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Dear Exchange Partner

I hope this letter finds you well even with the new Coronavirus rapidly evolving in the world approaching a pandemic situation. We express our sincere sympathy to those affected by this disease in any aspects of their lives. It seems that we have reached a new phase that requires us to collaborate worldwide and put together our wisdom to tackle this difficult issue.

Here in Fukuoka, two people are officially reported to be infected while the government has imposed the postponements or cancelations of large-scale events and the closing of all the schools from the elementary to senior high levels throughout Japan for the coming two weeks.

Under this situation, we, the faculty members and students of Kyushu Sangyo University, contemplated what we can and should do now to maintain the international relationship between our universities.

We believe that the international relationship should be built on people; people who are willing to make every effort to understand others regardless of cultures or languages and carry out whatever they can do to support the others.

We truly wish we always stand by you and strengthen our bond of friendship and maintain our relationship in this difficult situation.

Hoping the new Coronavirus will be stamped out promptly and our normal condition will be restored soon with our stronger bond of friendship leading to the world peace.

Yours sincerely,

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