The Taiwan Central Epidemic Command Center (CECC) reported on March 22 that the infection with COVID-19 was laboratory-confirmed in 169 cases. Of 169 confirmed cases in Taiwan, 133 are imported and 36 are indigenous. Of the confirmed cases, there have been 2 deaths, and 28 patients have recovered while the remainder is in a stable condition and remains hospitalized in isolation.

The following are the updates from NCTU:

- 1. From March 19, the entry of all foreign nationals will not be allowed unless documents of granted entry are provided and subject to 14 days of home quarantine after entering Taiwan.
- 2. The CECC has announced that it will suspend the transit of airline passengers through Taiwan from 00:00 Taipei Standard Time (GMT+8) on March 24 (Tuesday) until April 7.
- 3. NCTU strongly recommended our student who is now abroad returning to Taiwan. However, it is not compulsory, and we respect students' decision whether they would like to leave the country and return to Taiwan/ home country. If our student decides to terminate their exchange, please kindly contact our outbound student exchange project manager, <u>Ms. Cherrie Chow</u>.
- 4. Most of the partner universities are recalling students back to their country. NCTU respect you and your students' decisions on whether they would like to continue the exchange or return. If your student has decided to go back, the student is required to inform NCTU coordinator, <u>Ms. Iris Chuang</u>, who is in charge of International student services about the decision. We will try to assist them in completing their studies here and keep them with the updated information from the university.
- 5. NCTU has suspended the Short Term Research Program of this semester. Further notice will be provided before summer.

We will keep updating any new development to the partner universities/ institutions.