



Message from the Dean Regarding Trimester 2 / 2020-2021 (Dated 28th December 2020)

Dear Faculty Members, Staff, Students, and Parents,

Warm holiday wishes from MUIC. As you all are aware, an announcement by Nakorn Pathom Province has ordered the closure of Salaya Campus until January 3, 2021. And Mahidol University has announced that the start of Term 2 for freshmen studying on Salaya Campus will be postponed to January 18, 2021. These are done out of caution given the rising number of cases in Nakorn Pathom and in Thailand in general.

Therefore, at this time, we would like to clarify that Trimester 2 will start on January 4, 2021, as previously scheduled. Moving the start date is not feasible because it would impact registration for Trimester 3 and the graduation date for a number of students.

On the other hand, the safety and peace of mind of students, parents, and faculty members are what is most important. There has been a consistent rise in the number of cases in Thailand and Nakorn Pathom for the past several days. And although it had been our intention to open the term on-campus, now is the time to exercise prudence and delay on-campus instruction until January 18 as well. **This means all classes will be online for two weeks from January 4 to January 17, 2021.**

I know that many of you are eager to get back to campus and to resume face-to-face teaching and learning. And to be honest, this was a difficult decision to make as I am looking forward to seeing students face-to-face. However, it is my every hope that this measure will mean that, at the end of two weeks, at least cases in Nakorn Pathom will subside and we can all be back on campus as we have planned. Your patience and understanding are always highly appreciated, and we will be sure to keep you informed of any significant developments.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Chulathida Chomchai, M.P.", written in a cursive style.

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