

ANNOUNCEMENT TO INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS OF ALBUKHARY INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY (AIU)

We understand this is a really concerning time for everyone, and it has probably been a very challenging time for you as a student. But remember, we are in this together. As an international student, you are sure to be concerned about the news of this unprecedented pandemic of COVID-19 worldwide.

Thus, we would like to reiterate the decision and make a strong advice to international students, not to travel back or return to their home countries due to the situation. We would not want to compromise the safety and welfare of our students due to this pandemic.

There are many reasons relating to this advice:

- Returning to home countries may increase the possibility of you getting infected by the Covid-19. What more if you are travelling back to countries where the number of positive cases is gradually increasing day by day.
- If the students travel out of Malaysia during this period, they may not have the opportunity to come back to Malaysia or AIU within the period of MCO or at any time specified by the authorities. Further to this, any students returning from abroad may be required by the authorities to undergo a 14-day quarantine at any designated place at students' own financial burden. This is meant to avoid further risk of the outbreak.
- As the University is transitioning to online instruction temporarily, students must be prepared in terms of internet connectivity in order to have a seamless learning experience. Going back to home countries may in certain way, cause difficulty for international students to attend online learning sessions if the area is not well covered with good internet connectivity. Indeed, attendance will also be counted although it is a remote teaching. Attendance below 80% will lead to students

being barred from examination and will affect the renewal of visa at the EMGS / Immigration Department. Thus, going back to your home countries will certainly affect your attendance, academic work and study.

Your physical and mental health are of utmost importance. If you feel you need to see the University Counsellor to manage your stress, fear and anxiety, please do so. Please keep a constant communication with your wardens, lecturers or teachers.

We would like to assure you again that we will continue to help you, our students and scholars of Albukhary Foundation, to safeguard your wellbeing, security, and more importantly the continuation of your academic work without much hassle.

We thank everyone, for your continuous support and cooperation in ensuring mitigation around these difficult times would be as seamless as possible.

Remember, we are in this together. Stay safe and stay positive.

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