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Dear Parents,



Happy New Year! As CFLL (College of Foreign Languages and Literatures) Dean, I'd like to send you the warmest New Year greetings, while also reassuring you that your children will be doing fine staying here for the winter vacation, due to the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions on international travel.

About 95% of our overseas students have decided to stay here in Taiwan, including 94 CFLL students. This seems to be inevitable, what with the fast spreading coronavirus variants from United Kingdom and South Africa. However, we would like to assure you that it is relatively safe to stay in Taiwan, as both the government and the school have urged our students to wear masks in crowded and enclosed areas.



Still, we understand that your kids may feel lonely during the long vacation, so each CFLL department will have advisors staying in touch with their advisees.

Moreover, with the following reasons, we believe that your kids will be both safe and sound in Taiwan:

- 1) Safety Network (1): each CFLL department has provided their students with contact methods, so your son/daughter will know whom to contact should they need it.
- 2) Safety Network (2): There is always an officer on duty at our Student Safety Division (cell: 886-905-298-885; tel: 886-2-2902-3419; 886-2-2905-2885). The police office is right across from FJCU (tel: 886-2-2901-7434, 886-2-2906-8302).
- 3) Holiday Life (1): Upon inquiries, most CFLL graduate students will use the time to work on their theses, while undergrads will find a part-time job, prepare for language proficiency tests, travel and/or visit their classmates around the island, or join in on some activities arranged by the Office of International Education. The winter in Taiwan is only moderately cold. In other words, unless there is a cold front, when the weather can go down to 6-7 degree Celsius, our average weather in Taiwan is around 20 degree Celsius, a bit humid in northern Taiwan, warm and comfortable in southern Taiwan. It is no wonder that foreigners like to travel to Taiwan during the winter season.
- 4) Holiday Life (2): FJCU is quite close to Taipei City; roughly 30 minutes away by MRT. Taipei would likely be the loveliest city during the Chinese New Year period, since most city dwellers will be back home, while many cultural activities on the international level will still be held. Food delivery is safe, and stores are generally clean. On top of it all, Taiwanese are quite law-abiding in terms of wearing a mask.

We truly understand it if you are still concerned. But please rest assured that while you trust your kids in their abilities to take care of themselves, we from CFLL, FJCU, will also try to make them feel at home here.

Happy Chinese New Year!!!

Cordially,



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