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To all students of Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology

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The faculty and staff of Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology (TUMSAT) are united in our efforts to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) as well as to ensure that students have a fulfilling academic experience. However, due to the impact of mutated strains and other factors, the outbreak of COVID-19 continues to spread in Tokyo.

In this environment, a fourth declaration of a state of emergency has been issued for Tokyo, scheduled from July 12 to August 22. As the timing coincides with the Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics as well as summer vacation and when students will be at home with their families, there are concerns about the spread of infection due to the increased flow of people. In order to protect the lives of you, your family and loved ones, we would like to request that you once again take the following actions to prevent the spread of infection.

- 1) Avoid the “five situations”<sup>1</sup> and the “three C`s”<sup>2</sup> that increase the risk of infection in your daily activities.
- 2) Observe basic infection prevention measures such as frequent hand-washing, gargling, hand disinfection, wearing of masks, not speaking loudly, etc.
- 3) Manage your physical condition well and refrain from leaving the house unnecessarily. If you must return home, pay attention to preventing infection during your travel, and avoid meeting other people, except for the minimum necessary number of family members.

In addition, many students are currently participating in vaccinations administered by their respective local governments or workplace vaccinations administered by Keio University. Even if you have received two doses of the vaccine yourself, this does not mean that you are 100% protected from infection. Please refrain from dining with friends, traveling, etc. and continue to be wary of preventing the spread of infection in your daily life.

One of the human resource development goals of TUMSAT is “the ability to think logically, the ability to make appropriate judgments, and the ability to act with a sense of responsibility toward society.” Until vaccinations are administered throughout Japan and society as a whole can feel secure, I expect all TUMSAT students to act with awareness based on correct information.

Furthermore, although TUMSAT actively encourages vaccination, you will not be disadvantaged based on whether or not you have been vaccinated. Vaccination is voluntary,

and we ask that you carefully consider your own physical condition, any underlying medical conditions, and other factors before making a decision.

The University will continue to strive to prevent infection and disseminate information. As we approach the long summer vacation, I would like to encourage all students to be vigilant in their efforts to prevent the spread of infection.

1 The “five situations” that increase the risk of infection: Social gatherings with drinking alcohol, Long feasts in large groups, Conversation without a mask, Living together in a small, limited space, and Switching locations.

2 The “three C`s”: Closed spaces with poor ventilation, Crowded places with many people nearby, and Close-contact settings such as close-range conversations.