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To CBIE member institutions currently hosting international students under CBIE-administered scholarship programs:

We hope this communication finds each of you and your institutional teams healthy and well.

On behalf of CBIE, I would like to extend our appreciation for your support to our international scholarship students in navigating through the current global health crisis. We fully understand the profound impact that COVID-19 is having on your campuses and students, and particularly your international student population.

CBIE remains in close communication with various government departments, including Global Affairs Canada and Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, with respect to policies and individual cases that affect not only our international scholarship students but the international education community at large. We are also in close contact with individual scholarship recipients themselves regarding their study and travel plans during this time of global uncertainty, working to address their needs on a case-by-case basis as sensitively and responsively as possible. In addition to the ongoing discussions with CBIE academic managers, we have also communicated directly with the students through the attached communique that was recently sent to all international students on CBIE-administered scholarship programs.

While the CBIE team is trying to do its part by minimizing the risk of community spread of the virus through tele-working at the moment, we remain accessible to discuss with you any student cases or broader policy matters as they emerge. In addition to supporting our scholarship students, we are fully committed to supporting our member institutions as well as you seek to navigate through these tumultuous times. In this regard, we will continue to deliver a series of webinars now and into the coming weeks which, we hope, will provide some insights, tools and resources to manage the current crisis. Kindly visit CBIE's website and social media feeds for more information on these events.

In closing, thank you again for the invaluable support and guidance that you are providing to our international students. We look forward to working closely over the coming weeks to find ways to maximize the important learning outcomes for our students while maintaining the safety and health of all.

Sincerely,

Larissa Bezo
President and CEO
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