

Dear students and colleagues,

Confirmed COVID-19 staff infection case

The University has received a report that a colleague from the Academy of Visual Arts has been confirmed to have COVID-19.

The colleague concerned had been on overseas trips since late January and returned to Hong Kong on Monday (16 March). Since then, the colleague has been under self-quarantine and did not return to the University campus. After developing infectious symptoms, the colleague was admitted to a public hospital yesterday evening, and is in a good condition with only minor symptoms.

According to the latest information available, the colleague did not come into physical contact with any staff members or students since returning to Hong Kong. We will continue to monitor the situation and whether there is any potential health risk to the University community associated with the case. The Estates Office will continue to ensure the disinfection measures on campus are in place and effective.

With an increase in the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Hong Kong associated with the new wave of worldwide outbreak of the virus, please stay vigilant and do not slack off personal hygienic and preventive measures.

All students and colleagues **MUST NOT** come to the campus if they have any respiratory symptoms. If you develop a fever or other flu-like symptoms, you should seek medical treatment immediately.

May I wish the AVA colleague a speedy and full recovery, and you and your family good health.

Roland T Chin
President

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