

Call for Caution Regarding the Novel Coronavirus

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To all Students and Staff

President, Kochi University of Technology

As you know from media, the novel coronavirus has been rapidly spreading from the Chinese city of Wuhan to the whole world.

On Jan. 28, the novel coronavirus infection was listed as a designated infection by the Japanese government. On Jan. 31, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the new coronavirus outbreak a "public health emergency of international concern." Accordingly, "Overseas Travel Safety Information" web site provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan increased the level of "Travel Advice and Warning on Infectious Diseases" for Mainland China from the Level 1 to the Level 2 "Avoid Non-essential Travel," while keeping the level for Hubei province at the Level 3 "Avoid All Travel."

In addition, the Japanese government has decided not to permit entry into Japan of the non-Japanese citizens who have visited Hubei province within the past two weeks and Chinese citizens who have the passport issued by Hubei province.

Now, in order to prevent the spread of infection by the novel coronavirus, Kochi University of Technology requests all students and staff to take the following measures.

- 1) Refrain from visiting China
- 2) Refrain from inviting anyone, including business partners/guests, family members and friends, from China
- 3) If you visit China or invite someone from China due to unavoidable circumstances, you must notify the International Relations Section in advance.
- 4) If you have visited China or had close contact with the person from Hubei province for the past two weeks, give the information to the International Relations Section. (This also applies to the person that you invite to the university.)

The students and staff who returned from China and the visitors from China are requested to take the following measures.

- 1) If you show fever and/or respiratory symptoms within two weeks after entering into Japan, you must maintain social distancing, wear a mask, and inform the situation immediately to the International Relations Section. We will contact with a public health center, declare of your stay in China and ask you to see a doctor of a designated medical institute.
- 2) Even though you have no symptoms, please refrain from going out and keep stay in your house for two weeks after your entry into Japan. When you meet someone or go out from your house due to unavoidable circumstances, you must wear a mask. When you have any trouble in giving or attending classes and/or conducting research, please have a contact with the administrative

section in charge.

Since infected persons have already been confirmed among people who have no record of travel to China, we request all students/staff and visitors to the university to take the following measures.

- 1) Please avoid crowded places, wash your mouth and hands frequently, wear a mask and keep good manners to cough.
- 2) Please use alcohol sanitizer to prevent infection.
- 3) If you feel unwell and there is suspicion of novel coronavirus infection, you must not come to the university and have a contact with the administrative section in charge.

It is common that students and faculty members go abroad in the spring holidays. When you visit overseas, you must obtain, in advance, security information about the country you will visit from your country's embassy or consulate office.

Foreign travel advice from UK government by country:

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice>

WHO novel coronavirus webpage

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

<Administrative sections for inquiry>

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- If you have visited China or had close contact with the person from Hubei province for the past two weeks
- If you show fever and/or respiratory symptoms within two weeks after entering into Japan from China

International Relations Section

TEL : 0887-53-1130 Email : international@ml.kochi-tech.ac.jp

- When you have any trouble in giving or attending classes and/or conducting research due to the requested stay home

Educational Affairs Section

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- If you have no record of travel to China but have a suspicion of novel coronavirus infection

Health Consultation Office

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