

Reiteration of the Advisory on Securing Zoom Meeting Sessions

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To All UP Users:

In connection with the alleged security risks associated with Zoom meetings and in view of the many queries and messages being received by various UP System offices on the security issues affecting Zoom, we are resending the advisory that we sent last Thursday, 02 April 2020.

Please find said advisory below, for your information and appropriate guidance.

----- ADVISORY ON ZOOM SECURITY -----

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Subject: Reminder on Secure Zoom Meeting Sessions

To All UP Users:

As we utilize the Zoom audio and video conferencing platform, kindly be informed that several features have already been pre-configured to help keep our Zoom meeting sessions secure. These are:

- Join Before Host: **Off**
- Require Meeting Password: **On**
- Mute Participants on Entry: **On**
- File Transfer of Selected File Types: **On**
- Allow Removed Participants to Join: **Off**
- Attention Tracking: **Off**
- Waiting Room for Guest Participants: **On**

We would also like to advise our users about a few measures, such as:

- Inform your meeting invitees not to share the Meeting ID and password to anyone else;
- When attending Zoom meetings or webinars, it is advisable to use your smartphone or tablet, as these devices are more secure. Applications on mobile devices and tablets undergo a vetting process before they are made available in the app stores; applications for computers do not all go through a similar process.
- Close the Zoom app when not in use and make sure it is not running in the background.

Moreover, please take note that Zoom connections are encrypted from the application on your device to the Zoom servers. To learn more on how to further secure your Zoom meeting sessions, you may refer to <https://zoom.us/security>, and for Zoom's official statement on security:

<https://blog.zoom.us/wordpress/2020/04/01/a-message-to-our-users/>

For technical inquiries/concerns, please get in touch with your IT/Data Center in your respective CU or the ITDC Helpdesk at helpdesk@up.edu.ph

Please always be safe and in good health.