

Announcement of King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi Measure and Surveillance of Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak No. 21 Temporary closure of King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi

With regard to the escalation in novel coronavirus (COVID-19) spread in nearly every province in the Kingdom of Thailand, Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) declared Order (No. 15) dated January 1, 2021 to temporarily close various venues in Bangkok to control the spread of COVID-19 effective from January 2, 2021 - January 17, 2021. This includes educational institutions which shall not be used for lectures, examinations, training or any other activities that will involve mass gatherings except for online/electronics communication.

In response to additional measures of the government to prevent the crisis of COVID-19 outbreak, by the virtue of Section 24 and Section 27 of the King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi ACT B.E.2541; the university announces temporary closure and to allow smooth and effective operations of the university. Details are as follows.

1. All areas of the university including Bangmod Campus, Bang Khun Thian Campus and KX building are temporarily closed from January 2, 2021 to January 17, 2021.

2. Those who are not affiliated to the university are not allowed to enter the premises during those dates unless those with urgent or important matters related to the university.

3. Those who are allowed to enter the premises are only those out of necessity including officers in charge of security, team members of the projects under the agreement or contract designating required duration/deadline, university infrastructure and information technology infrastructure teams and those assigned by supervisors to complete important or urgent work as the interruption would jeopardize the government work. In this regard, they must strictly comply with the surveillance measures for utmost safety of themselves and the public.

4. KX building remains open but limited to members only as it is a public venue offering services to people and the public members according to the mission of KMUTT. Nevertheless, the strictest screening procedure and surveillance are required, while mass gatherings or large crowds of people is not permitted.

5. For smooth operations during this time, Directors/Heads of Faculty/Office/Institute or equivalent are requested to assign team members to work from their residence (Work From Home). Proper supervision and evaluation must be set up and their work at home should be continuously monitored.

6. In case they need to take leaves during work at home, the staff are to follow the university regulations.

7. Online classes are to be conducted instead of in-class lectures.

8. Should there be any reason or need to organize any meeting or important activity for the benefits of the government, an on-line meeting is suggested. Allowance for external speakers can be reimbursed according to relevant announcement and criteria with the evidence of meeting attendance.

9. If there shall be any issues arising from this announcement, the Senior Vice President for Administrative Affairs as Director of COVID-19 Emergency Operation and Assistance Center is tasked with deliberating and executing any action deemed appropriate and reporting to the President accordingly.

10. Should any COVID-19 patient is anticipated, fill out the form to report an incident: "Anticipating COVID-19 patient at KMUTT" at bit.ly/Wereport

Effective immediately until January 17, 2021

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