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To: Hawai'i Tokai International College Current Students

Dear Hawai'i Tokai International College Current Students,

As the rate of coronavirus (also named COVID-19) grows and spreads to different parts of the world, we at HTIC are taking strong measures to ensure that students, faculty, and staff remain healthy and out of harm's way. The virus originated in China and has rapidly spread to the U.S., Japan, South Korea, Iran, Italy, and virtually every continent.

While there are no identified cases of COVID-19 in Hawai`i, we are actively involved in preventing and protecting ourselves should it happen to come here. It is important to note that the U.S. Center for Disease Control (CDC) has said that the risk of COVID-19 to the general public remains low.

HTIC is working closely with the State of Hawai'i agencies to monitor and develop our own preparation strategies. We have been communicating regularly with the University of Hawai'i, Hawai'i Pacific University, and the State Department of Health to stay informed and receive guidance as to how to best respond to this threat.

Student health and safety is a top priority and for the sake of your personal wellness, fellow students, and the entire HTIC `ohana we strongly urge you to take every precaution and to follow our recommendations.

Aloha,

Gene Awakuni

Chancellor