Dear Students,

Since my last message to you on 4 February 2020, tremendous efforts have been spent by the University on the arrangement and implementation of online teaching for all courses offered in Term 2 of 2019-20. In undertaking this unprecedented endeavor, we only have one single objective in mind: to do our very best to offer online quality teaching and learning that can deliver the same learning outcomes. We are very glad to hear from the feedback of a number of students that our objective has been achieved by-and-large.

**Online Teaching and Learning**

Although we very much hope to resume face-to-face learning during this term when the situation allows, we are facing the most recent development of COVID-19 into a pandemic disease. Since the well-being and health of students and staff are of the University’s utmost concern, and in view of the situation in which a certain number of students, especially international students have returned to their home town, the University has decided that all courses will continue to be conducted online until the end of Term 2 on 2 May 2020.

**Assessment**

In view of the latest development, the University has also decided to adopt alternative assessment methods other than face-to-face mode for courses offered in Term 2 as far as possible and practicable. Apart from the provision of pedagogical support to teachers, various IT tools are being explored and tested to facilitate teachers who would like to adopt online assessment. In the case of professional programmes and some specific courses where face-to-face assessment is critically required, there will be special measures to ensure adequate distance and protection for both students and invigilators in the physical setting of examinations. Special arrangements will also be made for students who are not residing in Hong Kong at the time of examination to be invigilated online.

All teachers are working on the assessment components and weightings of their respective courses along this line. The draft Final Examination Timetable for both face-to-face and online examinations will be released on 9 April 2020 for feedback from students and teachers, and the final one will be released on 24 April 2020. The respective course teachers or Departments will also inform students of the assessment arrangements of the courses they have taken in Term 2, including those courses that will not be covered under the Final Examination Timetable. Postgraduate students will be informed of the assessment arrangements by their respective programme/ Division.
Payment of Tuition Fee
Payment of Term 2 tuition fees for all undergraduate and postgraduate students is due on 30 April 2020. Despite the challenges brought about by COVID-19, we are confident that with the support of our students, staff and alumni, we will be able to emerge from this difficult time a stronger university.

Best regards,
Kitty Yu
University Registrar

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