19th April 2020

All Vice-Chancellors of Universities
All Rectors of Campuses
All Directors of Institutes

Resuming to work and Guidelines to be adhered by Government Offices during the opening of districts for the resumption of normal day to day activities

This has reference to followings letters and Media Releases; (Annexed).

– Letter no. PS/GPA/Circular/ 20/2020 dated 18th April 2020 sent by Presidential Secretariat on the above.
– Media / Press release dated 18th April 2020, by Presidential Secretariat.

Please note that with the ongoing curfew which was imposed across the country since 20th March 2020 had been relaxed in 19 districts from 20th April 2020 from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily basis and in 5 districts which include Colombo, Puttalam, Kandy, Kalutara and Gampaha which had been declared high-risk zones, the curfew will be lifted in some areas from 22nd April 2020 from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily basis. Therefore the Government is requesting to resume work and to attend the normal day to day activities on a gradual basis.

Accordingly, Academic staff and non-academic staff of all Higher Educational Institutions / Institutes are required to resume to work and to attend the normal day to day activities on gradual basis, as per the ease of curfew restrictions with effect from 20th April 2020, while adhering to the guidelines given in the above-mentioned letters and Media / Press releases.

Please note that the Head of the Institution should plan and implement a mechanism for employees to return to work in phases, as per the guidelines issued by the Presidential Secretariat and the Directorate of Environmental Health, Occupational Health and Food Safety, Ministry of Health and Indigenous Medical Services.
Please also note that the commencement date of the academic activities of students of universities will be informed in due course by the Government.

Please also assure that the online academic activities should be continued as scheduled.

Your cooperation in this regard is highly appreciated.

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