

President's Message to International Students

To International Students of Muroran Institute of Technology

As the number of new coronavirus infections, infection clusters, and untraceable infection routes is sharply increasing in the capital and other major cities in Japan, the entire country is in the face of critical challenges right now.

A government advisory panel of health experts for new coronavirus infection control warns that young adults who have mild or no symptoms of COVID-19 may unconsciously spread the coronavirus to others. Besides, some newspaper articles point out that young people diagnosed with the virus can be led to severe conditions and possibly transmit it to their family or relatives. To protect ourselves, our loved ones, and communities from the deadly virus, I strongly advise all the members of MuroranIT to avoid non-essential and non-urgent visits to the areas being at the high risk of coronavirus infection such as Tokyo, Kanagawa, Saitama, Chiba, Osaka, Hyogo, Fukuoka in the state of emergency.

As a step to contain the spread of the coronavirus, MuroranIT set up its COVID-19 Task Force on March 23, and decided on cancellation of the entrance ceremony and postponement of the start of the 1st semester to April 22 together with the prohibition of extracurricular activities. Furthermore, MuroranIT is working on the introduction of e-learning courses, and, in principle, classes from April 22 to May 1 will be offered online. Thus, be sure to secure e-learning environment so that you can take online classes at home.

More than anything else, I would like to urge you all to take a proper action to avoid being at confined spaces, crowded places, and in a close contact to reduce the possibility of human-to-human transmission and to make your efforts to get ready for the start of the first semester at this difficult time. I greatly appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

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