

A public letter from President Jou to the staffs and students of National Central University

Dear teachers, staffs, and students of National Central University,

Coronavirus disease has continued to spread worldwide, and the situation has only become worse and more serious. NCU has continued to follow the government's virus prevention policy in order to minimize the effect of the virus on campus and to maintain the safety and health of all staffs and students.

Recently, there is a confirmed case in Academia Sinica, and because one of the graduate students in our university is participating in the lab of the confirmed case; therefore, this graduate student has been following the policy and is quarantining in Taipei at where he lives.

Due to this graduate student had recently come back to NCU to participate in two post-graduate courses; therefore, our university immediately queried the post-graduate's activity history, reassured that except attending classes, this graduate student did not wander around campus or have direct interaction with people who are not from the two courses, and went back to Taipei immediately after class.

Our university has taken immediate precaution on the situation, other than sterilizing the classrooms and related locations where he had been as fast as possible, we have also executed a measure that is stricter than the policy of the Government Outbreak Command Center. The professors and the students who had attended the same classes as this graduate student is being asked to do 14 days of self-health management, to stay at home and do not come to school to attend classes, as well as not be in public places if possible, and must wear a mask when going out as well as to wash their hands often. Furthermore, they are required to measure their body temperature every day and record the results online. In addition, our university did not just provide each students a thermometer, sterilized alcohol and masks, etc. in their virus precaution kit, but also assist in arranging single rooms for them to do their self-health management. Moreover, the staffs of Office of Student Affairs check up on them by calling every day and provide any necessary assistance. At the same time, related classes will either be opened online or other flexible learning mechanism will be arranged.

The above mentioned precaution measures are all for the safety and health maintenance of university life and learning environment. These few days there are some incorrect or misunderstood information on this situation spreading around campus, the false messages are neither beneficial nor fair for the related department and major, or teachers, students, and the entire campus environment. Incorrect information is the scariest virus of all, hope the honest people of NCU all have hearts of compassion and empathy, and let us protect our beautiful university together.

Wish all NCU staffs and students

Safety and health

President Jing-Yang Jou

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