

Dear Students,

As the country's health situation is still facing challenges, we would like to update you on the 2021 January – June semester plans. We are delighted that with your support and the dedication of academic and non-academic staff, SLIIT completed the 2020 academic year without a significant delay. We are amongst the leading international institutions that have adopted online methods to deliver lectures and conduct exams during this global pandemic.

The new academic year will start on February 8th for continuing students. The first batch of the new intake will start classes on February 22nd. We are working on a plan to gradually bring students back to campus for critical academic work such as labs, project work, library use, etc. Students will also have access to academic staff for individual consultations through online or on-campus meetings booked in advance. Academic Affairs and the faculties will provide further details of the module delivery, timetables and campus access before the semester begins.

We have been consulting student representatives regularly on important matters. We thank the representatives for their cooperation during this challenging time, keeping us informed of students' concerns and making valuable suggestions to support your education. SLIIT is very much committed to addressing the challenges arising from the pandemic. We are therefore pleased to announce the following relief measures to support your studies.

1. The **late fees applicable for the late registration period of 16th January 2021 to 29th January 2021 have been waived off**, effectively extending the registration period to 29th January 2021.
2. For students with genuine financial hardships, appropriate concessions for the semester fee may be considered on a case by case basis. A panel will decide the concessions following a one-to-one meeting with each student and his/her parents. **Those with financial hardships should contact the Director of Academic Affairs by 15th January 2021** to make an appointment with the panel.
3. We are looking into the issue of data cost and white-listing of our servers. We hope to provide an update on this matter before the end of January.

Thank you for your cooperation. We will continue to do our best to ensure your academic success and timely graduation.

Director of Academic Affairs
2nd January 2021