties were clarified. In addition to the positive lead shown by public institutions, it is essential to develop a sustainable and comprehensive system of support for international students through the active participation of each entity and the strengthening of partnerships and collaboration between the entities.