

East-Asian Association for Science Education

CONSTITUTION

1 Name and Status

1.1

The name of the association shall be ‘The EASE (East-Asian Association for Science Education), referred to as ‘The Association’. The Association comprises members from regions including China Mainland, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, and Thailand. These regions are referred to as ‘The Constituent Regions’.

1.2

‘Science Education’ shall refer to all aspects of education in respect of the natural sciences including physics, chemistry, biology, earth science, environmental science, general science, and applied science for learners of all ages.

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‘Research’ shall refer to all forms of systematic inquiry.

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The Executive shall, if necessary, establish the legality of this Constitution under national or international law as appropriate.

2 Aims

The aims of The Association shall be:

2.1

to enhance the range and quality of research, teaching and learning in science education in East Asia, in particular, those related to the culture and heritage of The Constituent Regions;

2.2

to provide a platform for collaboration in science education among The Constituent Regions;

2.3

to seek to relate research to the policy and practice of science education in The Constituent Regions;

2.4

to represent the professional interests of science education researchers in The Constituent Regions;

2.5

to foster links between science education researchers in The Constituent Regions and similar communities elsewhere in the world.

3 Membership

3.1

Personal membership of The Association is open to anyone who has interests in science education research.

3.2

Applications for personal membership shall be made on the Application Form provided.

3.3

The title and privileges of being a 'Personal Member of the Association' shall only be enjoyed by an individual over a period for which all the dues required by The Association have been paid.

3.4

Organizational membership of The Association shall be open to organizations which have a constitutional interest in research in science education.

3.5

Applications for organizational membership shall be made on the Application Form provided.

3.6

The title and privileges of being an 'Organizational Member of the Association' shall only be enjoyed by an organization over a period for which all the dues required by The Association have been paid.

4 The Executive

4.1

Decisions made on behalf of The Association shall be taken by The Executive.

4.2

Each personal member shall have the right to one vote in any election concerning The Association.

4.3

The Executive shall consist of elected members, with at least two to four representatives from each constituent regions of The Association. All nominations must be supported by a proposer and a seconder, who are Personal Members of The Association. The proposer and the seconder must also be coming from different Constituent Regions. Each of those elected will serve for three to five years. However, arrangements should be made as far as possible such that about half of the members on the Executive will be re-elected in every other two or three years to ensure smooth transition and continuity of work of The Association.

4.4

President, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer will be directly elected among the elected members of The Executive. The term of office for each of the above-mentioned office bearers will be two or three years.

4.5

If a position on The Executive falls vacant, The Executive shall fill it by whatever means they deem necessary and which do not contradict the above conditions, until the next occasion for an election.

4.6

The duties of the President shall:

- a. take charge of the affairs of The Association, including presiding the Biennial Conference of The Association;
- b. serve as a Chair of The Executive;
- c. be or designate a representative to affiliate organizations;
- d. serve as or designate a representative as spokesperson for The Association.

4.7

During the Biennial Conference, The Executive will present a written report, which shall include Audited Accounts, of The Association. This report will be uploaded onto the official website of The Association for perusal by Members who are not present at the Biennial Conference of The Association. In years when the Biennial Conference does not take place, the written report will be sent to all Members and posted on the website.

4.8

The Organizer of the next Biennial Conference of The Association which shall be organized to support communication on research matters between members of The Association and with others shall automatically be co-opted on to The Executive.

4.9

Elections to The Executive shall, wherever possible, take place during a Biennial Conference of The Association such that results may be announced at that Conference.

4.10

Amendments to The Constitution either shall be proposed by a majority decision of The Executive or shall be proposed by at least thirty other Members of The Association who, in turn, must be coming from at least three of The Constituent Regions.

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An amendment to The Constitution shall be agreed by a two-thirds majority of the members of The Association who vote in the ensuing referendum.

4.12

The Headquarter of The Association shall be established in a City at the discretion of The Executive.

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Important documents produced in the course of Association business shall have an abstract in English.

5 Activities

5.1

The activities of The Association shall be addressed by such means as The Executive shall decide.

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These means shall include the organization of Boards and shall include the organization of the Biennial Conferences of The Association.

5.3

The costs of each activity conducted on behalf of The Association shall be met by, or on behalf of, the activity, less any administrative input that The Executive shall decide to make. Any surplus generated by an activity shall be the property of The Association.

5.4

In order to conduct the business of The Association, The Executive shall be empowered both to collect an Annual Membership Fee from personal and Organizational Members of The Association and to make applications to Fund-Awarding Bodies on behalf of The Association.