

## **An HKUST member is preliminarily diagnosed with COVID-19**

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Dear Members of HKUST,

We were informed that a member of HKUST who returned to Hong Kong from Kansas City, USA via Dallas and Tokyo yesterday (17 March 2020) was diagnosed with COVID-19 under preliminary testing. The member, who was on personal leave, left Hong Kong on Mar 12 and returned on Mar 17, and was sent to the hospital directly after exhibiting symptoms upon arrival of the Hong Kong International Airport. While the member does not reside on the campus, the University is now reaching out to those who may have had close contact with the subject person over the past 14 days. We will render them all necessary assistance and advise them to undergo self-quarantine or seek medical help as appropriate.

Again, we urge and remind all our members,

- (i) To refrain from any outbound travel including personal trips and stay vigilant amid this critical period.
- (ii) According to the HKSAR Government, anyone returning to Hong Kong from abroad will have to undergo 14 days of compulsory quarantine or medical surveillance.  
<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202003/17/P2020031700754.htm?fontSize=1>.
- (iii) Members of the University who have family members or flat mates returning from abroad are also required to notify their department or supervisor and take necessary preventive measures. The University will provide necessary assistance to help its members in meeting such requirement.

In order to keep our university up-to-date so that we can take necessary follow-up actions, HSEO will launch a portal for our community to report their travel and contact history soon.

The current situation caused by COVID-19 demands swift and collaborative efforts from all of us. The University will continue its commitment to support our educational and related missions. Members of the community should refrain from large group gathering (of more than 10 people), and if together, should observe necessary social distancing. Hong Kong has made strong and collective efforts to curtail the spread of the virus. Now, with elevated and fast growing developments around the world, we must work harder. Thank you again for your continued understanding and cooperation. Let's all stay healthy and united in fighting this pandemic.

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