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Article 1 (Name)

The name of this organization is the “Asian Society for Hydrobiology (ASH)” (hereinafter referred to as the “Society”). The Society is a NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION with aims of benefitting the public interest.

Article 2 (Existence)

The existence of the Society shall be perpetual.

Article 3 (Purpose)

The Society aims to contribute to the development of hydrobiological science and technology by engaging in and disseminating academic activities related to the basics and applications of hydrobiology, focusing on freshwater and marine ecosystems worldwide. Specifically, it aims to contribute to the conservation of aquatic ecosystems and the sustainable use of water resources in various Asian countries.

Article 4 (Activities)

To achieve the purpose stated in Article 3, the Society shall undertake the following activities:

1. Publication of journals, newsletters, and professional books in print or online
2. Holding regular or irregular academic events such as conferences, symposiums, seminars, and meetings
3. Strengthening cooperation with related academic, industrial, and research institutions
4. Developing and disseminating educational programs for the conservation of aquatic ecosystems
5. Encouraging the next generation of researchers, celebrating notable achievements, and rewarding outstanding researchers
6. Other activities that align with the Society's purpose

Article 5 (Membership Qualifications)

Membership shall be open to those who work in hydrobiology or related fields and agree with the Society's purpose.

Article 6 (Officers)

The Society's officers shall consist of one President, one General Secretary, several Vice Presidents, and two Auditors.

Article 7 (Board of Directors)

The Board of Directors consists of the President, Vice Presidents, and the General Secretary.

Article 8 (Board of Executives)

The Board of Executives consists of Executive members (hereinafter referred to as “Executives”) selected by country, function, and generation in line with the Society’s objectives.

Article 9 (Editorial Board)

The Editorial Board performs the publication and editorial tasks of the Society. Separate regulations govern its composition and operation.

Article 10 (General Assembly)

1. The General Assembly consists of all Society’s members present at meetings of the Society.
2. The General Assembly is divided into Regular General Assembly that is called during the Society’s regular conference and Provisional General Assembly that is called other times.

Article 11 (Secretariat)

The Secretariat performs the administrative tasks of the Society. Separate regulations govern its composition and operation.

Article 12 (Committees)

To facilitate the Society’s activities stated in Article 4, the Secretariat may establish committees.

Article 13 (Assets)

1. The Society’s assets include those donated at the time of establishment, membership fees, donations, and other assets acquired without cost.
2. The initial basic assets of the Society at the time of establishment are 0 USD.
3. The Secretariat manages the Society’s assets and undergoes an annual accounting audit by a qualified, independent entity.

Article 14 (Finance and Accounting)

1. The Society’s finances are managed through membership fees and donations.
2. The fiscal year of the Society runs from January 1 to December 31.
3. Separate regulations govern finance and accounting.

Article 15 (Amendment of Constitution)

Amendments to the Society's constitutions require a three-fourths majority vote by the General Assembly.

Article 16 (Dissolution and Merger)

Dissolution or merger of the Society requires a four-fifths majority vote by the General Assembly. Upon dissolution, remaining assets shall be donated to other social enterprises or public funds.

Article 17 (Subordinate Regulations)

In addition to the constitution, the Society may establish separate subordinate regulations necessary for its operation.

Transitional Provision**Article 1 (Effective Date)**

This constitution shall be effective from the date of approval (July 4, 2024) signed by all founding members to establish the nonprofit private organization, the Asian Society for Hydrobiology.

This constitution is drafted for the establishment of the nonprofit private society "Asian Society for Hydrobiology," and all ASH executives have signed and sealed their agreement.