

Suranaree University of Technology Announcement On

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

(Announcement No. 2)

Following the first Suranaree University of Technology Announcement on Preventive and Monitoring Measures in Response to the Coronavirus COVID-19 Outbreak dated January 28th, 2020, the situation of this outbreak has not shown any positive sign, but the disease has even spread further to many more countries around the world. Thailand's Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) has, therefore, made an announcement on travel restrictions to a list of countries and territories with serious situations which can be found at http://ddc.moph.go.th/viralpneumonia/intro.php Suranaree University of Technology (SUT), in an attempt to strengthen its preventive and monitoring measures which are already in place, would like to announce the second code of practice for a more effective protection of its students and staff, as follows:

- 1. Unless necessary, SUT students and staff are requested to cancel or postpone their trips between February 24th and May 31st, 2020 to the countries and territories on the list issued by MOPH or to other countries, due to the unpredictable risk of the outbreak that can occur in any country in the future.
- 2. SUT students and staff who travelled to or made a flight transit via any of the countries and territories on the MOPH's list are requested to suspend their study or their work and put themselves in a 14-day quarantine from the date of their arrival back to Thailand. Their absence due to the quarantine will not be considered as absence from study or work or a sick leave. They are requested to report themselves with contact phone number to the unit they belong to, and the unit with the report will notify Suranaree University of Technology Hospital (SUTH) immediately.
- 3. SUT students and staff whose requests to travel to the countries or territories on the MOPH's list have been granted before the issue date of this announcement are requested to consider cancelling or postponing their trip to be after May 31st, 2020. The expenses incurred from the preparation for such trips before the issue date of this announcement can be reimbursed by SUT. In case such trip cannot be cancelled or postponed at all, those students and staff have to provide a written explanation to the unit they belong to for consideration and decision. If granted, those students and staff must follow Item 2 strictly after their arrival back to Thailand.

4. All units in SUT are requsted to cancel or postpone the visits of invited guests for academic activities or other purposes to do with SUT between February 24th and May 31st, 2020 The expenses incurred from such invitations before the issue date of this announcement can be reimbursed by SUT.

SUT thanks all the students and staff for their awareness and concern on this critical issue and for their cooperation in observing this code of practice strictly. 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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