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To: Heads of All Departments

From: Takuya Sasaki,
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**Renewal of Educational Training and Introduction of Expiration Period Based
on the “Regulations for Animal Experiments and Related Activities
at Tohoku University”**

Thank you for your continued cooperation in ensuring the proper conduct of animal experiments.

We would like to inform you that the educational training mentioned above will be renewed to reflect updated information. Those who have already completed the current training and are engaged in animal experimentation will be required to retake the renewed version starting from October 2025. Furthermore, for those who complete the renewed version, the validity period will be set to the end of the fiscal year within five years of completion.

Please disseminate the following information to all relevant personnel.

Validity Period for Current Training Participants (Including Medical Lectures)

To avoid congestion in retaking the training, a grace period will be provided for some participants.

Affiliated Departments	Retake Deadline
Seiryō Campus (Medicine, Dentistry, Institute of Development, Aging and Cancer, Tohoku Medical Megabank Organization)	By March 31, 2026
Other Departments / Those who took the current version in FY2025 / <u>English version participants (Applicable across all departments)</u>	By March 31, 2027 (Note: Although the GA-lab system will register the expiration date as March 31, 2026, it will be operationally treated as valid until March 31, 2027.)

Note: Educational training provided in the first-year medical curriculum will continue to be valid until the end of the sixth fiscal year.

Validity Period for Participants of the Renewed Version

A validity period of up to five years will be set for the training ID number, and participants will be required to retake the training every five years in principle.

Schedule for Release of the Renewed Version

- ① The Japanese version is scheduled to be released around October. A few days prior to the switch, the training application system on the Center’s website will be temporarily suspended. Please check the Center’s website for updates.

②All individuals who complete the current version by the end of September this year will be required to retake the renewed version. For new participants, if there is no urgency to join experiments, please consider taking the renewed version after its release.

③Information regarding the English version, including its release schedule, will be announced on the website as appropriate.

④For experimenters affiliated with external institutions who will continue participating in experiments after April 1, 2026, we will provide guidance for retaking the training via Google Drive. If necessary, please have the experiment supervisor contact the Center with the name and email address of the individual wishing to retake the training.

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