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To all faculty, staff and students

New coronavirus Contact Confirmation Application (COCOA)

The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology has sent an announcement from both the Head of the New Coronavirus Infection Prevention Office of the Cabinet Secretariat and the Director of the Health Bureau of the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare announcing the release of the Covid-19 COntact COntirming Application (COCOA).

COCOA is a Japanese application that alerts the user when there is a possibility that they may have come in contact with a person who has been diagnosed as being infected with the new coronavirus and allows users to be alerted of the possibility of infection as soon as possible. Through this, users may take the necessary measures such as seeking medical advice or testing, or stay at home, etc., and this is expected to lead to the prevention of further infection. Please note that personal information and information about the users' relationship is not recorded, and their privacy is thoroughly protected.

As the number of users increases, the application's effectiveness in preventing the spread of infection will also increase, so the Head of the New Coronavirus Infection Prevention Office of the Cabinet Secretariat and the Director of the Health Bureau of the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare are promoting registration to this application. Please see the URL below for more information.

Unfortunately, the application is currently only offered in Japanese. We will notify you if NAIST receives a notice of other languages being made available.

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

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