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WE SWITCH TO ONLINE

We are living through strange and very troubling times. The global outbreak of Covid-19 is affecting our lives, our education, our work, our families, our businesses, our communities and our way of life. We want to update you on how we are approaching the situation at the Vysoka Skola Manazmentu / City University of Seattle.

MESSAGE FROM VSM/CITYU SENIOR FACULTY MEMBER



First and foremost, our thoughts go to anyone who has suffered as a result of this epidemic. We are all inspired by the dedication, courage and resilience of our Slovak healthcare and emergency services and many others who are in the front line of this battle, working tirelessly to care for the elderly, the vulnerable and others in need. It is inspiring to see the many expressions of courage and solidarity we have seen throughout the community.

"Second, here at Vysoka Skola Manazmentu / City University of Seattle, our priority is the health and safety of, our students, our staff, your and our families as well as our communities."

Fortunately, we already have a well-developed system and culture of online teaching and remote working at the school so that we can make a reasonably smooth transition from classroom teaching to real online live-streamed education. Currently, offered in-class courses will be taught online, but enhanced with live-streamed workshops.

Shifting from face-to-face to

ONLINE





At the moment the vast majority of our staff are working from home. We are determined to maintain the highest possible level of performance and availability, and we have significantly increased our remote support capabilities and improved our digital channels. IT-support, admissions support and faculty support, all are offered through these channels.

And although we are postponing face-to-face classes, we are looking as innovatively as possible at how we can deliver courses in the form of workshops and webinars as **virtual events**.

That determination to continue providing a first-class education is a shared value by the management, faculty and the supporting staff. We are constantly developing, fine-tuning and implementing these contingency plans, and we are confident that we can provide our students with the best educational experience and classes they need to excel and prosper in their life.

We are monitoring the situation round the clock, which, as you all know, is changing rapidly. We are carefully following health and other guidance from the authorities and expertise, even in uncharted territory dealing with this pandemic, we remain focused on maintaining the same level of education, service and support. We have already seen lots of evidence that this crisis is bringing out the best in us.



We are carrying on, looking after ourselves and each other and living our values with patience, understanding and compassion.

On behalf of the Rector of VŠM prof. Ing. Edita Hekelova, PhD, the Management, the Faculty, and the Staff of Vysoka Skola Manazmentu / City University of Seattle Programs, we send you our very best wishes and recall that we remain committed to our goal of delivering world-class education.

STAY SAFE AND WELL,

Johan