



REVISED STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES (SOP) FOR THE RETURN TO CAMPUS 28th July 2020

Dear Students,

Please note that EMGS has issued the STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES (SOP) for the return of International Students to Malaysia. We now have a detailed SOP for the arrival of APU/APIIT International Students to Malaysia.

Throughout the month of July, based on Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) earlier published by the Ministry of Higher Education, we started to bring students back to the campus in stages for a limited set of teaching and learning activities. This exercise involved only new students from the 2020/21 session as well as final year/final semester students requiring access to laboratory facilities on campus. This had inevitably resulted in weekly changes in time-tables for most students as we brought more and more different intakes to campus weekly and we fully appreciate your understanding and patience in this regard.

The Ministry of Higher Education now allows a **maximum of 30% of the total population of students** at any one time to be on campus for face to face Teaching and other Learning activities.

Based on detailed revised Ministry SOPs published on 16th July 2020 as well as a briefing held for all Institutions on Thursday 23rd July, this relaxation is highly conditional upon mandatory compliance to strict SOPs involving screening, social distancing and sanitisation, as well as avoidance of crowding on campus. We were also categorically informed that this will also be continuously reviewed based on overall compliance as well as the situation with regard to COVID-19 infection rates throughout the country.

We are pleased to inform that we are presently planning and making preparations for the above to be implemented from Monday 3rd August 2020.

This involves careful rearrangement of classes to ensure that the total number of students on campus at any one point in time does not exceed the maximum allowable limit of 30% of total student population. At the same time, all learning spaces have been reconfigured to ensure compliance with social distancing requirements, which has effectively resulted in a reduced capacity of each classroom and laboratory.

Therefore, as this involves all intakes from all programmes of study, this requires that fresh time-tables be generated and published for all intakes from Monday 3rd August 2020.

Students will still continue to have the option of either attending classes on campus or Online. Those who are unable to return to campus for classes need not worry, as you will still be able to

continue following classes in Online Learning mode, as all classes and sessions will be conducted in dual/hybrid mode, at least until the end of the current semester. Some intakes will continue with a combination of face to face and online classes due to the strict social distancing requirements. All this will be reflected in the new time-tables which will be published later in the week.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible back on campus soon. However, please note that these are trying times and we are working with several constraints, and issues and operational problems may arise from time to time.

We would also like to take this opportunity to wish all our Muslim students a very Happy Aidil Adha celebration on Friday 31st July 2020.

Important Update for International Students

For all **International Students** who are presently still in your countries, there have been further changes in the SOPs issued by the Ministry that supersede the guidelines that we had issued to recently - specifically where it relates to Quarantine arrangements. We will send these to you as soon as we receive the information.

Regards,
APU/APIIT Group Communications