

**VPTL's Email for Resuming Face-to-Face Teaching In-Parallel with On-Line Teaching**  
**7 September 2020**

Dear Students,

**Resuming Face-to-Face Teaching In-Parallel with On-Line Teaching**

Greetings to you all at the beginning of this special academic year. I would like to extend my warmest welcome to all of you who have just joined the HKBU family and “welcome back” to all the returning students.

As you are starting your classes online today, I am excited and pleased to tell you that the improving COVID-19 situation in Hong Kong allows us to bring you back for face-to-face teaching in a gradual manner. The arrangements are as follows:

- a) All classes will be conducted fully and only online until 26 September 2020. Starting from 28 September 2020, face-to-face teaching on campus will resume in parallel with online teaching. In other words, from 28 September 2020 onward, all classes will be conducted in both online and face-to-face modes, and each mode will by itself enable students to complete their course requirements as far as practicable. If you are not able to return to the campus for reasons such as travel restrictions or quarantine requirements, you may continue your learning through online classes. To enhance your learning, course materials will be made available online. Your course instructors will inform you of the arrangement.
- b) Practical sessions will also resume on 28 September 2020. If you are not able to return to the campus, you will be informed by your course instructor regarding how make-up work will be arranged.
- c) Students who return to the campus must strictly adhere to all the health and safety measures and observe good personal hygiene. The Estates Office will issue the latest health and safety guidelines and provide assistance to departments to prepare for the commencement of face-to-face teaching shortly.
- d) If you are currently outside Hong Kong, there is **NO NEED** to rush to Hong Kong. Please carefully consider your personal situation and the pandemic status of your current location and decide your travel plan. If you are a non-local student, please make sure that you have a **VALID** student visa in hand before you travel. You should be fully aware of the changing challenges in travel, and the prevailing quarantine requirements for you in Hong Kong. In case you are not able to return to Hong Kong in the first semester due to the pandemic, arrangements will be made to enable you to complete your courses.
- e) As the COVID-19 situation is highly unpredictable, we should all be prepared for possible suspension of face-to-face teaching on short notice in the event of an upsurge in confirmed cases in Hong Kong or an outbreak on the campus. The University will try our best to minimize the interruptions to your study under such unfortunate circumstances.

- f) Students who have been offered a place in our University Residence will be contacted shortly by the respective residence management team regarding the check-in logistics. Before you move in, you should have cleared, if any, all requirements of quarantine or COVID-19 test.

All staff in the University eagerly look forward to meeting you no matter physically or virtually. Meanwhile, please stay healthy, both in body and in spirit. May I wish you a rewarding semester ahead.

Albert Chau  
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