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President, Masahiko Isobe

Dear students of Kochi University of Technology,

COVID-19 has been spreading in Kochi Prefecture and many new cases have been reported. We have been grateful for the cooperation of all students and faculty members, which has helped to minimize the number of cases at our university. However, two students at our university have tested positive for the virus. Although identifying these cases has helped us to prevent further transmission, the two students who have tested positive are having a hard time and the many people who have come into close contact with them are required to be quarantined at home. At the same time, our faculty members must carry out a huge amount of preparatory work for the resumption of activities such as classes. If more COVID-19 cases are reported, our university will be forced to impose further restrictions on our campus activities.

Our university has currently mandated a two-week quarantine period to monitor their health closely for individuals who have traveled from Kochi Prefecture to other prefecture where is designated as an outbreak area. As we enter the winter vacation over this New Year period, there are concerns about a higher possibility of coming into contact with people infected with COVID-19. Therefore, please try to avoid behaviors that may increase your risk of infection even more than before, such as traveling to/from outbreak areas or eating and drinking at establishments where the risk of infection is high. We hope that you will continue to take the utmost care to stay safe during this period so that everyone can welcome the New Year in good health and complete your studies for the rest of this academic year in a productive manner.