To our students

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On September 30th, the State of Emergency in Hokkaido is lifted. Accordingly, the BCP level of Hokkaido University was lowered to Level 2. The classes and the use of facilities in School of Economics changes as follows.

The classes in the fall semester

- 1. Some of the lecture courses (graduate and undergraduate) will be held on campus starting on October 18th (Mon). Please refer to the syllabus to check whether the courses you attend will be offered on campus. Also, please pay attention to the notice from the instructor on the classroom number and the days you will have the face-to-face classes.
- 2. The final exam of the course may be held at campus classrooms. The instructor will notify you on this issue around mid-December.
- 3. In the fall semester, SOME of the seminar classes will be delivered on campus. Please pay attention to the notice from the instructor.
- 4. In taking the classes on campus, please pay attention to the following: (1) take enough distance between people; (2) circulate the air in the classroom; (3) sanitize your hands, and (4) wear a mask. The number of attendees in the class is limited to 50% of the number of seats.
 - If you have difficulties attending the class in the classroom, please do notify the instructor IN ADVANCE and ask for advice. If you have underlying health conditions, please consult the instructor and/or your supervisor.
- 5. For those students who attend face-to-face classes AND attend on-line classes before or after the face-to-face class, the department will furnish waiting rooms where students can participate in on-line classes. Please obtain a notebook personal computer so that you can take on-line classes on campus.
- 6. Depending on the infection situation, the way to offer the class may change again during the semester. Please pay attention to the notice on the website of the department.
- 7. The Academic Affairs office of School of Economics is OPEN. Since the number of staff serving at the office is reduced, there might be delays and

inconveniences. We continue to accept inquiries through e-mails, telephone, or postal mails. The contact addresses are as follows:

Hokkaido University, School of Economics, Academic Affairs

e-mail: ecokyomu@jimu.hokudai.ac.jp Phone: 011-706-3163 or 011-706-3164

Postal address: Kita 9, Nishi 7, Kita-ku, Sapporo, 060-0809 Japan

Available time: 8:30 -17:00 (Weekday)

8. The Economics department library is OPEN.

Opening hours are: 9:00-12:00 and 13:00-17:00 of weekdays. (The hours are subject to change. Please refer to the website of the library for the latest information. Also, please follow the instructions from the staff.)

The maximum number of admitted users at one time is 9. Please keep your stay in the library short. Please write your name, entry and exit time from the library, on the sheet at the library entrance.

9. Graduate students are allowed to use the study rooms and the PC room. Please follow the terms of the use and take infection prevention measures.

To all students

- (1)To prevent infection on the campus, check your health conditions regularly. If you have a high temperature or other symptoms, please stop coming to school.
- (2)Infection among students occurs not from attending the class, but from dining together with classmates and other gatherings. Please pay attention to infection prevention, being aware that this is a public health issue involving you as well as your family, friends, and citizens in the area.
- (3)To take on-line classes, please furnish the internet environment at your home. Also, to attend face-to-face classes AND on-line classes on campus, please obtain a notebook PC. If you have difficulties preparing a notebook computer and/or a mobile WIFI router, the university will lend them free of charge.
- (4)It is not unusual that you feel insecure or stressed under the "new normal" environment. If you have difficulties, please feel free to consult your supervisor and/or the following facilities at the university:

Student Counseling Office

https://www.sacc.hokudai.ac.jp/student-counseling-office/

Hokkaido University's Health Care Center https://www.hokudai.ac.jp/hoken/