

Message from the Department Director

I would like to celebrate all of you, who entered the Department of Technology Management for Innovation (TMI). I am afraid that the present situation does not allow you to enjoy your campus life as usual due to the pandemic of COVID-19. The department, however, is making its best effort such as online lectures so that you feel no difficulties in learning here. Please do not hesitate to ask your supervisor or other department staff if you have any problem.

Though this situation of pandemic is unfavorable in general, I expect it provides you a good opportunity for learning technology management. The pandemic is affecting every aspect of our life including health care, economy, politics, society, and culture. It is because our society is now a system of systems, which is composed of a huge number of subsystems tightly coupled each other. In such a complex system, disturbance that occurred in one part of the system often propagates over the whole system to cause system breakdown. Leaders expected in the future should be capable of dealing with such a situation and manage to continue their business. I expect you to learn and study a lot from this occasion to become such leaders.

In addition, I hope you to consider how this world would be after the pandemic has gone. The world before corona may never return, and the world may move into the direction totally different from the past. Some people argue that we cannot suppress the virus completely and should live with it from now on. You should acquire knowledge and wisdom that are valid how greatly the world would change as well as a sense to capture world trends in age.

We are very willing to support you for doing so, and I believe your experience here in TMI is worthwhile for your future career.

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