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Dear Partners,

Warm greetings from California State University, Los Angeles (Cal State LA).

We hope you are safe and well during this challenging time in our international education community. Thank you for your continued support, patience and communications regarding your plans for this summer and fall sessions.

I am writing to provide you with an update for the upcoming Fall 2020 session (August - December 2020).

- As some of you may be aware, Dr. Timothy White, Chancellor of the California State University (CSU) system, announced last month that all 23 CSU campuses would continue to deliver course instruction primarily in a virtual, remote learning format for the upcoming Fall 2020 session. Please read his statement [here](#). The health and safety of all students, coupled with the evolving data surrounding the progression of COVID-19 forecast throughout the 2020-21 academic year, guided this decision.
- In keeping with the Chancellor's decision and the concerns expressed by other colleagues and experts, we have decided to suspend our outbound student exchange, study abroad (including CSU IP), and faculty-led programs for the Fall 2020 session. We are also suspending our inbound J-1 Visa Scholars and Semester in LA programs for Fall 2020.
- We truly regret the impact this decision may have on your students. We were looking forward to welcoming them to Los Angeles this fall, along with having our Cal State LA students travel to you and experience your wonderful institutions and countries. We hope you understand our precautionary approach for this fall session.

Our International Programs and Global Education (IPGE) Office will continue to remain active this summer and fall. We are currently providing an array of virtual services and support to our international students who decided to stay here. We are also arranging Zoom meetings with current and new partners, creating new online marketing materials, implementing new technology to improve our business practices, and - with hopeful eyes - making preparations for Spring 2021.

Until then, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. Below are the names and email addresses of some of our key staff.

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Thank you for all you are doing to provide leadership at your institutions as we move forward together. We will be in touch again soon. Take care and keep safe.

With gratitude,

Harkmore Lee  
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