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Dear students,

With measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in place across Japan, Kochi University students have had a virtual campus life and most of their teaching has been conducted online. I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to you for working hard even in this unfamiliar environment.

Thanks to the concerted efforts of people from all over Japan, life is slowly but steadily going back to normal. However, we at Kochi University recognize the need to embrace a "new lifestyle" and to adapt our teaching and research accordingly. We have tirelessly conducted reviews of how to implement a new teaching and research style.

Online lectures and seminars will continue until the end of the first semester, but the restrictions on teaching and research activities will be eased from July 3.

There will be no more restrictions on entry to campus. However, certain restrictions will be imposed on the use of classrooms to prevent the spread of the virus, and we request your continued cooperation.

You could not physically experience some aspects of your campus life including club and sport activities, but I am pleased that you will soon be able to do so. As the president of Kochi University, I am very much looking forward to seeing all of you on campus with big smiles on your faces.

We must be prepared for second and third waves of COVID-19 that will definitely happen. Please be sure to avoid the Three C's and to take measures to prevent infection. As your university president, I would like to ask you to live up to the reputation of Kochi University students and act responsibly in your university life as well as social life.

In addition to the need to establish and adopt a "new lifestyle" after the coronavirus pandemic, there are calls for conceiving and developing a new way of working and a new social system. Universities are no exceptions. Let's work together to create a new way of learning and a new university culture.

We will overcome this crisis together!

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