

Comments by Current board members

Kiyokawa Kiyoshi, Chairperson

This is my fourth year as the chairperson of the NAIST Alumni Association. I am working very slowly, and I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Nevertheless, with the cooperation of our excellent board members, we are making steady progress, little by little. I will continue to work hard for the further revitalization of the NAIST Alumni Association and NAIST. The voice of each and every one of you is important, so please do not hesitate to send us your frank opinions and requests.

Mime Kobayashi, Vice-chairperson

When Kiyokawa-sensei took over the chair from Komai-sensei (Bio 2nd) in May of 2018, I was pleased to accept a role to represent 3,000 Bio graduates as a Vice Chairperson. As a former student of Prof. Yasuyuki Yamada (NAIST's 2nd President), I am obligated to help make NAIST an institution that all students, past and present, can be proud of. We will do our best to support the activities of non-Japanese students and graduates. Any opinions or suggestions are most welcome.

Akihisa Inoue, Vice-chairperson

I graduated from NAIST in 2000. Strengthen alumni association activities, focusing on meeting graduates and strengthening networks I want to do my best. We look forward to your participation in various events.

Morito Akisada, Director

As a director of the NAIST Alumni Association, I am in charge of managing and operating the member information management system "PalSyne".

I would like as many people as possible to register in order to vitalize the alumni activities.

Please also utilize "PalSyne" for alumni information management in each laboratory, and for holding alumni-related events.

Ismail Arai, Director

I came back to NAIST in 2016 after completing two engagements. Since that year, I have been joining the alumni meeting every time, being impressed by all the board members work hard, getting known we have not reached most of the alumni yet. I would like to contribute to boosting the current activities at first. I'll try my best to propose one or more things for our alumni association while I am a board member.

Yoshihiro Ueoka, Director

I will continue to serve as a director of the Alumni Association.

Although the our activities are severely restricted due to the corona pandemic, we are considering new measures such as the arrangement of online tools and support for current students.

In order to help your communication, we will strive to revitalize the NAIST alumni association.

Katsutomo Okamura, Director

After my graduation from School of Biological Science at NAIST in 2000, I worked at various universities and institutes in and outside of Japan. I came back to NAIST as a faculty member in 2019 and assumed the director position of the NAIST Alumni Association in the following year.

I hope to contribute to promoting the NAIST Alumni association especially by serving as a communication channel between BS alumni and current students and faculty members.

Kazuma Yasuhara, Director

I am Kazuma Yasuhara belonging to the working committee of the NAIST alumni association.

I have been working at NAIST since I received my doctoral degree in December 2008, as an assistant professor and associate professor. I am looking forward to working with other committee members to help revitalize the alumni association.

Junichiro Yoshimoto, Director

I am glad to have been a director of Nara Institute of Science and Technology Alumni Association since May, 2021. After the completion of my doctor course, I worked away from Nara for a long time and did not contribute to this association. However, since coming back here as a faculty member in 2015, I have been enjoyed the activities such as the Home Coming Day. I hope to contribute to event planning and institutional design, which will offer comfortable occasions to the members. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.