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### Jieun So Survey Responses

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**1. Tell me briefly about you (e.g. class year, nationality, socioeconomic class, gender, etc.)**

I am a female student, and I was born in South Korea. I have recently finished my first year in Hong Kong University.

**2. How has the pandemic impacted you and your family?**

My psychologic state became unstable as I go out and meet people so much less. I have been using my time playing online game.

**3. How has your social or economic status/position changed with the outbreak of Covid-19?**

I am not sure about this.

**4. Tell me briefly about your school (e.g. your school name, type, size, location, school policies regarding covid-19, etc.)**

I go to Hong Kong University located in the center of the Hong Kong. I believe it is one of the biggest university in Hong Kong. After Covid-19, the school closed down the laboratory and library, and also reported the name of the staffs who caught covid-19 through the email. Moreover, it did not let students from abroad to enter the school until 2 weeks pass after they arrive Hong Kong.

**5. What made you decide where you are currently staying in?**

I decided to go back to South Korea because they had less infected people. My family was also very concerned about me being alone abroad.

**6. What are some advantages/disadvantages of staying with family while taking classes?**

I have a lot of duties such as chores. These responsibilities I have to take up at home makes me distracted. I also have to ask my family to be quiet during the class time or find a place where I can concentrate.

**7. What are some values of online classes you've found?**

I can have more time to sleep since I can save some time that I used to spend on going to classes. I am more psychologically comfortable speaking up in class, as I am not a type of person who speaks up during the class time. I can also review the class with recorded lecture.

**8. What are the drawbacks of online classes? What are some academic challenges you face?**

I think home is not an ideal learning environment, since it is too comfortable for me to concentrate. In addition, in normal times, I go ask professors for help right away whenever I have questions. In online setting, I have to wait for couple of hours to receive a reply from them.

**9. How do you define international student? How has your definition changed as you physically stay away from the country where your school is at?**

Although my physical state has changed, I still see myself as an international student since I am studying at a university in another country.

**10. Did you feel welcomed by Korean people when you came back home? How does stereotype/perception about international students influence the way Koreans react to your arrival?**

When I came to Korea in the early February, the situation wasn't that serious in Korea. But as it went more serious, Koreans seemed to dislike international students coming back as they are concerned about whether we might carry covid-19 virus from abroad. I believe we should all keep in mind that international students are also same "Koreans" and that we should work together to end this virus in our nation. Not only that, we should also take care of those who got infected regardless of where they came from.