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The meeting was virtual and the topic was the status of the project tasks in June in a situation of quarantine because of COVID-19.

The situation in June caused by COVID-19 was reported by all participants:
All universities in Mongolia and in the EU partner universities are still closed.

Prof. Chuulan Natsagdorj, MUST: "In our neighbouring China, a very serious infectious disease called Coronavirus has occurred and on 27 Jan 2020, universities, secondary schools and kindergartens were closed in Mongolia.



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As the spread of the coronavirus increased, the quarantine was extended, tightened on 20 Feb 2020, and all schools and institutions were closed.

The curfew has been extended until April 30.

The spread of the coronavirus is growing rapidly in neighbouring China, Korea, Japan and Russia. Therefore, the quarantine was extended until June.

On the other hand, our project made it impossible to install laboratory equipment in a new room, prepare for training, and write laboratory work instructions.

We are also proposing to extend the project due to the fact that the general operation of the project is suspended, it is not possible to meet with graduate students, the teachers are not able to cooperate with each other on the project and work in the laboratory.”



Sarantuya Nadmidtseden, Rector of National Technical University of Mongolia:

“The project has importance in terms of modernization of engineering education curricula, specifically electronics engineering at the National University of Mongolia.

Due to COVID-19 pandemic across the world, herewith we would like to request for an extension of project for the following reasons:

- Educational institutions have been locked down from third week of January, 2020 up to now and shifting from in-class to online teaching methods;
- The laboratory classes were not conducted due to the lock-down;
- Most software that have been used for electronics engineering are licensed and
- were only available at the universities that we couldn't distribute it for personal use.



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We hereby ask your kind consideration in extending duration of project period in order to test and equip student's with necessary skills that we identified during initial phase of project and give an opportunity for students to use a necessary tools, equipment and software that we purchased within this project.”

The conclusion was: “The e-learning materials were useful but the new laboratories could not be used for the practical training of students. Without practice in laboratories the engineering education is impossible. So, the new curricula could not be implemented fully this year and a request for extension of project eligibility period is needed”. All participants voted for the request for extension but we decided to postpone the request for the end of June in order to have more clarity when the classes in the universities will continue.

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