



**Announcement of Faculty of Graduate Studies**  
**Subject: Temporary Suspension of Thesis/Thematic Paper Examinations for**  
**Graduate Students in Bangkok and Other Restricted Areas**  
**during Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic**

According to the Announcement of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration on Order of Temporary Closure of Premises (No.4), dated on March 27, 2020, by virtue of Section 35 (1) of the Communicable Diseases Act 2015 and Regulation issued under Section 9 of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in an emergency situation (2005) to control the spread of the COVID-19 disease, it was ordered for temporary closure of the premises in Bangkok and the surrounding areas, including all educational institutions and tutorial schools, effective until 30 April 2020. Those who violate or do not comply with the order may be guilty of an offense under Section 52 of the Communicable Disease Act 2015 and shall be punished with imprisonment not exceeding one year or with a fine not exceeding one hundred thousand Thai baht or both. Under Section 18 of the Emergency Decree on Administrative Affairs in 2005, those who violate shall be punished with imprisonment not exceeding two years or with a fine not more than forty thousand Thai baht or both. Thus, Mahidol University announced the closure of the Mahidol Campuses in Phayathai and Bangkok Noi areas and the use of online meetings in all campuses, on 21 March 2020.

Faculty of Graduate Studies is, therefore, temporarily **suspending all the Thesis/Thematic Paper examinations *in* all campuses in Bangkok** as well as **canceling the Administrative Orders, Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University, Subject: Appointing the Thesis Defense Examination Committee** that have been approved to be held in both Phayathai and Bangkok Noi campuses. However, examinations can be proceeded **outside the Bangkok or outside the commanded areas**, in accordance with Faculty of Graduate Studies announcement on Guidelines for Students, Advisors, Program Directors and Those Concerned Under the Circumstances Resulting from the Outbreak of COVID-19, dated on 20 March 2020.

Announced for acknowledgement and compliance in general.

This shall take effect from now onwards until 30 April, 2020.

Announced on 10 April, 2020

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Patcharee Lertrit'.

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