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Ethical Regulations for NAIST Information Network Use

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Article 1 (Purpose)

These regulations have been created to prevent actions that may violate communication privacy, human rights, or intellectual property rights, actions of moral misconduct, and those actions that may interfere with proper operation during the use of NAIST's information network. In addition, they have been created to ensure smooth operation of the information network system and contribute to the improvement of its management, supervision and role in education and research.

Article 2 (Definitions)

- (1) The "Information Network System" refers to the facilities for the management and operation of the information network, the computers connected to this network, equipment related to the network, and the software used on it.
- (2) "Users" refers to NAIST directors, staff, faculty, students and those engaged technical, administrative, research, or educational activities, who use NAIST's information system.
- (3) "System administrator" refers to the director of the Information Initiative Center and those involved with administration and management of the information network system.

Article 3 (Restrictions of Use)

The information network system is to be solely used for the purposes of education, research and university administration and management.

Article 4 (Network Rules)

Users recognize that the Information Network System can have strong and broad effects on society and, in order to ensure the smooth and proper operation of the network, agree to abide by the following rules. In using the internet, the user must handle all information, personal and otherwise, attained through the system properly.

- (1) Do not violate the personal communication of others.
- (2) Do not violate the rights or privacy of others.
- (3) Do not violate copyrights or intellectual property rights.
- (4) Do not send or participate in the sending of obscene/indecent pictures or writing, immoral

communication, or any other communication that violates Japanese laws and ordinances.

- (5) Do not obstruct the management and operation of the Information Network System or damage the network or its equipment through the use or downloading of harmful software or data.
- (6) Only access the Information Network System within the authorized limits.
- (7) Do not use the Information Network System for religious or political purposes.
- (8) Do not use the Information Network System for personal profit.
- (9) Do not obstruct the proper management and operation of the Information Network System.
- (10) Do not participate in or perform acts that unjustly impair or harm personal, university, or social interests and activities.

Article 5 (System Administrator Duties)

The system administrator will alert all users of these regulations and the rules within, while promoting moral awareness concerning information network system usage.

- (2) The system administrator may take measures such as canceling access to the Information Network System of those individuals who violate or are in violation of these regulations or any of the rules within.

Article 6 (Network Investigation)

Upon discovering acts or computers in violation of the rules in article 4, report this to the Information Initiative Center. (Herein referred to as "Center")

- (2) After investigating possible violations and finding violations of the rules in article 4, the Center will notify the university president and the dean of the violator's graduate school of the investigation results.
- (3) In the case where a violation involves areas under the administration of a university committee, the Center will also notify the appropriate committee of the investigation results.
- (4) In performing the investigation in (2), the Center will perform an impartial interview of the possible violation and those involved, taking care to respect their respective privacy, rights, and reputation.

Article 7 (Disciplinary Actions)

After receiving a report of the investigation in Article 6-(2) and after following the appropriate procedures, the university president will decide strict disciplinary actions appropriate to the severity of the violation.

Article 8 (Miscellaneous Provisions)

Provisions and rules in addition to those stated in these regulations will be established concerning information network usage.

Supplementary Provision

These regulations shall come into effect on April 1, 2004.

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