Reminders for project teams with trips outside HK

For student teams which have service trips outside Hong Kong, please note the reminders below and share with your team members if appropriate:

1. Health Precautions

Students are strongly advised to consult the Travel Health Clinic of University Health Service at least 6 weeks before departure to obtain health advice and receive the necessary vaccinations. Please bear in mind that some vaccines need weeks to take effect, and some are given in series. For more information and booking arrangements, please visit: http://www.uhs.hku.hk/he/travel_health/main.html

2. Insurance & Emergency

Students are reminded to undertake comprehensive health, accident, personal property and travel insurances for the entire period of their trips, especially if they are planning to travel beyond the official service trip period for personal leisure purpose.

Please find attached the HKU Corporate Business Travel Insurance for Students 2017/18 for your information and use. For details on travel insurance arrangement, coverage and claim procedure, please visit FEO Intranet Homepage (Insurance Information for Students). Students who wish to purchase an additional insurance plan to fully cover the whole trip period may do so at their own expense.

3. HKU Global Assistance Programme

HKU has partnered with International SOS to provide worldwide medical and security support for HKU students participating in service learning activities. Project teams with service trips out of Hong Kong are highly recommended to make use of the Programme via HKU Membership. For details, please visit: http://www.cedars.hku.hk/Intlsos.

4. Other Travel tips and Assistance by Hong Kong Government

a. Outbound Travel Alert (OTA) - Student teams can better understand the risk or threat to personal safety in travelling to a list of over 85 countries/territories via the Outbound Travel Alert (OTA) of Security Bureau of HKSAR Government at: http://www.sb.gov.hk/eng/ota/index.htm.

b. Consulates-Generals in Hong Kong – Student teams can try to seek assistance and advice of the countries they are visiting via the relevant consulates’ offices or representatives in Hong Kong. The list of Consular Posts and Officially Recognised Bodies in Hong Kong is at: https://www.protocol.gov.hk/eng/consular/index.html.

c. Assistance to Hong Kong Residents by HKSAR - Student teams are advised to note the information on http://www.gov.hk/en/residents/immigration/outsidehk/assisthk24.htm for tips on travelling and assistance by HKSAR Government to Hong Kong residents. The Assistance to Hong Kong Residents 24-Hour Hotline is +852 1868.