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Dear Students and Colleagues,

Today the Government has issued a new DPCM (Prime Minister's Decree). It requires the transition to distance learning for universities located in the areas of maximum risk.

We still do not know if Lombardy and the Milano area will be involved in new restrictions and to what extent. However, we intend to respect the limitations that will be imposed by the competent health authorities.

Hence, with great sadness, I inform you that starting Thursday November 5 all training and curricular activities will be delivered remotely for the next two weeks. Likewise, the ongoing midterm exams will be carried out remotely, as already anticipated.

Whereas, research activities, as well as graduate and doctoral theses activities, will proceed regularly.

In any case, Politecnico di Milano is ready to get back to normal, if the situation improves. We are ready to welcome back freshmen and to reestablish laboratory teaching in case things get better.

In the next few hours, we will organize all the university services. We will be able to provide you with timely news according to the final indications that national and local governments will communicate and according to the regulations imposed.

I am sorry to say that, in the next few hours, another difficult moment for all of us and for our families is about to begin. We will try to do everything possible not to worry you with further concerns about your University life. We are ready to face this situation to the best of our strength and ability.

I therefore take this opportunity to assure you that we will not only manage the emergency, but we will start a careful reflection on the ongoing transformations in the field of research and university education. We want to be ready when the virus finally leaves us.

Best wishes,

Ferruccio Resta  
Rector of Politecnico di Milano