The International Association of Graduate Students on Trans-East Asian Studies Articles of Association

Chapter 1 Provisions

Article 1 (Name)

This association, hereafter the Association, is named The International Association of Graduate Students on Trans-East Asian Studies (TEAS). It is named 국제 대학원생 트랜스-동아시아연구회 in Korean, 国際大学院生トランス東アジア研究会 in Japanese, and 国际跨东亚学研究生学术会 in Chinese.

Article 2 (Purpose)

The purpose of the Association is the growth of trans-East Asian academic research and exchanges between international graduate students of related fields to promote learning and friendship.

Article 3 (Location)

The Association's office is located at Korea University, Anam-dong, Seongbuk-gu, Seoul.

Article 4 (Works)

The Association, in order to achieve the goals of Article 2, enact the following works.

1 Holding domestic and international academic conferences

2 International academic exchange

3 Friendship activities by members

4 Other works required to achieve the goals of the Association

Chapter 2 Membership

Article 5 (Membership)

The Association's membership qualifications are as follows.

1 Regular member

A regular member of the Association must have the following qualifications, submit an entrance application, and pay an application fee and annual membership fee.

- (1) Holds a professional position at an educational institution domestically or internationally.
- (2) Has specialized in East Asia-related studies at the graduate level or is currently completing a degree in such.

(3) Is recognized to have qualifications equivalent to the above items 1 and 2.

2 Honorary member

An individual or institution whose great contribution to the growth of the Association has been recognized and recommended by the executive committee.

3 Lifetime member

An individual or institutional member who has paid a lifetime membership fee.

4 Advisor

- (1) An individual who is a former president of the Association and has made a large contribution to the growth of the Association and has passed resolution by the executive committee.
- (2) Advisors comply with the Association's requests for advice.

5 Network member

According to the need for trans-East Asian-related information, members will be recruited from the following organizations that have agreed to information exchange and research collaboration with the Association through resolution by the executive committee.

- (1) An East Asian-related academic organization or association recognized domestically and internationally
- (2) An East Asian-related professional organization or business
- (3) Other East-Asian related organizations
- (4) According to the reciprocity principle, network members are mutually exempt from membership fees, and regular publications and information on events will be mutually exchanged.
- (5) Individual members who are members of the network membership association may present at or participate in the Association's conferences, but if desiring publication must go through the admittance procedure.

Article 6 (Membership fee)

Regular members must pay a fixed membership fee annually.

Article 7 (Loss of eligibility)

Regular membership is suspended or forfeited under the conditions below.

(1) When the membership fee has not been paid for over 3 years without special cause, the member

is considered in suspension, and membership is restored to the suspended member when the 3 years' delinquent membership fees are paid.

- (2) When a member acts against the Association's aims or harms the Association's reputation, the member may be expelled by resolution of the executive committee.
- (3) Awards given by the Association to the expelled member is void from the date of expulsion.

Chapter 3 Organizational structure and affiliated associations Article 8 (Board of directors)

- (1) The board of directors consists of the president, vice-president, and executive directors.
- (2) The president convenes the board of directors by vote of more than 00 directors.
- (3) The board of directors is formed by the attendance of a majority and passes motions based on majority vote of the directors present. Proxies for directors are recognized by a quorum of the meeting but voting rights are not recognized.
- (4) The board of directors elects the president.

Article 9 (Election committee)

- (1) The election committee consists of around 6 people including the chairperson.
- (2) The current president serves as chairperson, and the secretary-general serves as secretary. Other members are appointed by the chairperson from the regular members.
- (3) The term of office for the election committee chairperson is the same length as the term of office for the president.
- (4) Other details of management are determined by committee.

Chapter 4 Executive committee

Article 10 (Organization)

The Association has the following executives.

- (1) 1 president
- (2) 1 vice-president
- (3) Several executive directors
- (4) Several inspectors

Article 11 (Election period and procedure)

- 1 The president is generally elected at the end of the term of office in February by the board of directors. The president succeeds to the rank of representative of the Association.
- 2 Registration for candidacy for president must receive public nominations from more than 00 directors and be submitted up to 7 days before election.
- 3 The election committee is in charge of the election for the presidential election for the next term of office, and the current president must form an election committee at least 15 days before election. The election committee does not have voting eligibility.
- 4 When there is only one candidate after the registration for candidacy, the candidate must pass yea-nay voting by the board of directors and is elected on receiving a majority of votes from the directors in attendance. If the candidate does not receive the approval of a majority of directors in attendance, the board of directors elects a candidate the same day based on appropriate procedures for a revote.
- 5 If the president leaves office with more than 6 months remaining in the current term, the board of directors is called within 30 days of absence for re-election. The newly-elected president's term is the remainder of the previous president's term.
- 6 The vice-president and executive directors are appointed by the president.

Article 12 (The board members' terms of office)

- 1 The president represents the Association and is in charge of all the affairs of the Association, and the president's term begins on March 1st of the election year for a single term of 2 years. A president elected to finish a term according to Article 11 Section 5 may serve 1 additional term.
- 2 The vice-president assists the president in assigned duties and serves a term of 2 years. If the president is absent for fewer than 6 months, the head vice-president acts as interim president.
- 3 The executive directors carry out the major duties of the Association and serve 2-year terms.
- 4 Directors deliberate and decide on resolutions and serve 2-year terms.
- 5 Inspectors may participate in the board of directors and serve 2-year terms.
- 6 All executives are graduate students. Within 30 days of losing eligibility as a graduate student due to leave of absence, graduation, withdrawing from the program of study, or other reasons, the executive board must be convened to elect a replacement executive. In this case, the next executive's term is 2 years.

Chapter 5 Meetings

Article 13 (General meetings)

The general assembly meets for regular and provisional general meetings convened by the president.

1 The regular general meeting is held in February. The meeting is formed by the members in attendance.

2 A provisional general meeting is called when the president finds it necessary or there is a resolution by the board of directors or a request by more than one-third of members.

Article 14 (Amendments to articles of association and resolutions)

Amendment to the articles of association requires the resolution of the general assembly and must receive approval by more than two-thirds of members in attendance. Other resolutions are decided by vote of a majority of members in attendance.

Chapter 6 Accounts

Article 15 The Association's expenses are appropriated through the following funds.

1 Entrance fees and membership fees

2 Funds attached to the operations of the Association

3 Grants for research and academic activities

4 Contributions

5 Others

Article 16

The Association's budget and accounts must be approved by the inspector and reported to the general assembly.

Article 17

The Association's fiscal year is from February 1st to January 31st of the following year.

Chapter 7 Supplements

Article 18

Details of operation necessary for the articles of association will be determined separately by resolution of the board of directors.

Article 19

Cases not provided in the articles of association will be decided by the custom of the Association administrators.

Article 20

The name, residence, and other details of the president of the nonprofit organization "The International Association of Graduate Students on Trans-East Asian Studies" is legally considered to be changed to the new president's name, residence, and other details simultaneously with the appointment of the new president.

Article 21 (Effectuation of articles of association)

- 1 Amendments to the articles of association require the resolution of the general assembly and must receive approval by more than two-thirds of the members in attendance.
- 2 The articles of association comes into effect from the date of approval by the inaugural general assembly meeting.