Date: 2 April 2020

To: Teachers and Students

Please be reminded that the Government has announced stricter border controls that will require all Long-Term Pass (LTP) holders, including Student’s Pass (STP) and Dependant’s Pass (DP) holders, to obtain prior approval before entering Singapore.

With effect from 29 March, 2359 hours, holders of the Long-Term Visit Pass (LTVP), the Student’s Pass (STP), as well as those who have been granted In-Principle Approval (IPA) for an LTP should not make travel plans to Singapore until approval has been given by Immigration & Checkpoints Authority (ICA) and Ministry of Education (MOE).

If they arrive in Singapore without the approval letter of entry from ICA/MOE, ICA will not allow them to clear immigration, and will require them to fly out of Singapore within 48 hours, at their own cost. If they fail to comply, ICA will cancel their pass or rescind their IPA.

**Deferring all overseas travel**

In view of this, all CI teachers and students are to adhere to the following:

1. All teachers and students are reminded to adhere to the Government's advisory **not to travel abroad**. The University is no longer granting approval for any official or personal travel, unless on compassionate grounds. As the Ministry of Health announced previously, Singapore residents and Long-Term Pass holders who leave Singapore from 27 March 2020 onwards will be charged non-subsidised rates if they are admitted to hospital for suspected COVID-19 or have onset of symptoms within 14 days of returning to Singapore.

2. All Long-Term Pass holders, including Student’s Pass holders, must likewise not travel overseas, either for official or personal purposes. Based on current travel restrictions, those who decide to travel abroad or to return to their home country are **unlikely to get approval** from the authorities to return to Singapore until border controls are lifted. International students who choose to return home (e.g. after their exams) **must be prepared to be served 1 or possibly 2 Semesters’ Leave of Absence (LOA)**, or until approval is granted for their return by the Singapore Government.

3. All teachers and students are reminded to update their contact information with CI and to submit their travel declaration as soon as possible even if they
do not plan to travel or have cancelled their travel plans. Please note that this is a compulsory exercise. Failure to do so may result in non-compliance of Government requirements resulting in severe sanctions against either the employee/student and/or University.

For the latest information, visit CI-NTU’s website and the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education websites.

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