

Information sheet for participants

Research title: TB and HIV/AIDS related risk perception, knowledge and access to health care among language school students in Tokyo

Introduction:

This document explains the details of the above written study, in which we are requesting your co-operation as a voluntary participant. Therefore, please read the following information carefully so that you are fully aware of the research process. Here may be some words in this text with which you may be unfamiliar. If so, please feel free to ask about such words or anything else that may be unclear to you.

Objective of the study:

The objectives of this study are:

- To examine the factors associated with knowledge of and attitude towards HIV/AIDS and TB among international students studying at Japanese language schools in Tokyo
- To examine the factors associated with perceived risk of HIV and TB among them
- To examine the factors associated with access to HIV testing, and TB diagnosis and treatment services among them

Research Methods:

If you decide to participate in this study, we will request roughly 30 minutes of your time today. During that time, you have to fill answers to some personal questions in a questionnaire form. The questions will be about yourself and your background, including basic socio-demographic characteristics, access to health care in Japan, language ability, working condition and living condition in Japan, general health status, and knowledge and risk of HIV and TB.

We will not record your name on the questionnaire. In place of your name, we will assign one identification code number to each participant. Therefore, please be assured of the confidentiality of information you may provide. You will be also given a quo card worth of 500 yen as reward for your assistance. This research is approved by the Research Ethics Committee of Kyorin University, Tokyo.

Possible risks:

Some of the questions that we ask may cause you discomfort or hesitate to answer.

You can skip freely to questions or you may withdraw from participation in the entire study at any time.

Confidentiality:

All the information collected during the study will remain confidential. Data will be kept securely and will be made available only to concerned persons. Your identification will not appear in any of the reports we write or publish for the purpose of study.

Withdraw from participating in the research

You are free to decide yourself whether or not to participate in the study. If you feel any discomfort and hesitant during the course of interview, you are free to withdraw at any time.

Voluntary agreement:

If you understand fully what this study involves and agree to participate, you are welcome to join as a participant. If you do not wish to participate, you are free to decline and need not to provide information. After reading and fully understanding the contents of this sheet, you are free to offer your decision regarding participation in this study.

I thank you for your kind cooperation and participation.

If you have further questions about the study, please do not hesitate to contact me or the relevant persons listed below:

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