

## Sexual Assault Awareness Month

The month of April is recognized as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in several countries around the world, including Japan and the United States. The designation is aimed at increasing awareness of various dimensions of sexual assault, and to contribute to prevention and response.

One of the leading organizations in this campaign is the U.S.-based National Sexual Violence Resource Center. Their website, which contains valuable resources on this issue, may be found here:

<https://www.nsvrc.org/>

You'll note this year's theme is "I ask," which "champions the message that asking for consent is a healthy, normal, and necessary part of everyday interactions." This is also, of course, the standard that all students at Kansai Gaidai are expected to maintain.

If you ever find yourself in need of assistance or support regarding issues of sexual assault or other issues regarding your safety or wellbeing, please feel free to contact staff at the Center for International Education, or your class advisor, an instructor you trust, or our native English-speaking psychological counselor (counseling appointments may be made at [ciecounsel@kansaigaidai.ac.jp](mailto:ciecounsel@kansaigaidai.ac.jp)).

We are happy to work together with you toward making your stay in Japan safe, comfortable and rewarding. Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

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