

## Travel Restriction

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Dear Members of HKUST,

In view of the continued threat of the COVID-19 situation around the world and the HKSAR Government's strong urge for members of the public to avoid non-essential travel outside Hong Kong, the University will uphold its current position on Outbound Travel i.e.

- All university-supported business travels will continue to be suspended until further notice. Special leave application involving overseas travel will NOT be approved except for special cases that are granted approval by a member of senior management (i.e. P, Provost or a VP) with strong justification.
- Colleagues are also advised to refrain from taking personal overseas trips as far as practicable given the risks associated with overseas travel and the outbound travel alerts (<https://www.sb.gov.hk/eng/ota/>) issued by the Government.

In case colleagues have to make unavoidable overseas personal trips, they should apply for annual leaves. They should also be mindful of the risks associated with the travel and comply with the quarantine requirements imposed by the Government at their own cost upon returning to Hong Kong (<https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/inbound-travel.html>). During the quarantine period, colleagues are expected to be able to work effectively as if under the work-from-home arrangement, unless they choose to cover the quarantine period with their own annual leaves.

We will continue to monitor the situation and make necessary adjustment for overseas travel restriction at suitable juncture e.g. when the travel bubbles arrangement is implemented.

Best regards,

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