Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, NMIJ/AIST has reduced the attendance rate of personnel working within our campus down to 20 % according to governmental orders, both national and regional. Even in such extreme circumstances, however, NMIJ is mainly working on the following two services related to quality management and daily life of the citizens as social contribution activities to take measures against the COVID-19.

Never stop – Keep it going

Under our domestic law "Measurement Act", we have mandatory chapters such as definition of measurement units and those for Legal Metrology, as well as an optional chapter related to the traceability and dissemination scheme of measurement standards with the designation of NMIJ as the National Metrology Institute. We have sophisticatedly planned our working plans for each individual and applied telecommunication technologies enabling work outside the campus. As a result, we have successfully managed to minimize the delay and conduct all of our activities under the "Measurement Act" except for those inspections under Legal Metrology requiring travel outside our campus. For those delayed activities, we are in deep communication with our Ministry to minimize the impact to daily life of our citizens and industry. NMIJ will continue to work for providing high quality services for metrology.

Learn about Metrology - at home

— Establishment of the website "Anyone from children to adults can learn" —

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, people are requested to stay inside and even schools are now closed. Given the situation, NMIJ has developed a site that provides information to help make the "Stay-at-home order" a bit more enjoyable. NMIJ selected some contents from NMIJ website, including some introductory videos that are related to the SI and technical developments of NMIJ. This website will also introduce some experiments and crafting using measurement ("hakaru" in Japanese) and many other contents that will allow anyone to learn about "metrology" and "measure" in a fun, amusing way.