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To all students, faculty and staff members:

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**Taking Thorough Measures to Prevent COVID-19 Infection
for the Year-end and New Year Season**

The number of those infected with COVID-19 has been increasing nationwide, and the situation is growing more serious. The Fukui prefectural government lifted the existing warning on Dec. 17 and issued another special warning effective from Dec. 18 to Jan. 11 for its citizen to take thorough measures to prevent COVID-19 infection during the Year-end and New Year Season.

For the same reason, University of Fukui released the President's note for students on Dec. 2 and for faculty and staff members on Dec. 8, and updated the action guidelines accordingly. Now, I wish to take this opportunity to request all of you to read the note and action guidelines once again and keep in mind to take appropriate actions.

If you are planning to go back to your hometown or welcome family members from other prefectures during the winter break, please pay attention to the following points and ask your family members to act the same way for safe homecoming for everyone:

- 1) Do not engage in any activity with a high risk of infection such as social gatherings with a large number of people, especially before traveling.
- 2) Consider changing the traveling period to avoid crowded time period of public transportation.
- 3) Check your temperature and physical conditions every day. If you are not feeling well, refrain from traveling.
- 4) Wear a mask even at home if there are elderly or people with underlying medical conditions in your family.
- 5) Refrain from social gatherings or eating out during your homecoming if you are not feeling well.
- 6) In the destination where large and rapid spreads of infections are occurring, refrain from going out or meeting people other than family members unless absolutely necessary.

Even if you stay in Fukui during the winter break, take utmost caution with the prevention of infection and refrain from contacting people other than family members, considering the current situation. When you visit shrines during the New Year time or participate in the coming of age

ceremony, please follow the points below:

- 1) Choose off-period to visit shrines to avoid 3C's.
- 2) Follow the organizer's rules and instructions when participating in the coming of age ceremony.

Also, as always, take basic infection prevention measures such as hand hygiene and mask wearing, do not speak loudly, ensure adequate ventilation etc., and avoid situations with a high risk of infection

In case you have any cold symptoms such as a fever, coughing or general malaise and any possibility of infection, contact your family doctor or the nearest medical clinic first by telephone. In addition, if you don't have any family doctor or you hesitate over which medical institution to choose, contact "Consultation Center for COVID-19" provided by Fukui prefecture. Telephone number is 0776-20-0795 (Opening hours 7:00-21:00, including the weekend and holiday, overtime will guide you the mobile phone number).

Each member should take thorough measures to prevent infection so that we will greet the New Year peacefully. I appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

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