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To all faculty, staff and students

Measures concerning the new coronavirus (COVID-19)
(March 9th announcement)

In Japan, measures have been taken to prevent the domestic spreading of the new coronavirus (COVID-19) from outside of its borders. However, recently there are sporadic domestic cases of infected individuals in various areas in Japan where the transmission path is not clear.

Taking into account the current new coronavirus (COVID-19) situation, NAIST has set the measures concerning the new coronavirus (COVID-19) as stated below.

Upon receiving this email, please disregard the previous Feb. 5th email contents about measures concerning the new coronavirus (COVID-19). (The major change is in number 4 below.)

【Overseas travel ban】

1. In principle, all faculty, staff and students are prohibited from travelling to areas where the infection danger levels are level 2 or 3.

Please confirm the countries/regions with level 2 or 3 infection danger levels on the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs Homepage. (<https://www.anzen.mofa.go.jp/>). (In Japanese only)

【Country/region entrance measures/restrictions, etc. for Japanese and those travelling from Japan】

2. Please confirm the country/region entrance measures/restrictions, etc. for Japanese and those travelling from Japan on the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs Homepage. (https://www.anzen.mofa.go.jp/covid19/pdfhistory_world.html) (In Japanese only)

【Regions affected by Japanese entry ban】

3. The Ministry of Justice has stated that those foreign nationals that fall under Article 5.1.14 of the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act shall be refused entry to Japan as part of the ban on entry to Japan as a preventative measure for the spreading of the new coronavirus (COVID-19). Please check the Ministry of Justice homepage for the current information.

Ministry of Justice homepage: <http://www.moj.go.jp/index.html>

Those affected by the Japanese entry ban (As of March 7th)

- Foreign nationals who have travelled to the following regions within two weeks prior to application for entry to Japan will not be allowed entry

China: Hubei and Zhejiang Provinces

Korea: Daegu City, Cheongdo County of North Gyeongsang Province, Gyeongsan City, Andong City, Yeongcheon City, Chilgok County, Uiseong County, Seongju County and Gunwi County

Iran: Ghom Province, Tehrān Province and Gilān Province

- All foreign nationals with passports issued in the Hubei and Zhejiang Provinces of China

【Handling of persons returning/coming to Japan from China and Korea】

4. Regardless of nationality, those persons to which the above travel ban does not apply and who return/come to Japan (by plane or boat) from China (including Hong Kong and Macao) or Korea (Hereinafter referred to as China and Korea) will be subject to stopping or quarantine according to the Quarantine Act of Japan. Those persons who travelled abroad for private travel, etc. to these areas will have to stay 14 days at the location stipulated by the Quarantine Station Director.

For those faculty, staff and students in the above areas, please contact the Crisis Measures Headquarters.

5. For international students planning to come to Japan for the first time (students planning to enroll, etc.) to which the above travel ban does not apply, visas have been suspended so, as of midnight March 9th until the end of March, entering Japan will not be possible. As for entering Japan after that period, NAIST will track the developments and changes and will notify you when necessary..

【Handling of persons returning to Japan (excluding China and Korea)】

6. Those faculty, staff and students returning from an infection danger level 3 area (other than China or Korea), regardless of having any symptoms, are asked to notify the Crisis Measures Headquarters and remain at home for 2 weeks after returning to Japan. When contacting the Crisis Measures Headquarters, please include your student number (if a student), name, location and transit points when you were abroad, date of arrival (back) to Japan, and symptoms (if any).

Students should contact their supervising professor.

For students, absences during this time will be treated as authorized absences, and for faculty and staff, absences during this time will be excused.

Note: NAIST will offer support for the persons who are required to stay at home for the 14 day period.

Outline of procedures for persons coming from infection danger level 3 areas

<https://ad-info.naist.jp/k-soumu/somu/corona-flow.pdf>

7. For those faculty, staff and students who have returned from an infection danger level 2 area (other than China or Korea), regardless of having any symptoms, please notify the Crisis Measures Headquarters. While you will not be required to stay at home, NAIST does ask that you restrict your activities, etc. to only those necessary for 2 weeks after returning/coming to Japan.

If you have any cold-like symptoms, please follow the directions in email titled Measures concerning the new coronavirus (COVID-19)(Feb. 28th announcement) (Listed on the NAIST homepage)

【Accepting visitors to NAIST】

8. NAIST has requested that the acceptance of visitors from level 2 and 3 areas be postponed for the immediate future.

【Domestic travelling】

9. Recently there are sporadic domestic cases of infected individuals in various areas in Japan where the transmission path is not clear. For domestic business travel, please make sure to confirm information concerning the area(s). If you have cold symptoms such as a fever, please consider cancelling or postponing the trip. Additionally, please make sure to regularly perform infection prevention measures such as handwashing and coughing etiquette.

For any other items or circumstances not listed above, please contact the Crisis Measures Headquarters.

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