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Dear students, parents

### Reopening of University of Ruhuna

Sri Lanka went into a country wide closure of all educational institutions on 13.03.2020 and curfew lock down on 19.03.2020 to protect the country from a calamity due to COVID 19. It was a very difficult period during the last 3 months. People of all ages, institutions of all kinds in both state and private sector suffered heavily. This includes all educational institutions including UOR. As a country we have paid a heavy price for protection of lives of our fellow countrymen from COVID 19. No low middle income country in the world looked after the people like this including provision of free quarantine of high risk populations for 2-3 weeks with necessary health care of both poor and rich. Sri Lanka, however protected all school children, undergraduates and a large adult population from death with this approach.

The country is planning a gradual reopening for normal day to day activities including education without taking a risk for the COVID 19 to reemerge and spread. University of Ruhuna (UOR) is also planning this with the concurrence of the UGC and Ministry of Health. Our life styles are never going to be back to normal until COVID 19 disappears front the world or until a vaccine is found. UOR administration has taken enormous amount of trouble and invested in cleaning, sanitary, hand hygiene facilities to protect you when the UOR reopens.

However, UOR does not have a plan to reopen for in house academic activities as yet. Instead it has a plan for a staggered reopening for final year students to finish their examinations and graduate as soon as possible. This will reduce the student population by more than 2000 at once. As you are already aware COVID 19 spreads fast among large gatherings and reducing crowd and gatherings will be of immense importance to reemergence of COVID 19 until global clearance of the disease. Hence UOR is planning this meticulously with the concurrence of the Ministry of Health and will communicate with you through the LMS the dates and detail plans for different Faculties.

I would request all the students to follow the new rules, regulations and guidelines imposed strictly to avoid spread of COVID 19 as responsible undergraduates. I am extremely happy about the behavior and conduct of our students during the last 9 months in general and I believe you will conduct yourselves as future socially responsible educated leaders in the community during this difficult period.

Please follow the instructions given by your Dean and academic staff so that you will not face any disciplinary action or COVID 19 regulation violation to end up in quarantine or legal problems.

Wish you all the best.

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