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To students and their parents (guardians)

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Notification regarding the Classes of the First Semester of Academic Year 2020

As you know, we all are being asked by governors to refrain from leaving residence till May 6 under the declaration of state of emergency announced by the Government along with the spread of COVID-19 infection. In such circumstances, Kochi University has been adopting online video distribution-based classes as a provisional measure for the period from April 17 to May 6 to secure our students’ opportunity for education while protecting lives of the students and faculty and staff at the highest priority.

As of today, however, there is no sign of containing COVID-19 infection nationwide and we all need to continue to act to prevent the spread of infection. Accordingly, the University has decided not to carry out face-to-face classes but online from May 7 to September 30 excluding certain experiments and practices, in principle. (See Guidance on Infection Prevention and Control for COVID-19 [Bulletin 3]).

This is the first school-wide implementation of online classes for the University. The faculty and staff are striving as a whole to secure our students’ opportunity for education by utilizing KULAS and other various tools. We sincerely ask for your understanding and cooperation for our decision to carry out classes online.

The latest measures of Kochi University are available at Kochi University’s Response to COVID-19 on the University website. Please check the website as frequently as possible.

Please continue to act to prevent the spread of infection by refraining from leaving residence for non-urgent, unnecessary purposes also during the Golden Week.