

## **KIC`s Response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019(COVID-19)**

At Kobe Institute of Computing (KIC), we strive to protect the health conditions of students and faculty members and to maintain the education system, which is our primary objective amid COVID-19 spread. We are thoroughly implementing the necessary measurements to prevent the COVID-19, such as social distancing and 3Cs (Avoiding the following situations: Closed spaces with poor ventilation, Crowded places with many people nearby, Close-contact settings such as close-range conversations), which are recommended by the Japanese Government.

During the state of emergency declared by the Japanese Government, all classes and school events were provided online, as our principle to protect students and faculty members.

After lifting the state of emergency, KIC has been maintaining the education system by combining online and on-campus classes depending on the situation. Besides, the school facility has been open to the students upon the student's requests and the necessity of classwork.

Using the online conference system, the faculty members provide their lectures from home, and students attend the classes at home to reduce the outing and the risks of infection to the disease. This also enables the international students, who are not able to arrive in Japan by the time of the enrollment, to participate in the classes in their home countries. Thus, all the classes are continuously provided at a 100% rate without canceling.

## **Open Campus and Other Events**

Open campus events have been held online. We provide the Zoom link in advance to the session so that you can participate in them on the designated date using the URL. It is OK to attend the session without showing your face online.

Using the shared materials on the screen of your smartphone or PC, you can listen to “the school outline” and “the curriculum explained by the professors.” This allows you to learn about our institute in a relaxed environment at home.

We have received many positive feedbacks from the participants of the online sessions, because of their many useful features, for example, participation and asking questions not only from Japan but also from other countries across the globe. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to know further information. Our contact is the following email address.

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## **About Classes**

The state of emergency in the country having been declared in early April this year, we prohibited students from entering the school facility, and we completely switched to the online classes via Zoom.

Our institute being a graduate school of information and technology, all the faculty members and students smoothly shifted to the current online system without any interruption of classes. While there is some inconvenience with online classes, there are also benefits. For example, students who have jobs can attend classes from home. They can also watch video-recorded classes at any time.

The international students from Asia or Africa at our institute, who have not returned to Japan after temporarily going back to their home country, are attending the classes and the lab sessions online.

Now that the state of emergency having been lifted in Japan, we have gradually started providing face-to-face classes. Meanwhile, we maintain the system of giving classes both online and in a classroom at school, depending on the necessity. Also, students and faculty members are sharing their ideas for better implementation of online classes.