

Nara Institute of Science and Technology Alumni Association
2021 General Assembly
Agenda

Date: November 20th, 2021

Location: Kenshu Hall, Interdisciplinary Frontier Research Complex No.2 and online

1, Greeting by Mr. KIYOKAWA, Chairperson

2, Confirmation of previous General Assembly (Nov. 15th, 2020) minutes and previous Special General Assembly minutes (June, 2021)

3, Deliberation

- 2020 settlement of accounts
- 2020 accounting audit
- Activity proposals
- Board member reappointments

4, Reports

- Activities

5, Others

- Opinion exchange

[Handout]

1. Previous General Assembly (Nov. 15th, 2020) minutes
2. Previous Special General Assembly (June, 2021) minutes
3. 2020 NAA Balance Sheet
4. 2020 Audit report
5. Activity proposals
6. Current board members list
7. Activity reports
8. History

**Nara Institute of Science and Technology Alumni Association
2020 General Assembly
Minutes**

Date: November 15th, 2020 (10:50am-11:25am)
Location: Kenshu Hall, Interdisciplinary Frontier Research Complex No.2 and online
Attendees: Kiyoshi KIYOKAWA, Chairperson (IS 1994 enrollment)
Akihisa INOUE, Vice-chairperson (MS 1998 enrollment)
Mime KOBAYASHI, Vice-chairperson (BS 1994 enrollment)
Morito AKISADA, Director (BS 1999 enrollment)
Yoshihiro UEOKA, Director (MS 2009 enrollment)
Katsutomo OKAMURA, Director (BS 1998 enrollment)
Masayuki KANBARA, Director (IS 1997 enrollment)
Raula Gaikovina Kula, Auditor (IS 2008 enrollment)
Kiyomi KAKIUCHI, Advisor (NAIST Executive Director/Vice President)
Others: 21 persons
Observers: Student Support Section (Nakano, Miyamoto, Yamamoto)

Opening:

Greeting by Mr. KIYOKAWA, Chairperson

Deliberation:

1. Confirmation of previous General Assembly (Nov. 10th, 2019) minutes (Document 1)
2. Approval of 2019 settlement of accounts (Document 2)
3. Approval of 2019 accounting audit (Document 3)
4. Approval of activity proposals (Document 4)
 - ZOOM license use (As soon as possible)
 - NAA administrative staff recruitment
 - Possible online welcome event
5. Approval of board member reappointments (Document 5)
 - Increase number of directors

Reports:

1. Constitution revision (Document 6)
2. Activities (Document 7)

[Handout2]

Nara Institute of Science and Technology Alumni Association
2021 Special General Assembly
Minutes

Deliberation period: June 1st -14th, 2021

How to respond: Respond using the google form below (*We do not accept responses by e-mail*)

Attendees: 34 persons

Deliberation:

1. Approval of the appointment of the following new board members

- Associate Professor Ismail Arai (IS 2002 enrollment)
- Associate Professor Kazuma Yasuhara (MS 2006 enrollment)

Reports:

1. Replacements of the board members

The following three members resigned and their replacements were approved at the Board Meeting held on May 18, 2021.

Resignations

- Mr. Masayuki KANBARA, Director (IS 1997 enrollment)
- Mr. Yasuaki ISHIKAWA, Auditor (MS 1998 enrollment)
- Mr. Kiyomi KAKIUCHI, Advisor (Executive Director / Vice President of NAIST)

Replacements

- Mr. Junichiro YOSHIMOTO, Director (IS 1998 enrollment)
- Ms. Yuko WADA, Auditor (BS 2000 enrollment)
- Ms. Tetsuko NOGUCHI, Advisor (Executive Director)

Opinion(s) from member(s)

One member objected the assignment of new board members because it was not clear why the association need additional board members.

To make it clear for all association members who are representing them, brief background and comments by all board members will be uploaded on the website.

Comments by new board members

Professor Arai

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.

Professor Yasuhara

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.

2020 NAA balance sheet :

April 1st 2020 - March 31st 2021

1. Income

◆ Nanto Bank		100,008 Yen
Membership fees (5 persons)	100,000 Yen	
Interest from 17/08/2020	4 Yen	
Interest from 22/02/2021	4 Yen	
◆ Japan Post Bank		3,880,051 Yen
Membership fees (194 persons)	3,880,000 Yen	
Transfer fee difference	51 Yen	
◆ Balance carried forward		10,226,526 Yen
Nanto Bank	1,011,231 Yen	
Japan Post Bank	9,215,295 Yen	
Total amount		14,206,585 Yen

2. Expenses

◆ Nanto Bank		364,210 Yen
Usage fee for PalSyne	323,400 Yen	
Commission of Nanto Web Banking	13,200 Yen	
Cost of Payment slips creation	27,500 Yen	
Money Transfer fee	110 Yen	
◆ Japan Post Bank		956,876 Yen
Cost of Website renewal	919,600 Yen	
Money Transfer fee	440 Yen	
Money Transfer fee for 194 persons	36,836 Yen	
Total Amount		1,321,086 Yen

3. Balance

Income	14,206,585 Yen	— Expenditures	1,321,086 Yen	12,885,499 Yen
	Nanto Bank balance		747,029 Yen	
	Japan Post Bank balance		12,138,470 Yen	

September 29th 2021

Audit report

Auditor: Raula Gaikovina Kula, Associate Professor, IS
Yuko Wada, Associate Professor, BS
Nara Institute of Science and Technology Alumni Association

Date: September 29th, 2021 (1:30pm-2:30pm)
Location: Office building, Meeting room
Period of Audit report: April 1st, 2020- March 31st, 2021

Income & Expense:

1) Expense: PalSyne costs	323 400 yen
2) Expense: Nanto web banking commission fees	13 200 yen
3) Expense: Payment slip production	27 610 yen
4) Expense: Web site renewal fees	920 040 yen
5) Expense: Japan Post Bank money transfer fees (194 persons)	36 836 yen
6) Income: Transfer fee difference from Japan Post Bank	51 yen
7) Income: Interest from NANTO Bank	8 yen
8) Income: Japan Post Bank membership fees	3 880 000 yen
9) Income: Nanto Bank membership fees	100 000 yen

I have examined the NAA balance sheet for September 29th, 2021 and the related statement of income and changes in fund balances for the period from April 1st, 2020 through March 31st, 2021.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly the financial position of the NAA as of September 29th, 2021 and its revenues collected and expenses paid for the period then ended.

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Deliberation: Activity proposals

Kiyoshi KIYOKAWA, Chairperson (IS 1994 enrollment)

(1) FY2022 Budget

- FY2022 expenses are based on FY2020 income
- Expecting 60% or higher new student enrollment rate

Income			
	Cost	Unit	Total
Membership fees (Nanto Bank) 5 persons	20,000	5	100,000
Interest	4	2	8
Membership fee (Japan Post) 194 persons	20,000	194	3,880,000
Interest	51	1	51
Money Transfer fee for 194 persons	-36,836		-36,836
Total			3,943,223
Expenses			
	Cost	Unit	Total
PalSyne monthly fee	26,950	12	323,400
Administrative staff cost (2,000 yen x 8h/day)	16,000	52	832,000
Graduation certificate cases	1,221	500	610,500
Alumni event food & beverages costs	150,000	1	150,000
Alumni event lecturer fees	30,000	3	90,000
NAA gathering support	50,000	10	500,000
International NAA support (INAA)	50,000	1	50,000
Welcome party support	100,000	1	100,000
ZOOM Pro license fee for 500 persons	165,000	1	165,000
Others (commissions/transfer fees)	30,000	1	30,000
Emergency funds (future PalSyne fee)	1,092,323	1	1,092,323
Total			3,943,223
Balance			0

(2) New event/support proposals

- International alumni association support

Proposal to provide support for organizations that meet the following criteria:

1. NAIST alumni organizations representing a country/region that has its own website.
2. Those with ongoing activities for more than 3 years
3. Those holding gatherings/events on a regular basis.

Annual Support

Activity Period: 3 years; 10,000 yen

4 years; 20,000 yen

More than 5 years; 30,000 yen

Number of participants at gatherings/ events: 10-19 persons; + 10,000 yen

More than 20 persons; + 20,000 yen

- NAIST welcome party support
- Online gathering support
- NAIST Tokyo Forum-related gathering event support
- Support for events (other than lectures) promoting interaction between graduates and students
- Uploading web articles by graduates
- Others

(3) Promotion to increase membership

Enrolled students

- By e-mail
- Top-down requests

Graduates

- By e-mail
- Through each laboratory

Improve *current activities* to provide more attractive services

(4) Others

Current Board Members

			Term
Chairperson	Kiyoshi Kiyokawa	IS 1994 enrollment	May.2020-May.2022
Vice-chairpersons	Akihisa Inoue	MS 1998 enrollment	May.2020-May.2022
	Mime Kobayashi	BS 1994 enrollment	May.2020-May.2022
Directors	Morito Akisada	BS 1999 enrollment	May.2020-May.2022
	Isamail Arai	IS 2002 enrollment	June 2021-Nov.2023
	Katsutomo Okamura	BS 1998 enrollment	Nov.2019-Nov.2021 [reappointment]
	Yoshihiro Ueoka	MS 2009 enrollment	May.2020-May.2022
	Junichiro Yoshimoto	IS 1998 enrollment	May.2021-Nov.2022
	Kazuma Yasuhara	MS 2006 enrollment	June 2021-Nov.2023
Auditors	Yuko Wada	BS 2000 enrollment	May.2021-May.2023
	Raula Gaikovina Kula	IS 2008 enrollment	May.2020-May,2022
Advisors	Shoji Komai	BS 1995 enrollment	May.2020-May.2022
	Tetsuko Noguchi	Executive Director	May.2021-May.2023

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Activity reports

Kiyoshi Kiyokawa, Chairperson (IS 1994 enrollment)

1) Duties of Board Members

Supervision: Kiyoshi Kiyokawa, Chairperson
Accounting: Mime Kobayashi, Vice-chairperson
Event planning: Akihisa Inoue, Vice-chairperson; Kazuma Yasuhara, Director
PR: Junichiro Yoshimoto, Director; Yoshihiro Ueoka, Director
International: Katsutomo Okamura, Director
PalSyne database: Morito Akisada, Director
Web servers: Isamail Arai, Director

Hiring of administrative assistant in May 2020 at Student Support Section, Educational Affairs Division, NAIST. She has been in charge of office work for NAA. This is joint employment with NAIST, and NAA will donate the equivalent of the salary for her efforts for NAA activities.

2) PalSyne Alumni Database

PalSyne database (<https://palsyne.com/>) has been used for alumni information management since February 2019. As of October 10th, 2021, there are 2,252 registrants (841 persons as of last year).

New member registration site

<https://apply.palsyne.net/u-naist/register.aspx>

PalSyne login site

<https://pu.palsyne.net/u-naist/>

3) NAA PR activities

- a: NAA invitation letter and payment slips for membership fees have been sent to new students.
- b: Chairperson Kiyokawa introduced NAA at the Graduation Ceremony, March 24th and at the orientations for new students held on April 1st, 5th and October 4th, 2021.
- c: Website contents improvement (more frequent news updates, uploading past minutes and other info).

4) Membership fee payment by new students

The payment rate is 38.3% for new students at October 10th 2021.

New Students	M/D	Numbers of Students	Numbers of Payment	Rate
Japanese Students	M	306	159	51.9%
	D	39	6	15.4%
International Students	M	42	1	2.3%
	D	46	0	0%
Total		433	166	38.3%

5) Reunion support

No onsite reunion events received support.

For reference, the following alumni reunion was held.

August 7th, 2021: Online INAA Alumni Reunion 2021 (No support)

Condition for support:

More than 10 participants; Inform participants of NAA support; Submit participant list, report (about 300 words) and gathering photo

Support amount: 2000 yen/person (Up to 100,000 yen)

6) Collaboration with Division for Career Development

a: August 27th, 2021: Meet the ALUMNI for international students (greeting speech by Kiyokawa, Chairperson)

b: October 26th, 2021: NAIST ALUMNI Lectures (greeting speech by Kiyokawa, Chairperson)

7) Donation of graduation certificate cases

From June 2021 ceremony, graduation certificate cases with “Donated by NAIST NAA” have been used.

8) Introduction of Zoom Pro Licence (Up to 500 simultaneous connections)

This will be provided for online reunions for NAA members.

9) Consideration of various events

2021 NAIST Welcome Party was canceled. We will try to organize the event next year using Zoom Pro.

【同窓会会長 祝辞】

奈良先端科学技術大学院大学を修了される皆さん、本日は大変おめでとうございます。ご両親、ご家族の皆様ならびに関係各位の皆様にも、心よりお祝い申し上げます。

これまでに、奈良先端大の修了生はのべ 10,000 名を数えます。多くの先輩方が国内外の大学、研究機関、大企業などで活躍しており、奈良先端大のブランドを不動のものにしています。皆さんが社会で活躍することで、その価値をさらに高めていくことを期待しています。

奈良先端科学技術大学院大学同窓会では、修了生や在学生を支援する様々な事業を展開しています。皆さんが社会に出た後に、本学で学んだことに誇りを感じたり、本学との繋がりを実感したりする機会が多々あることと思います。また、そうした有り難みは年を経るごとに強まっていくことでしょう。ぜひ本学同窓会に御入会いただき、その繋がりを最大限に活用していただければと思います。

私自身は、1998 年に博士後期課程を修了した本学の 2 期生です。私が入学した当時は、まだ修了生もほとんどおらず、本学の知名度は現在とは比較にならないものでした。奈良先端大の魅力は知名度があることでもなく、歴史があることでもありません。世界で活躍する先生方と、熱い志をもった学生が結集して、新しいことにチャレンジする気概に溢れていることが、最大の魅力だと思います。そして、その思いは 20 年以上経った今、ますます強まっています。

皆さんは、修了までの 1 年以上、世界的なコロナ禍の影響を受けて、大変な状況の中で研究を進めて来られたことと思います。思うように実験が進まず不安になったり、友人たちと触れ合うことができず寂しい思いをされたりしたことでしょう。しかし、皆さん自身の努力と周囲の支援で、本日の修了を迎えられました。関係者の方々に感謝しつつ、ぜひこの貴重な経験を誇りに思い、将来への力に変えてください。

コロナ禍は図らずもこれまでに蓄積された社会の歪みや弱さをあぶりだしました。SDGs に沿った社会変革は待ったなしの状況ですが、これまでの常識が通用せず、誰にも正解が分からない時代です。しかし、一つだけ確実なことがあります。それは、決して受け身の姿勢ではいけないということです。一人ひとりが当事者意識を持ち、変化を恐れず、社会をより良くするために何ができるかを真剣に考え、提案し、実行することが重要です。

慣れ親しんだ大学や高専などを飛び出して、新しいことにチャレンジしようという思いで奈良先端大の門をくぐり、最先端の研究成果を生み出してきた皆さんは、まさに時代の要請にふさわしい資質と心構えを備えておられます。社会に巣立つ皆さんひとりひとりの活躍が、人類の未来を変えていきます。ぜひ、それぞれのお立場で奈良先端大で学んだことを発揮され、新しい時代を切り拓き、力強く引っ張っていきましょう。大活躍されることを祈念しています。

最後になりましたが、改めまして、本日は修了おめでとうございます。

令和 3 年 3 月 24 日

奈良先端科学技術大学院大学同窓会 会長 清川清

Congratulatory Remarks

I would like to express my heartfelt congratulations to all of the graduates here today and to your parents, relatives, and those who have supported you throughout your studies. As of today, NAIST has conferred more than 10,000 degrees. Many of the NAIST graduates have been active in universities, research institutes, and large corporations both domestically and abroad, assuring the value of the NAIST brand. I expect you to increase this value as newly-minted NAIST graduates working in society.

The NAIST Alumni Association has been planning various programs to support both NAIST graduates and current students. I believe that there will be many instances after graduation when you feel a sense of pride towards your experience at NAIST and many opportunities where you feel your connections to NAIST. Your gratitude for these will surely grow over the years. I hope all of you will join the Alumni Association and make full use of these ties.

I myself completed my doctoral degree here in 1998 as a member of the second class of students accepted to NAIST. When I entered NAIST, there were barely any graduates, and NAIST's reputation was nowhere near what it is today. The appeal of NAIST is not its reputation or its history; internationally recognized faculties and passionate students come together with the boldness to challenge the unknown, and this has been the strongest appeal of NAIST. More than twenty years after my graduation, I believe it more than ever.

For the past year or so leading up to today, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, I know that you endured very difficult circumstances to complete your studies. You may have felt unsure because your experiments didn't go as planned or felt lonely because you were unable to meet with your friends and family. Through your perseverance, and the generous support from those around you, however, you made it to this day. Don't forget to thank people who have supported you, take pride in your valuable experience here at NAIST, and make it your motivation as you look towards your future.

This pandemic has uncovered some of society's accumulated strains and weaknesses in a most unexpected manner. While we cannot lose any time in pushing forward social transformation inline with SDGs, we are now at a point where what used to work for common sense is no longer viable and no one has the answers. However, there is one thing that is certain: We cannot just wait for things to happen. Rather, it is crucial that each of us takes the lead, giving serious thought to what we can do to better our society without being afraid of change, coming up with solutions, and following through with their execution.

With the desire to challenge yourselves in a new environment, you all chose to the leap from your previous universities and institutions where you felt at home to continue your studies at NAIST. Now, having engaged in cutting-edge researches, you have the abilities and the outlook to respond to the demands of the times. The efforts of each of you as you enter the workforce will change the future of humanity. Making use of what you have learned at NAIST, I hope that all of you carve out and actively lead a new era. I have no doubt whatsoever that you will achieve great success.

Let me end my comments by saying once more, congratulations on your graduation!

KIYOKAWA Kiyoshi
Chairperson
NAIST Alumni Association


奈良先端科学技術大学院大学同窓会 会長
情報科学領域 清川 清

奈良先端科学技術大学院大学 同窓会について ABOUT NAIST ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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自己紹介 Self Introduction


- 平6年 1994 情報科学研究科(当時)入学
Admission to Grad. School of Info. Science
VRを用いた設計支援システムの研究に従事
Worked on a Design System Using Virtual Reality
- 平10年 1998 博士後期課程修了
Ph.D. in Engineering
- 平10～29年 情報通信研究機構、大阪大学などで勤務
1998 – 2017 Worked for NICT, Osaka University etc.
- 平29年 2017 情報科学研究科(当時)教授
Professor at Grad. School of Info. Science
- 平30年 2018 NAIST 同窓会会長
Chairperson of Alumni Assoc.



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同窓会の役割 Roles of Alumni Association

- 大学は生涯に亘る**人的ネットワーク**を築く場
University is a place to establish lifelong human network
- 同窓会は大学と社会との**架け橋**
Alumni assoc. is a bridge between university and the society
- 社会で活躍するOB・OGと**知り合い、交流**を深めることを**支援**
It supports to get to know and deepen the relationship with graduates who are active in the society



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NAIST 同窓生 NAIST Alumni

- 平成7 1995 第1期生修了
First graduates
- 修了生数 博士前期 8,671名
博士後期 1,785名 (令和3年4月1日時点)
Graduates: Master's course 8,671
Doctoral course 1,785(as of April. 1, 2021)





高橋 和利 (H16修了)
Kazutoshi Takahashi
(Ph.D. in 2004)

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NAIST 同窓会の沿革 History of NAIST Alumni Association

- 平12年 2000 同窓会設立
Established the Alumni Association
- 平22年 2010 NAIST中期目標に修了生ネットワーク充実を明記
Declared to vitalize networking with graduates in the NAIST mid-term plan
- 平31年 2019 同窓会会員システムを導入
Introduced Alumni Management System
- 令和2年 2020 同窓会ウェブを更新
Renewed the Website



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NAIST 同窓会の活動 Activities of NAIST Alumni Association

- 会員相互の親睦**を図り、NAIST建学の**目的及び使命の達成**に寄与
Promote mutual friendship among members, and contribute to the achievement of the purpose and mission of NAIST
- ホームカミングデー開催、表彰**
Homecoming Days, recognition of excellent students and alumni
- 海外支部の設置** (タイ、インドネシア)
Establishment of overseas branches (Thailand, Indonesia)
- NAISTネット** (修了生検索、終身メール転送)
NAIST NET communication website (alumni members search, permanent email addresses)



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平成29・30年度 ホームカミングデー
Homecoming Days in 2017 / 2018




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NAIST 同窓会の活動(つづき)
Activities of NAIST Alumni Association (cont'd)

- 活躍する修了者による講演会の企画
Invite and host lectures by active graduates
- 在学生向けの就職支援事業などの企画
Create employment support projects for students
- 同窓会集会に対する開催支援
Management of reunion support funds for members



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開催支援の例 (バイオ5期生修了20周年記念パーティ)
Example of Reunion Support



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開催支援の例 (Indonesian NAIST Alumni Association Annual Gathering)




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会員の特典
Member Benefits

- 在学生向けの就職支援事業などにおいて優遇される場合がある
Members will be given priority for the employment support project
- 各種表彰の選考対象となる
Members are entitled to receive various awards from the Association
- 同窓会集会開催支援金の支給対象となる
Members are eligible for the support of alumni gatherings
- 同窓会システムで修了生 (OB・OG等) を検索できる
Members can search graduates on the assoc. system
- ホームページやメールリストにて各種案内や告知を発信できる
Members can post invitations and announcements via the association website and mailing list



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入会方法
How to Join

- 準会員登録 (無料)
Associate Member Registration (Free)
NAIST同窓会会員ネットワークシステムへの登録
Register to NAIST Alumni Assoc. Network System
<https://apply.palsyone.net/u-naist/register.aspx>
- 正会員登録
Regular Member Registration
永年会費 2万円 (一生涯追加費用なし)
One-time membership fee 20,000 JPY (no subsequent additional costs)

入会手続きの書類に同封の振込用紙にて支払い
A payment slip can be used that came with admission documents




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同窓会にぜひご入会ください



**PLEASE JOIN
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Greetings at INAA Alumni Reunion 2021

Hello everyone. My name is Kiyoshi Kiyokawa, the chairperson of the NAIST Alumni Association.

First of all, I would like to thank Dr. Berry Juliandi, the President of INAA, and the members of INAA for organizing today's alumni association gathering. I heard that today's 6th Anniversary Symposium of the NAIST Indonesia Office has more than 150 registrations, and the Indonesia NAIST Alumni Association Reunion has more than 100 registrations. I am very pleased that the deep and lively exchanges between Indonesia and NAIST have continued for many years.

As of April 2021, NAIST has awarded approximately 8,700 master's degrees and approximately 1,800 doctoral degrees, for a total of approximately 10,500 degrees. Just as Indonesian people are embodying, NAIST graduates are active all over the world in their respective research fields.

The NAIST Alumni Association supports the graduates so that they can cooperate with each other like a family and contribute more to the society. It may be a little expensive for people outside Japan, but if you pay a permanent membership fee of 20,000 yen, you can enjoy various benefits throughout your life. For example, we will bear part of the cost of the reunion meeting. Although not as active as INAA, the NAIST Alumni Association is gradually continuing its activities.

First, we increased the number of board members to further vitalize the activity. We also hired a staff member who will be in charge of some of the office work of the alumni association in cooperation with the NAIST Student Support Section. In addition, from June of this year, the NAIST Alumni Association is presenting certificate holders that graduates receive. In addition, we have obtained a zoom license to support online meetings with up to 500 participants at a time. This year, various events are planned to commemorate the 30th anniversary of NAIST. The NAIST Alumni Association also wants to hold a large-scale gathering.

Due to the covid19 pandemic, from last year to this year, NAIST has held various events online such as student recruitment briefings, open campuses, entrance exams, and lectures. It was difficult to do new things in the beginning, but we have seen many benefits of new solutions as well. For example, online entrance examinations have made it easier for Indonesian students to take the exam. I am currently the chair of the entrance examination committee of NAIST, but we plan to continue the online entrance examination in the future.

Pandemic is still fierce all over the world, but information technology is establishing a new lifestyle and workstyle. Also, thanks to the vaccine, hope is gradually emerging. I believe that humans can overcome any difficulties by always positively tackling problems with new ideas. It is important for us to produce many graduates with such problem-solving abilities and to connect the graduates to unite their strengths.

I think the INAA and the NAIST alumni association will play a very important role for that purpose. Let's continue to deepen our relationships with each other and create a better world together.

By the way, please allow me to leave the gathering in the middle today, because I myself need to get vaccinated this afternoon.

Thank you very much.

KIYOKAWA Kiyoshi
Chairperson
NAIST Alumni Association

NAIST Alumni Association History

February 1995

With the first students about to graduate, establishing an alumni association proposed by NAIST to promote cooperation between graduates and NAIST as well as between graduates themselves.

March 2000

NAIST Alumni Association (NAA) established. (Student Affairs Division provided administrative support).
Kazuki Joe (currently professor at Nara Women's University) appointed as chairperson and 24 members and councilors of the board were elected.

September 2001

NAA management responsibilities transferred to Alumni Board of Directors.

April 2004

All national universities incorporated.

Development of NAA support system specified in the NAIST mid-term plan.

April 2007

NAA Chairperson and three alumni on campus began discussions to restructure NAA. (Student Affairs Division provided administrative support).

March 2008

Accounting statement for entire the NAA operation period prepared and audited.

October 2009

Working group established with six alumni on campus, and, with approval of the active chairperson and councilors, NAA reorganization considered. (Student Affairs Division provided administrative support)

April 2010

Strengthening alumni network specified in second mid-term plan.

July 2010

Three alumni on campus joined the working group.

November 2010 : General Assembly and alumni gathering held.

October 2011 : General Assembly and alumni gathering held.

November 2012

General Assembly and alumni gathering held.

Dr. Kazutoshi Takahashi, an alumnus, awarded the NAIST Alumni Association Honor Award.

October 2013 : General Assembly and Tokyo Reunion (alumni gathering) held.

December 2014 : General Assembly held.

November 2015 : General Assembly held.

November 2016 : General Assembly and Homecoming Day held.

November 2017 : General Assembly and Homecoming Day held.

February 2018 : Board meeting held.

May 2018 : General Assembly and board meeting held.

August 2018 : Board meeting held.

November 2018 : General Assembly and Homecoming Day held.

May 2019 : Board meeting held.

November 2019 : General Assembly and Homecoming Day held.

November 2020 : General Assembly and Homecoming Day held.

May 2021 : Board meeting held.

June 2021 : Special General Assembly (online) held.