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Dear All

Thank you all for your kind words and the concern on the Novel Coronavirus in China. Fortunately, We are all well and safe, and same as all the team member at HOPE and our students so far!

I can fully understand the concern from our partner institutions, esp. FCO has given travel warning to China, and BA has cancelled the flights from and out to China. We would like to work closely with you to ensure our students in the UK as well as the arriving/returning students are all safe and healthy. The situation is changing daily as you can imagine, but we are monitoring this change closely, and will update you regularly via email and wechat the situation here in the country , government policies regarding traveling and studying overseas, and what action HOPE has been taking towards this unfortunate case.

#### **Some useful information in country.**

Currently, transport to and from Wuhan city is disconnected, and all people in other cities in China are encouraged to stay at home as much as possible. Most cities have decided to extend Chinese New Year holiday to 9th February, and students not returning to school/university before 17 February. This might be further extended based on the development of the case. No public events are allowed, and same are training and tutoring classes (offline) for students by language and other training organizations. So, government is taking all necessary measures to stop the further spread of the coronavirus. people outside Wuhan are not in panic at all and are confident that this disease can be controlled soon as we are now more experienced (after SARS) and more professional. What's more, we are supported internationally. The key date to see whether or not the situation will be improving is around 8<sup>th</sup> February, according to the local authority.

#### **HOPE's action so far.**

For current students in the UK. We already sent them advice how to protect themselves and to keep an eye on institution's policy on travel and medical alert. We suggest that they do not travel back to China recently if all possible.

For the students currently applying for 2020 entry. We reassured them that both HOPE and institutions are processing their applications as normal. Even the holiday is extended, our counsellors are already in position to offer any help. We have also set up two online seminars next week to brief students on the following topics: What action may need to take as a result of the cancellation of IELTS/TOEFL in February in China; half term and Easter travel advice; how to make decisions on offers received and how to prepare for visa application. More such type of online seminars will be arranged, and we may invite you to join us to give advice to our students.

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For the new students coming to or current students returning to the UK soon. If he/she is not from Wuhan, and has not been in any physical contact with people from Wuhan or Hubei Province, and has not traveled to Wuhan or Hubei Province, the risk of being infected is very low. We advise them to measure temperature on daily basis at least 14 days before travel and quarantine themselves at home when necessary, and report to institution if possible. At the same time, they shall watch closely on institution's website regarding institution's policy and travel advice.

This is probably what we can suggest to students and update you at moment. If there is any further news and policy from this end in China, we will keep you informed.

Kind regards

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