

Suranaree University of Technology Announcement On

Preventive and Monitoring Measures in Response to the Coronavirus COVID-19 Outbreak

(Announcement No. 5)

Following the previous four Suranaree University of Technology Announcements on Preventive and Monitoring Measures in Response to the Coronavirus COVID-19 Outbreak which are in line with similar announcements by the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research, and Innovation (MHESI), Suranaree University of Technology (SUT) deems it crucial to issue this additional announcement on preventive measures against the spread of COVID-19 on SUT campus, as follows:

- 1. All the units in SUT are required to suspend all their gathering activities from March 16th, 2020 to April 30th, 2020, or until further notice. Such activities include those that are not utterly necessary or urgent, those that have more than 100 participants and involve close interaction among the participants in a crowded venue, and those that have participants travelling from abroad or from various locations in the country. In case it is absolutely necessary to organise such event, the head of the unit organising that event is required to submit a request to the Rector for his consideration.
- 2. Starting March 16th, 2020, all the units in SUT are required to implement practical social distancing measures for the operation within their unit. Such measures to minimise physical contact among staff include allowing staff to work from home, facilitating virtual communication to replace face-to-face meetings, reducing the amount and the size of work activities and projects, prioritising what activities need daily action and what activities require less frequent action, alternating work days and shifts (some work on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday while the others work on Tueday and Thursday), for instance. The head of each unit is required to make an implementation plan for social distancing measures in his/her unit and submit it to the Rector within March 19th, 2020.

SUT thanks everyone and all the units in the university for their awareness and concern on this critical issue and for their cooperation in observing these measures strictly. Your notification and report of COVID-19 suspected cases to Suranaree University of Technology (SUTH) at 044-376555 will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for working together to keep our SUT free from COVID-19.

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