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From: Secretary for Public Service
To: Supervising Officers i/c of Ministries/Departments

**IMPACT OF CORONAVIRUS (COVID 19) ON OVERSEAS TRAINING**

In view of the outbreak and fast spreading of the Coronavirus (Covid 19), the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared the disease of Public Health Emergency of International Concern and the Ministry of Health and Wellness has informed that it is not advisable to send public officers on training courses to the countries affected by the Coronavirus.

2. You may wish to note that as at today, the disease is spreading at an alarming rate and has reached to more than 80 countries.

3. In the circumstance, therefore, in accordance with the advice of the Ministry of Health and Wellness, all nominations for training offers from countries affected by the Coronavirus are not being processed for the time being and officers who have already been selected for training courses/seminars/workshops are not being released to attend such courses until further notice.

4. Supervising Officers are therefore advised to rest guided by the advice of the Ministry of Health and Wellness until further notice.

5. It would be appreciated if the contents of this Circular Letter could be brought to the attention of all those concerned, including parastatal bodies falling under the purview of your Ministry/Department.

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Secretary for Public Service

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