Update on Quarantine Support Arrangements

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Dear Members of the University,

The Government has announced the extension of the <u>Return2hk Scheme</u> from Guangdong Province and Macao to other Mainland provinces and municipalities. Starting from 29 April, Hong Kong residents returning from the Mainland or Macao, upon fulfilment of all specified conditions under the Return2hk Scheme, including not having stayed in places other than Hong Kong, the Mainland or Macao, or any places in the Mainland which are designated as "medium-risk" and "high-risk" in the past 14 days before arriving in Hong Kong, are exempted from the 14-day compulsory quarantine requirement under the Return2hk Scheme.

In view of this, the University needs to update its own quarantine support arrangements as follows:

- 1. Conference Lodge will not accept any new bookings for quarantine and will resume normal operation as soon as necessary arrangements are made. The opening date will be announced in due course.
- 2. The University has agreed a discounted rate for quarantine with Nina Hotel Island South (NHIS) (formerly L'hotel Island South) at \$470 per night. Staff and students must book an inclusive room with food and beverage (F&B) plan at an additional cost of \$100 per night. The room rate is valid until 19 June 2021 (last check-in date). NHIS will inform the University whether they would continue the arrangement with the Government after 19 June. The University will negotiate with Nina Hotel for discounted rates should they continue to be one of the designated hotels.
- 3. The cost of the quarantine must be paid for by staff and students in full. For new staff eligible for oncampus accommodation and for existing staff granted exceptional approval for business travel, the cost of quarantine excluding F&B will be reimbursable by the University.
- 4. All staff and students wanting to arrange quarantine at NHIS should book directly via Ms Rebecca Lee, Sales Coordinator, telephone: +852 3968 8811; email address: rebeccalee@ninahotelgroup.com. NHIS will verify with CSO regarding user's identity upon booking.

The above quarantine arrangements will be in place until further notice. Please visit the government website for specified conditions for inbound travellers as these will be updated from time to time: COVID-19 Thematic Website - Together, We Fight the Virus - Specified conditions imposed on inbound travellers who have visited specified high risk places (Cap.599H) (coronavirus.gov.hk). We would remind all staff and students that quarantine places in hotels are limited, so anyone who feels it is necessary to return to Hong Kong should make their quarantine arrangements as soon as possible. We also would like to take this opportunity to remind all staff and students to remain vigilant against COVID-19 and take all necessary precautions.

Kind regards,

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