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Dear Academic Community of Poznan University of Technology!

*Dear Professors, Adjunct Professors, Assistants, Lecturers, Doctoral Students, Students
and Administration Employees,*

One week has already passed in these extraordinary conditions caused by a viral pandemic. We are struggling with an invisible enemy whose action may be underestimated. Observing the situation of other nations and the painful consequences they experience, we are able to appreciate that the form of isolation adopted in our society is an opportunity to limit the spread of the disease. Unfortunately, no one was prepared for such a state of affairs, but one fact should be underlined here, namely that regulations introduced at the University were ahead of ministerial ideas. This applies both to solutions aimed at avoiding work in larger groups and to those aimed at cooperating with students by means of available forms and methods of distance learning.

These extraordinary working conditions allow us to bring out many valuable qualities from our community, such as creativity and solidarity. Educators use very different, remote forms of inspiring our students to work, most often based on their experience and skills. We should remember that the pandemic will pass, but the form of remote cooperation with students should become a good practice and become more regular.

This difficult situation has also contributed to the creation of many positive initiatives on the part of our students. Young people offered, among others, care for seniors who are the most vulnerable to negative consequences associated with the prevailing pandemic. These are great values on which we can build our future with optimism.

It is also true that every day we encounter new obstacles that must be solved on a regular basis. Thank you for understanding the actions which are not always what we originally planned, but which are to serve us all globally and to protect and secure us as well as it is possible.

Dear Academic Teachers, thank you all for your efforts to cooperate with students, and the efforts you make to save the academic year in this way and to ensure that students achieve the required learning outcomes. Of course, we will see the result of all these actions when the situation becomes normal again.

Dear Students, please remember: what really counts is what you learn on your own. Lecturers must and should only inspire you to take your own independent actions. After all, you are aware of the necessity of lifelong learning.

I would also like to thank the *University Administration Employees*, who work hard every day solving new tasks that life assigns. Despite significant restrictions, all activities are carried out and deadlines are met at a constant high level.

Please forgive me that I will not list here all our employees who overcome new difficulties constantly emerging every day. These great people wait for the next day feeling that they did their best for the University. To keep the University going and to maintain its academic value.

Due to the state of epidemic declared, we will have to extend the current state of dormancy at the University at least until Easter.

Ladies and gentlemen,

I wish everyone peace and prudence for the festive Easter season coming soon. May we all be able to come back to our duties.

Old deal, new zeal!