

Gradual Resumption of Normal Operation from 31 August

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Dear Members of HKUST,

The University has adopted flexible work arrangements for staff members since 14 July 2020. In view of the latest development of the epidemic situation and in line with the Government's recent announcement on resumption of public services in an orderly manner, the University plans to gradually resume normal operations from next Monday 31 August 2020.

Department Heads and Directors should plan for staff to progressively return to work from next Monday, taking into consideration preventive measures in the 13 March 2020 announcement by HSEO (https://hseo.ust.hk/system/files/documents/COVID-19_Info_Web_Email_2020-03-13_HSEO.pdf). To reduce the people flow and to ensure social distancing, Heads and Directors are encouraged to exercise flexibility in work arrangements such as adopting staggered work hours and lunch breaks, and roster arrangement where necessary.

Transportation to and from the campus including staff and shuttle buses operating staggered hours will continue to be arranged. Except UniQue, all catering outlets will gradually resume operations from next week and will offer more grab and go choices to meet members' needs. For updated information about the transport and catering services, as well as the availability and operations of other campus services and facilities, please visit the COVID-19 webpage at <https://covid19info.ust.hk/current-arrangements>.

All members are reminded to strictly observe social distancing and keep up good personal and environmental hygiene practices. We will continue to enhance hygiene measures throughout campus, and to ensure all hand sanitizers are filled regularly. Face mask supply to students and staff will continue for the time being, while a revised mask supply scheme will be announced soon. The University will also implement Government requirements on social distancing and mask wearing following the latest Government announcement which can be read at: <https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202008/25/P2020082500904.htm>.

We thank all members for their support and involved colleagues for their efforts and contributions in these difficult times. We will keep closely monitoring the COVID-19 situation and to provide you with the updates.

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