

Suggestive Measures for Organizing Classes During Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic

The Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and innovation (MHESI) released the relief measures to those who have been affected by the infection of coronavirus disease 2019 or COVID-19 on 12 March 2020. The ministry has also given suggestion to all universities to implement alternative teaching methods for those who are affected by the virus, and to prepare for possible extensive transmission. One of the suggestions issued by the ministry is to have online teaching sessions available during the crisis.

To help those affected by the virus and to prevent further spread, Faculty of Law, Chiangmai University, would like to encourage the academic staffs of the faculty to follow these guidelines in conducting online classes.

- 1. Teaching staffs can conduct classes, especially with those that are lecture-based, using the online applications or websites, such as Zoom, Skype, Google hangouts, Webex, or others, which is convenient to staff and students, in the rest of the semester. If there are any classes which have difficulties in migrating to online, or which still need to use the physical classroom, it is suggested that the teaching staffs are careful with the activities conducted in the class.
- 2. If there are classes that require students to do presentations, it is suggested that the teaching staff adjust the time or the format of the activity to make it as safe from the spread of the virus as possible, and which would not affect the class' evaluation criteria.
- 3. For the classes that are practice-based, which are still necessary to be conducted in the physical classroom, it is suggested that the teaching staff observes the health of the students carefully. This may include asking about their previous travel history, whether the students have been to COVID-19 high-risk countries or areas in Thailand. The teaching staff may adjust the format of the lesson and evaluation method separately for those students who have traveled to those areas. This measure is to lessen the possibility of the virus transmission in the classroom.

Apart from these guidelines, the faculty understands that there are teaching staffs who might not be familiar, yet, with the online meeting applications or websites. The faculty will hold introductory trainings for those who wish to learn soon. Please follow the news about the training on the Faculty's Facebook Page, "Faculty of Law, Chiangmai University". And please stand by for further updates and announcements from the faculty and university.

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