

## Suranaree University of Technology Announcement On

## Preventive and Monitoring Measures in Response to the Coronavirus COVID-19 Outbreak

The outbreak of the novel coronavirus COVID-19 that originated in the city of Wuhan, China has caused several deaths and seen new confirmed cases on a daily basis. This disease is found to be airborne and spread easily from human to human via respiratory droplets. A startling fact is that there is clear evidence that certain infected persons have travelled to or via Thailand.

Suranaree University of Technology (SUT) expresses utmost concern towards this epidemic situation. Therefore, as a preventive measure in line with the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research, and Innovation (MHESI)'s Announcement issued earlier, SUT would like to announce the code of practice to handle this critical situation together, as follows:

- 1. Chinese SUT students and staff who travelled to China during January 15<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> and have not returned to Thailand are requested to remain in China until further notice. The Centre for International Affairs (CIA) will contact those students and staff about this request and notify them right away once there is a further notice from SUT.
- 2. SUT students and staff are requested to avoid close physical contact with any person who recently travelled back from China in order to reduce the risk of infection.
- 3. SUT students and staff who travelled back from China to SUT from January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 onwards are requested to suspend their study and work for 14 days starting from the date of their arrival to Thailand and report themselves with contact phone number to the unit they belong to The unit with the report will notify Suranaree University of Technology Hospital (SUTH) at 044-376555 and will monitor those students and staff closely.
- 4. SUT students and staff who show signs of fever or symptoms such as coughing, runny nose, phlegm and mucus, sore throat, shortness of breath, tiredness, or other respiratory problems should report themselves to their teachers or SUTH in order to submit themselves under constant monitoring.
- 5. SUT students and staff who have a plan to travel to China are requested to cancel or postpone the trip for the time being.

- 6. SUT students and staff are recommended to avoid crowded areas and stay away from persons with the symptoms mentioned in Item 4. Standard preventive prodecures such as wearing a face mask and constantly washing hands are strongly advised.
- 7. SUT is monitoring the situation of the outbreak very closely, and may ask for further cooperation from everyone in the future to control the spread of this virus.

For more updates on the situations related to the outbreak, please visit the Department of Disease Control website at <a href="http://ddc.moph.go.th/viralpneumonia/intro.php">http://ddc.moph.go.th/viralpneumonia/intro.php</a> Your notification and report of unusual circumstances to SUTH at 044-376555 will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your kind cooperation in containing the spread of COVID-19 together.

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