

Message (#12) from the President on COVID-19: Corona Zero!?? A step towards declaring campus a safety zone.

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For five days from October 12th (Monday) to 16th (Friday), PCR tests for COVID-19 were open to all students and faculty members of our university.

A total of 1668 students (20% of the total student body) and 725 faculty members (32% of the total faculty, 55% of full-time faculty) received the examination and all tested negative.

This is amazing! Thank you to everyone for adhering to basic measures to control infections. Being negative doesn't mean you can relax, however. Continue to wear a mask, wash your hands and disinfect with alcohol, gargle (or at least swish tea or water around in your mouth), and avoid locations with the 3 Cs: closed spaces, crowded spaces and close-contact with others.

While a negative result is great, it just means we have not been infected. The pandemic is not over yet. Since risk of infection is always around us, let us continue to avoid dinners and karaoke with many people.

With this result, the number of infected people on campus may be close to zero. I think everyone can feel safe and secure at school and have the courage to return to their campus life. This also points us in the direction of possibly increasing in face-to-face classes.

Let us all remain properly cautious of COVID-19 and delicately yet boldly expand our activities on campus by paying attention to and following future instructions.