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To: students, administrative and academic staff members and visitors of the Technion

Re: Technion preparations in the face of the spread of the Corona virus
(following my letter dated January 31, 2020)

Dear all,

First, I am happy to inform you that so far, to the best of our knowledge, nobody affiliated with the Technion was infected by COVID-19. Two Chinese visitors (a student and a postdoc) that returned from China after their New Year holiday were put into isolation for two weeks and both came out of it healthy and returned to their routine life. All the Israelis that were in our GTIIT campus in Shantou left the place safely. The students and staff of GTIIT are still on vacation which was extended by the Chinese authorities till at least February 24th. Again, to the best of our knowledge, they are all fine.

Following recent instructions by the Israeli ministry of Public Health, I hereby request anyone who was planning a trip to Thailand, Singapore, Hong Kong or Macao (as well as mainland China) to cancel the trip or postpone it to some future time. People who will travel to one of these destinations despite this request should be aware of the possible consequences to their health, their ability to secure insurance for the trip, etc. Specifically, **we will not allow anyone returning from one of these destinations to enter the Technion campus for at least the two-week period of isolation required by the Ministry.**

Another issue that came up recently has to do with Chinese students or trainees who have completed their scheduled stay here (or are about to complete it) and find it difficult to go back to China due to the situation there and the fact that there are no direct flights out there. Considering these dire circumstances, **I have decided that Technion will do everything in its power to help them stay here for an extended stay until the situation stabilizes and they can go back home safely.** I ask faculty members that are aware of such students to inform the secretariat at Technion International and we will seek tailored solutions to each individual based on his/her personal circumstances.

With best regards,

Prof. Boaz Golany
Executive Vice President and Director General