

Closure of general use to Central Gymnasium training room

Central Gymnasium was newly rebuilt in 2013 after the earthquake. These facilities were built to educate and research mainly in faculty in health and physical education. For this reason, we currently purchase and maintain most of the training equipment in the facility by physical education budget. Also, from the viewpoint of maintaining and managing expensive equipment, and from the viewpoint of danger to human life, facility users have been obliged to attend seminar and enter by ID (student ID-card, faculty staff card) since 2015. Meanwhile, Central Gymnasium training room became a fulfilling training facility which have not seen anywhere else in the Japanese national university.

On the other hand, we have opened to the general students who satisfy the above conditions as well as physical education students. However, applicants exceeded and over flooded (about 6,000 people in 2 years). So, in the first two years, we had to hold approximately 15 seminars per year. Regarding management of such training seminars and registration, it was hard for us to manage the system in the reason for manpower of teachers and staff in faculty in health and sport sciences (including volunteer and overtime work). For the first two years, while 6,000 registrants (of which about 5,000 general users except physical education students), only one 10th students and staffs regularly use the training area. And most of the registrants have not used ever, and illegal strangers coming into the room and equipment breakage, etc. became the big issues for the management.

In third year 2017, for solving these issues, we examined the registration test (manaba: basic knowledge on using training room) for general students and faculty staffs, in order to limit students and staffs who just want to register their ID. Then, we allowed applicants who passed the test to use (weekdays evening 17:00 to 21:00), and set reception desk twice a week. We tried to make the better conditions for all students and staffs as much as we could. Last three year, in the management and all the work is covered by physical education budget, physical education faculty staff (including work and volunteer). However, there are no professional staff in training room, and

we do not have enough budget for manage the room to prevent the accidents involving human lives.

Three issues have been raised in this operation over the past three years, budgetary points, excessive burden on faculty and staff, placement of full-time staff. We asked the University Headquarters to have the new budget and hire management staffs last year. However, in the current situation the University Headquarters has no plan to change the system.

Accordingly, we concluded that it is extremely difficult for the current organization (faculty and staff) to continue the same works, and it will be closing for general use since 1st of May in 2018.

We appreciate your understanding.

Training Area Management Committee