

**Notice on Response Actions for the Novel Coronavirus (8): Further
Arrangements for Teaching and Learning Activities for Semester 2 of 2019/2020**

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Dear Students,

As the University has previously announced, online teaching will start on 10 February 2020, and the University is currently working hard on the preparation work. I hope that you are also making your best effort to prepare yourself for this alternative mode of learning. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with your Department Head, programme leaders and teachers, as well as the Dean of Students Office if you encounter any difficulties. They are ready to help you.

In light of the latest development of the novel coronavirus epidemic, it is likely that face-to-face teaching cannot be resumed anytime soon. We also understand that not all learning outcomes may be achieved by online teaching alone, given the online teaching technology and capacity currently available to us, but ensuring the quality of our teaching and learning activities to deliver all the learning outcomes is the top priority of the University's educational mission.

Given the above considerations and with the worst possible scenario for the epidemic in mind, the Senior Management has decided to adopt the following arrangements for the teaching and learning activities of Semester 2 of 2019/2020:

1. **Online teaching: 10 February - 14 March 2020:**

The online teaching mode will be employed to conduct our teaching and learning activities for a maximum of 5 weeks, i.e. from 10 February to 14 March 2020 at the latest, depending on the development of the novel coronavirus epidemic.

2. **Recess period: 16 – 28 March 2020 (or longer):**

All teaching activities will be suspended for a period of two weeks or longer from 16 March 2020, depending on the development of the novel coronavirus epidemic. In addition to serving as a self-study period, this recess period can

be used by students away from Hong Kong to return to Hong Kong and to undertake self-quarantine for the resumption of face-to-face teaching.

3. **Face-to-face teaching:**

Face-to-face teaching will resume when it is safe to do so. All students will be informed in advance with sufficient time to get ready, including undertaking self-quarantine, for face-to-face teaching.

4. **Special arrangements:**

Separate arrangements will be made for a small number of programmes or groups of students with special requirements or constraints based on strong justifications.

5. **Summer term:**

Due to the substantial expected delay in the end date of Semester 2 of 2019/2020, the summer term activities originally planned by the University may have to be cancelled. Further details on this aspect will be announced in due time.

I hope that the above arrangements will help facilitate your planning of future activities. **Given these arrangements, all non-local students, including research postgraduate students, are once again strongly advised not to return to Hong Kong during the period of online teaching.**

The University is compiling a list of FAQs to answer questions you may have on online teaching and other related issues and it will be made available to you in the next few days.

Please take care and stay vigilant to ensure your personal health!

Sincerely,

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President