

# Rules and Regulations of the Japanese Association for Chinese Economy and Management Studies

## **Section 1: General Regulations**

Article 1: The organization shall be named the Japanese Association for Chinese Economy and Management Studies (hereafter, JACEM).

Article 2: The main objectives of JACEM are to promote academic research on the Chinese economy and the management practices of enterprises in China, and to facilitate academic exchange and mutual understanding among researchers.

Article 3: To achieve the above-mentioned objectives, JACEM shall undertake the following activities: (1) Providing members with opportunities to present their research and carry out debates through the holding of annual conferences, research meetings and seminars. (2) Publishing an academic journal. (3) Other activities contributing to the realization of the association's goals.

## **Section 2: Membership**

Article 4: Members of JACEM shall be classified into the following four categories:

- (1) Full members - individuals who have joined the association, having endorsed its objectives;
- (2) Supporting members - individuals and enterprises/organizations who support the operation of the association;
- (3) Honorary members: individuals who have rendered exceptional service to the association and have been recognized as such by the plenary assembly;
- (4) Overseas members: individuals and enterprises/organizations who held the status of a full or supporting member but have come to continually reside abroad and have, upon application, been granted an exemption from the membership fee.

Article 5: Members shall be provided with publications issued by the association and are eligible to take part in all events run by the association, including the annual conference, research meetings and seminars.

Article 6: Persons who endorse the goals of this association and aspire to join it are required to first obtain recommendations from two association members and then apply

and obtain the approval of the Board of Directors. Full and supporting members who wish to change their status to overseas member must receive an approval from the board. The procedure for rejoining the association shall be regulated separately.

Article 7: Individuals who wish to resign their membership must submit a notice of withdrawal to the Board of Directors in writing.

Article 8: Members who have made a substantial contribution to the association can, upon a recommendation by the Board of Directors and subject to the approval by the plenary assembly, be given the status of an honorary member.

Article 9: Members may, following a deliberation by the Board of Directors, lose their membership status in the following cases:

- (1) In case they have neglected to defray the annual membership fee for three years in a row.
- (2) In case they seriously harm the honor and authority of JACEM.

Article 10: Members shall pay an annual membership fee specified separately. Members who have been accepted are obligated to pay the full annual fee even if they have joined later during the association fiscal year.

### **Section 3: The Plenary Assembly**

Article 11: A plenary assembly will be held once a year, during which activity plans, settlements of accounts, the budget and other relevant matters shall be discussed and decided.

Article 12: Plenary assembly proceedings shall be decided by majority rule.

### **Section 4: Functionaries**

Article 13: The association has the following functionaries: one Chair, two Vice Chairs, approximately twenty Trustees, two Auditors and several Secretaries.

Article 14: A Trustee's term will last a total of three years. Reappointment is permitted, but a trustee cannot be on that post for more than two consecutive terms.

Article 15: The Chair shall serve as a representative of the association and shall oversee

the management of all administrative affairs. The Vice Chairs shall assist the Chair.

Article 16: The Trustees shall discuss and oversee all administrative affairs.

Article 17: The Auditors shall audit the association's accounts.

Article 18: The Secretaries shall support the administrative work conducted by the Board of Directors.

Article 19: The association functionaries shall be selected in accordance with the following provisions. Trustees shall be elected at plenary assemblies from among the members of the association. The Chair and Vice Chairs shall be elected by the board from among its members. Auditors shall be recommended by the board and approved by the plenary assembly. Secretaries shall be recommended by the Chair from among the full members and approved by the board. Detailed rules concerning the election of trustees and the eligibility for the elections shall be determined separately as part of the trustee election regulations.

Article 20: Based on recommendations by the board and subject to the approval by the plenary assembly, advisors may be appointed. The advisors shall offer advisory opinion to the board when necessary.

#### **Section 5: Board of Directors and Committees**

Article 21: The Board of Directors, consisting of the Chair, the Vice Chairs and the Trustees, carries out the association's administrative work.

Article 22: The Chair convenes and presides over board meetings.

Article 23: The majority of the board members must be present at a board meeting for it to be rendered valid. The meeting proceedings shall be decided by majority rule.

Article 24: In the case that a board member is unable to attend a board meeting, he/she may select a proxy among the attendees, but is required to submit a power of attorney letter to that effect in advance.

Article 25: The Board of Directors shall organize and manage committees responsible

for the annual conference, the JACEM journal and other relevant activities.

### **Section 6: Finances**

Article 26: The fiscal year for the association starts on September 1<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year and ends on August 31<sup>st</sup> of the following calendar year.

Article 27: Each year the Board of Directors must submit a financial statement report for the previous fiscal year audited by the board auditors to the plenary assembly for its approval.

### **Section 7: Publication and Distribution of the Academic Journal**

Article 28: As a medium for presenting members' research, the association shall publish and distribute to its membership an academic journal. Journal submission rules will be defined separately.

### **Section 8: Regulation Amendment**

Section 29: Proposals for regulation amendments will be put forward by the Board of Directors. An amendment will be regarded as approved if the proposal for it receives a majority support at the plenary assembly.

### **Supplementary Regulations**

Section 30: The Board of Directors determines the concrete operational regulations necessary for the management of the association.

Supplementary Regulation 1. The annual membership fee shall be JPY 8,000 for full members and JPY 20,000 for supporting members. Honorary members are exempt from paying the annual fee.

Supplementary Regulation 2. Students and other full members who are not in paid, full-time employment at the beginning of the fiscal year (April 1<sup>st</sup>) can, subject to the approval by the Board of Directors, receive a discount (JPY 4,000).

Supplementary Regulation 3. Printed materials will not be distributed to overseas members who have been exempted from membership fee.

Supplementary Regulation 4. These regulations come into effect on 22 June 2013.

**Supplementary remarks relating to the merger of the Japanese Research Association for Chinese Economy and the Society for Chinese Management Studies:**

1. Rules and regulations for the election of trustees, journal submissions and other affairs shall be specified separately.
2. Issues concerning the merging of journals (the new journal's name, circulation, editorial policy, etc.) will be discussed and solved at the first meeting of the Board of Directors after the merger based on the "Basic Policy for Merger". As a temporary measure for the transitional period (for at least the two years leading up to the first board member elections after the completion of the merger), *The Journal of Chinese Economic Studies* and *The Chinese Management Studies* will continue to be issued in the same way as before, separately. However, the publisher shall be the Japanese Association for Chinese Economy and Management Studies.
3. The conference organizational committee and the journal editorial committees shall be, for the time being, treated the same. Appropriate care shall be taken to avoid biases in the research methodologies and research fields of the members of the two societies

(Taken from the "Proposal for the Merger of the Society for Chinese Management Studies and the Japanese Research Association for the Chinese Economy").