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Dear KIMEP community,

I am writing to reassure you that there are zero confirmed cases of the COVID-19 coronavirus at KIMEP University, and to let you know about community updates as we continue to do our best to protect everyone in our community from infection.

KIMEP is taking the following internal preventative measures:

- Distance Learning regime – all courses have moved to online platforms
- Work from home regime for faculty and staff
- Restricted access to campus – only current students (strictly for computer lab use), faculty, and staff are permitted
- Disinfection of campus surfaces 4 times per day
- Temperature checks at the campus entrances

Suddenly shifting into a distance learning regime isn't easy, but it's the prudent thing to do (and it's mandated by the Government of Kazakhstan). Today we are publishing a Frequently Asked Questions page to help get you started again if you encounter any unexpected issues.

During this period of heightened stress and uncertainty, I think that it is important to take a step back and remind myself of our core values: transparency, clear reasoning, knowledge, and integrity to name a few.

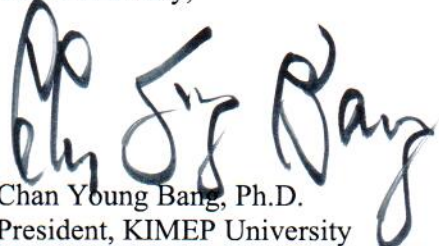
In order to protect ourselves from the virus, we should exercise our critical thinking skills and heed the medical advice of certified doctors:

- wash your hands frequently and for at least 20 seconds
- stay at home
- if you feel sick, call a doctor and stay at home
- refrain from physical contact with other people
- sneeze/cough into your elbow or a tissue and throw it away (not into your hands)

To overcome the virus, we must join together and adopt behaviors to take the best care of not only ourselves, but also our neighbors and fellow members of society.

Each of our actions make a difference, so let's demonstrate what it means to be a KIMEPian and lead!

Yours sincerely,



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