

Academic misconduct by a researcher at this university

An academic researcher at this university has admitted that plagiarism took place. Disciplinary action has been taken and is announced publicly below.

- Recipient of disciplinary action: Associate Professor, Male, 50s.

(1) Outline of disciplinary action

On 16 March 2017, an anonymous third party conveyed their suspicions that a research paper by an associate professor may be plagiarised. An academic misconduct committee was immediately established to investigate the matter, and consequently, on 1 September 2017, the respondent admitted to plagiarising one research paper.

(2) Disciplinary action taken: Suspension for one month.

(3) Date of disciplinary action: 24 November 2017

● Director's comments

This misconduct by a member of our academic staff is an extremely regrettable act that undermines the trust our society places in academic research. I sincerely apologise to all those concerned. In order to prevent a recurrence, and to restore trust, we intend to provide better educational activities and other measures to promote awareness of research ethics throughout the university.

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