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Due to the outbreak of COVID-19, our previously scheduled conference to be held at Hirosaki Gakuin University has been moved to an online format. We have been making efforts to make the conversion, as well as to spearhead practices that can be adopted by the larger JALT community. Additionally, our conference theme, Teaching with Tech, has become quite relevant to many outside our normal base: we are making contributions to the language teaching and learning community by compiling a compendium of best practices for emergency remote teaching, keeping in mind teachers and learners who are less comfortable using technology.

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