

Dear Rector Igor A. Maksimtsev:

As COVID-19 continues to spread around the globe, I am writing to you at this increasingly challenging time to express our sincerest concern about you and your university as one of the honorable collaborative universities of NFU.

We have witnessed a time of disruption while the pandemic spreads rapidly around the globe, and changes how we live and work. Sadly, many campus events have been cancelled for the rest of the academic year, not to say that the collaborative matters which used to be very productive and mutually beneficial between us have been temporarily postponed. We share the same disappointment as you do.

In the meantime, here in Taiwan we have successfully managed our efforts to keep a safe and healthy campus environment, such as introducing new ways to connect with all students by using online platforms, and working directly with students who may have any problem caused by the pandemic. We believe our common duties of providing a safe and healthy campus as well as high quality of education have never been interrupted by the fierce challenge brought about by COVID-19. All these mean that we have always been living under the same roof as a family with the same value and efforts we have shared with each other.

Although Taiwan has managed to keep relatively low coronavirus cases, we feel the pain and the loss deeply since we are empathetically connected to the global society. We would especially like to express our deepest concern for our collaborative universities and would like to learn if there is any help we could offer. We believe we must stand together to defeat the pandemic, to end this historical crisis. And we also believe we will soon, with new energy and ideas, re-strengthen the collaborative projects, continuing to cooperate for the student/staff exchange as well as organizing the joint academic and scientific activities.

We are therefore very much looking forward to meeting you again in the near future, and for the time being, with warm regards, we wish you and your family safety and good health.

Sincerely yours,



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