

UKM steps up coronavirus screening for international students

UNIVERSITI Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) will be taking extra measures to screen all its international students registering for Semester 2 of the 2019/2020 academic session in light of the novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) outbreak, which began in China.

Starting Feb 10, 300 international students were expected to return to campus to start the new semester.

UKM, in a statement, said in addition to compulsory screening at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA), foreign students will undergo screening at the university campus.

"International students will be allowed to go to campus only upon clearance at KLIA. Once they arrive at the campus, they are required to report to the medical team of UKM's Health Centre (PKU), who will be based at a special counter at Kolej Ibu Zain.

"PKU will prepare the Read Alert card, Health Declaration Form and Home Assessment tool for the students. They will also continue to monitor these students for 14 days following the procedure set by the Health Ministry.

"Staff and students who have returned from mainland China or other affected countries in the last 14 days must also report to the PKU counter at Kolej Ibu Zain to go through the same screening process," it said.

UKM added that all staff and student activities to China had been postponed.