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To all faculty, staff and students

Points of caution for the end of the school year events, etc.

NAIST received the following notice concerning the year end/New Year holidays (issued by the Office for Novel Coronavirus Disease Control, Cabinet Secretariat) from the Higher Education Policy Planning Division, Higher Education Bureau of MEXT.

At the end of the school year, there are various events such as graduation ceremonies, parties and graduation trips, where infection could spread rapidly throughout the country, straining the entire medical system in Japan. If you will participate in any events like these, please make sure to continue infection prevention measures and pay attention to the following points.

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### **Notice (Points to note)**

#### **(1) Graduation ceremony and events**

If graduation ceremonies are held, make sure to properly social distance and strictly practice the basic preventative measures to prevent the spread of infection, including avoiding the 3 Cs and wearing a mask.

#### **(2) Parties and gatherings**

Please consider holding parties or gatherings without food or drinks. If they will include eating and drinking, please try to follow the methods below to enjoy gatherings while reducing infection risk.

- Choose restaurants, etc. that follow guidelines to prevent infection, etc.
- Have those who are sick or who are not feeling healthy not participate
- Sit maintaining social distance (Space seating diagonally, etc.)
- Wear masks when talking

- Drink responsibly and do not visit many different restaurants, bars, etc.
- Do not share cups, glasses, silverware, etc.

### **(3) Graduation trips**

For graduation trips please try to make a dispersed plan where you can avoid crowded times and places, travelling in the afternoon when there are fewer people travelling and avoiding interacting with many people.

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