Dear students of the ASPIRE League,

The global spread of COVID-19 has changed the way we live, study, work and connect with each other. It has also affected our universities’ international activities and led to the cancellation of this year’s ASPIRE Student Workshop, a highlight of the ASPIRE Forum.

Facing these unprecedented circumstances, perhaps many of you are feeling that the foundations of global society, and the world as we know it, are faltering. We sincerely thank you for the patience, flexibility, and creativity you have demonstrated as you continue your studies during this difficult time.

We see this challenging situation as an opportunity to reaffirm the value of international cooperation and collaboration. The mission of the ASPIRE League is to contribute to the advancement of science and provide the solutions to global challenges through progress in research and education.

International cooperation is imperative to carry out this mission. Indeed, our researchers are collaborating at a global level to share diverse knowledge and expertise toward containing the spread of the virus.

The theme of this year’s ASPIRE Student Workshop was to be "Better Living for All through Innovative Technologies." As students of ASPIRE League member universities, you possess or are developing the unique skills, interests, and knowledge to contribute to the development of a better world. We, the ASPIRE League, remain steadfast in our commitment to providing you with opportunities to expand your networks and hone the skills you will need as future global leaders.

With this in mind, we encourage you to continue to collaborate with peers and professors from around the world. The innovations for better living in our post-corona world are yours to discover.

With best wishes for your health and safety,