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28 UWI students, 1 administrator in China

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The University of the West Indies (UWI) said yesterday that 28 students and one administrator are currently in Suzhou, China.

A statement issued by the university said that since the news of the coronavirus outbreak, UWI has been closely monitoring the situation in China.

UWI said it has an administrative presence and 36 students enrolled in a BSc Software Engineering programme at UWI-China Institute of Information Technology (UWICIIT) which allows for two years of study at the Global Institute of Software Technology (GIST).

UWI said it is working closely with GIST and other relevant local authorities in China to ensure the safety and wellbeing of students and staff.

The city of Suzhou is not within the epicentre of the virus. Nevertheless, the GIST campus remains closed until February 23 when the new semester is expected to begin. There is continuous on-site support on the campus. Medical and screening protocols have also been established.