

Announcement of King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi Measure and Surveillance of Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak No. 22

Temporary closure of King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi and measures for class management and university operation during the outbreak of COVID-19

With reference to the Announcement of King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi (KMUTT) on the Measure and Surveillance of Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak No. 21, dated January 2, 2021 regarding the temporary closure of King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi, the University has observed the situation and recognised that the outbreak situation has escalated, with more infected cases found in the provinces where KMUTT campuses are located.

In response to additional measures of the government to prevent the crisis of COVID-19 outbreak and to ensure smooth and effective operation of the university including teaching and learning operations during the crisis, by the virtue of Section 24 and Section 27 of the King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi ACT B.E.2541; the University thus announced the temporary closure of the university and adjustment of how the classes and university operation are conducted to prevent the outbreak of the novel coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) as follows:

1. The previous announcement on Temporary closure of King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi dated January 2, 2021 is now revoked.

Any operations that have already been assigned under Paragraph One are to continue to be effective as long as they are not conflicted with details in this announcement.

2. All the areas of the university including Bangmod Campus, Bang Khun Thian Campus, KX Building and Ratchaburi Campus are temporarily closed from January 4, 2021 to January 5, 2021. All students and personnel are not permitted to enter the campuses unless a request is submitted by Heads of

Faculty/Office/Institute to the Director of Office of Building and Ground Management or Head of the campus.

- 3. All the areas of the university are temporarily closed from January 6 to January 31, 2021. KMUTT personnel who are required to work on campus shall strictly comply with the procedure, measures and number of personnel permitted to work at the office.
- 4. Students and personnel shall strictly comply with the COVID-19 preventive measures and recommendations of the government and the University as well as to keep themselves updated with COVID-19 situation reported by government agencies or the University.
- 5. Lecturers are to conduct online classes for all courses (theory and practice-based) until January 31, 2021 or until the spreading subsides. Further announcements will be made. Regarding assessment of learning outcomes to be conducted during the effect of this announcement, lecturers are advised to adopt new evaluation methods to measure the learning outcomes of each subject such as Online Examinations, Assignments or Take-home Examinations or an "ongoing" assessment during the classes. In addition, they are to communicate with the students so that they can fully understand the necessity of the adjustment of criteria and evaluation methods to measure the learning outcomes during the unusual period caused by COVID-19 situation.
- 6. During the effect of this announcement, qualifying examination, proposal examination, preliminary examination and oral defense can be conducted online.
- 7. Supervisors are requested to assign team members to work from their residence (Work From Home) where the staff members shall be on call and can be contacted during the university operational hours. Further, proper supervision and evaluation must be set up and their work at home should be continuously monitored for effective operation. The working hours of the personnel shall be managed in accordance with the university regulations. In case of emergency or if necessary, the supervisors can ask their staff members to work at the office.
- 8. Staff members that are allowed to work on campus out of necessity include officers in charge of security, team members of the projects under the agreement or contract designating required duration/deadline, university infrastructure and information technology infrastructure teams, legal work, contract assignments that require completion within limited time and Health Care services.

Vice Presidents and Assistants to the President, Directors/Heads of Faculty/Office/Institute are tasked with adjusting working hours of personnel and manage any assignment for urgent or important tasks in accordance with university

regulations as appropriate to the situation. Otherwise, if there is no need for the personnel to work on campus, they can assign the personnel to work from their residence as stated in no. 7. Those who come to work on campus shall strictly comply with COVID-19 preventive measures prescribed by the government and the University.

- 9. All physical activities that require mass gathering both on and off campus shall be suspended or postponed until after January 31, 2021. It is also recommended to conduct activities in other formats.
- 10. For the smooth and effective operation of the University, Vice Presidents and Assistants to the President, Directors/Heads of Faculty/Office/Institute may work or carry out any operations through electronic systems including organising online meetings and giving orders in accordance with this announcement.
- 11. Students and personnel are requested to monitor themselves if they have symptoms of COVID-19. Should any symptoms develop or have causes for concern, the students and personnel can contact the Operations and Emergency Assistance Center of KMUTT via 24-hours hotline number at 02 4709090.
- 12. If there shall be any issues arising from this announcement, the Senior Vice President for Administrative Affairs as Director of COVID-19 Emergency Operation and Assistance Center is tasked with deliberating and executing any action deemed appropriate and reporting to the President accordingly.
- 13. Should any COVID-19 patient is anticipated, fill out the form to report an incident: "Anticipating COVID-19 patient at KMUTT" at bit.ly/Wereport
- 14. Students and personnel shall strictly comply with COVID-19 preventive measures prescribed by the University. Any act of intentionally distorting, concealing and giving false information to their supervisors to violate this announcement may result in disciplinary action.

Effective immediately until further notice.

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