

To all NAIST students, faculty and staff

With the continued spreading of the new coronavirus (COVID-19) infection, the Japanese government has decided to extend the state of emergency declaration until May 31th, and also Nara prefecture has requested universities and other institutions to extend their facility use restrictions. We are still in a very critical state.

At NAIST we have established the limitation levels for activities and implemented various measure such as the pursuit of activities able to be performed under the current circumstances and the conducting of on-line lectures using the lecture archives.

Considering the extension of the state of emergency and the subsequent policies adopted by Nara prefecture, in addition to preventative measures and starting with the on-line lectures started one April 22nd, NAIST will continue to take any necessary measures to move forward in our education and research activities, including on-line student recruitment orientations, Virtual Open Campus events, on-line entrance examinations and other possible efforts.

The Japanese government has stated that it will conduct a mid-term evaluation of the effectiveness of measures being taken on May 14th, and we will reconsider and announce any decisions concerning the limitation levels for activities that are made based on the decisions of the Japanese government or the information released by the government specialist meetings.

For NAIST, even in such severe conditions as these, we are working together so that you can make the most of the education and research activities.

I ask all of you for your understanding and cooperation.

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