

**ARTICLES of INCORPORATION**  
**General Incorporated Association**  
**Japan Consumer Affairs Research Institute**

**Chapter 1 General Rules****Article 1 (Name)**

This corporation is a general incorporated association, the Japan Consumer Affairs Research Institute (abbreviated as Nisshouken), and its English name is Japan Consumer Affairs Research Institute (abbreviated as JACARIN).

**Article 2 (Office)**

This corporation shall have its principal office in Taito-ku, Tokyo Japan.

**Chapter 2 Purpose and Business****Article 3 (Purpose)**

This corporation provides consumers, governments, companies, and organizations with information related to consumer life in Japan and overseas, deepens mutual understanding among consumers, governments, companies, and organizations, fosters a sense of trust, and thereby contributes to society. , to contribute to the sound development of the economy and the promotion of consumer benefits.

**Article 4 (Business)**

This corporation shall carry out the following businesses in order to achieve the purpose of the preceding article.

- (1) Collection and research of information related to consumer life in Japan and overseas, and dissemination of policy proposals based on the results
- (2) Implementation of seminars and training related to consumer life, education and learning support
- (3) Translation of books on consumer life and related publications
- (4) Collecting and exchanging information from companies, governments, and consumer groups
- (5) Support, research, and training related to sustainable consumer life
- (6) Any business incidental to the business listed in the preceding items

## **Chapter 3 Members**

### **Article 5 (Type)**

The members of this corporation shall be of the following four types.

(1) Regular member An individual who agrees with the purpose of this corporation and has paid the prescribed membership fee

(2) Supporting members Individuals and organizations who support the activities of this corporation and pay the prescribed membership fee

(3) Members Individuals who agree with the purpose of this corporation and participate in workshops etc. hosted by this corporation

(4) Researcher: An individual who agrees with the purpose of this corporation and researches consumer issues

2. Regular members among the members set forth in the preceding paragraph shall be members under the Act on General Incorporated Associations and General Incorporated Foundations (hereinafter referred to as the "General Corporation Act").

3. Membership fee regulations shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

### **Article 6 (Admission)**

Individuals or organizations/groups who wish to become members shall apply for membership as determined separately by the Board of Directors, and may become members upon approval of the Board of Directors.

### **Article 7 (Withdrawal)**

Members may withdraw from membership at any time by submitting a withdrawal notice.

### **Article 8 (Expulsion)**

If a member falls under any of the following items, a regular member may be expelled by a resolution of the General Assembly, or a non-regular member may be expelled by a resolution of the Board of Directors.

(1) When the Articles of Incorporation or other rules are violated.

(2) When you defame this corporation or act contrary to its purpose.

(3) When there are other justifiable grounds for expulsion.

### **Article 9 (Loss of Qualification)**

In addition to the cases set forth in the preceding two Articles, a member shall be disqualified for any of the following reasons.

(1) When consent has been obtained from Sosei members.

(2) When the member dies or is dissolved.

(3) When you have not fulfilled your obligation to pay the prescribed membership fee for more than one year.

## **Chapter 4 General Meeting**

### **Article 10 (Structure)**

The General Assembly shall consist of all regular members.

2. The general meeting set forth in the preceding paragraph shall be the general meeting of members under the General Corporation Law.

### **Article 11 (Authority)**

The General Assembly shall resolve on the following matters:

- (1) Expulsion of regular members
- (2) Appointment or dismissal of directors and auditors
- (3) Approval of balance sheet and statement of increase/decrease in net worth
- (4) Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation
- (5) Dissolution and disposal of residual assets
- (6) Other matters stipulated by laws and regulations or these Articles of Incorporation as matters to be resolved at the general meeting

### **Article 12 (Holding)**

General meetings of this corporation shall be regular general meetings and extraordinary general meetings. Regular general meetings shall be held within three months after the end of each business year, and extraordinary general meetings shall be held as necessary.

### **Article 13 (Convocation)**

General meetings shall be convened by the president based on a resolution of the board of directors, unless otherwise provided for by law.

2 Regular members who hold one-fifth or more of the voting rights of all regular members may request the chairman to convene a general meeting by indicating the purpose of the general meeting and the reason for convening it.

3. To convene a general meeting, the president shall notify regular members in writing of the necessary information at least two weeks prior to the date of the general meeting.

### **Article 14 (Chairman)**

The Chairperson of the General Assembly shall be the Chairman of the Board.

### **Article 15 (Voting Rights)**

Each full member has one vote at the general meeting.

### **Article 16 (Resolution)**

Resolutions of the general meeting shall be made by the majority of the voting rights of the regular members present, unless otherwise provided by laws and regulations or these Articles of Incorporation.

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, the following resolutions shall be passed by a majority of two-thirds or more of the voting rights of all regular members.

- (1) Expulsion of regular members
- (2) Dismissal of auditors
- (3) Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation
- (4) Dissolution
- (5) Other matters stipulated by law

3. When passing a resolution on a proposal to appoint a director or an auditor, the resolution set forth in paragraph 1 shall be made for each candidate. If the total number of candidates for Director or Auditor exceeds the fixed number specified in Article 20, the candidates who have obtained the majority of the votes shall be selected in descending order of the number of votes until the fixed number is reached. do.

#### **Article 17 (Exercise of voting rights in writing)**

Regular members who are unable to attend the general meeting may exercise their voting rights using the voting rights exercise form. In this case, the number of such voting rights shall be included in the number of voting rights set forth in the preceding Article.

#### **Article 18 (Exercise of voting rights by proxy)**

Full members may exercise their voting rights by proxy by submitting a letter of proxy or other document certifying their power of attorney to the president. In this case, with regard to the application of the provisions of Article 16, the full member shall be deemed to have attended.

#### **Article 19 (Minutes)**

The proceedings of the general meeting shall be recorded in the minutes as stipulated by law, and the chairperson and two signatories of the minutes selected from among the regular members who attended shall sign and affix their seals.

### **Chapter 5 Officers**

#### **Article 20 (Officers)**

This corporation shall have the following officers.

- (1) Directors: up to 11 people

(2) Auditor: Within 2 people

2 One of the directors shall be the president.

3. One of the Directors may be the Managing Director.

4 The chairman of the two preceding paragraphs shall be the representative director under the General Corporation Law, and the managing director of the preceding paragraph shall be the executive director under the General Corporation Law.

#### **Article 21 (Election of Officers)**

Directors and auditors shall be elected by resolution of the general meeting.

2 The Chairman shall be selected from among the Directors by resolution of the Board of Directors.

3 The Managing Director shall be appointed by the President with the consent of the Board of Directors.

#### **Article 22 (Restrictions on Directors)**

Among the Directors, the total number of any one of the Directors and her spouse, relatives within the third degree, or other persons with a special relationship shall not exceed one-third of the total number of Directors.

#### **Article 23 (Duties and Authority of Directors)**

The directors shall constitute the Board of Directors and shall execute their duties in accordance with laws and regulations and these Articles of Incorporation.

2. The president shall represent this juridical person and execute the affairs of the juridical person.

3. The managing director shall assist the president to control and execute the business of this corporation.

4. The President and Managing Director shall report to the Board of Directors on the status of their performance of duties at least twice at intervals of four months or more.

#### **Article 24 (Duties and Authority of Auditors)**

Auditors shall audit the execution of duties by directors and prepare audit reports in accordance with laws and regulations.

2 Auditors may request business reports from directors and employees at any time, and may investigate the status of business and property of this juridical person.

#### **Article 25 (Term of Office of Officers)**

The term of office of directors shall expire at the conclusion of the ordinary general meeting held for the last business year ending within two years after their election. However, it does not preclude re-election.

2. The term of office of an Auditor shall expire at the conclusion of the annual general meeting held for the last business year ending within four years after his/her appointment. However, it does not preclude re-election.

#### **Article 26 (Dismissal of Officers)**

Directors and auditors may be dismissed by resolution of the general meeting.

### **Chapter 6 Board of Directors**

#### **Article 27 (Constitution)**

This corporation shall have a board of directors.

2 The Board of Directors shall consist of all Directors.

#### **Article 28 (Authority)**

The Board of Directors shall perform the following duties.

- (1) Decision on business execution of this corporation
- (2) Supervision of execution of duties by directors
- (3) Appointment and dismissal of representative directors and executive members

#### **Article 29 (Convocation)**

The Board of Directors shall be convened by the President.

2. The person convening the Board of Directors shall notify each Director and Auditor at least one week prior to the date of the Board of Directors meeting in writing stating the date, time, place, purpose and other necessary matters of the Board of Directors meeting. must be issued.

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, the Board of Directors may be held without going through the convocation procedures if all Directors and Auditors agree.

4. When all the directors who are able to participate in the decision have expressed their consent in writing or electronically, it shall be deemed that the board has passed a resolution to pass the proposal.

#### **Article 30 (Chairman)**

The Chairperson of the Board of Directors shall be the President.

2. In the event that the chairman is vacant or has an accident with the chairman, a person appointed in advance by the chairman will serve as the chairperson.

#### **Article 31 (Resolutions)**

Resolutions of the Board of Directors shall be passed by a majority of the Directors, excluding those who have a special interest in the resolution, in attendance.

#### **Article 32 (Minutes)**

The proceedings of the Board of Directors shall be recorded in minutes as stipulated by law.

2. The two directors appointed by the chairperson shall affix their names and seals to the minutes of the preceding paragraph.

### **Chapter 7 Assets and Accounting**

#### **Article 33 (Business year)**

The business year of this corporation shall be from October 1st to September 30th of each year.

#### **Article 34 (Business report and settlement of accounts)**

With regard to business reports and settlement of accounts, after the end of each business year, the president prepares the following documents, is audited by the auditors, is approved by the board of directors, and is submitted to the general meeting. shall report the contents thereof and receive approval for the documents in items 2 and 3.

(1) Business report (and its annexes)

(2) Balance sheet (and its annexes)

(3) Net worth increase/decrease statement (and its annexes)

2. In addition to the documents in the preceding paragraph, the audit report shall be kept at the main office for five years, and the Articles of Incorporation and full member list shall be kept at the main office.

#### **Article 35 (Business Plan and Income and Expenditure Budget)**

The business plan and income and expenditure budget must be prepared by the president by the day before the start of each business year and must be approved by the board of directors. The same shall apply when changing this.

2 The documents in the preceding paragraph shall be kept at the main office until the end of the relevant business year.

#### **Article 36 (Restrictions on Disposal of Surplus)**

This corporation cannot distribute surplus.

### **Chapter 8 Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and Dissolution**

#### **Article 37 (Changes to the Articles of Incorporation)**

This corporation may change its articles of incorporation by a resolution of the general meeting.

**Article 38 (Dissolution)**

This corporation shall be dissolved by a resolution of the general meeting or for other reasons stipulated by laws and regulations.

**Article 39 (Ownership of Residual Assets)**

Residual property held by this corporation in the event of liquidation shall be subject to the resolution of the general meeting, the national or local public entity, or public interest incorporated association or public interest incorporated foundation, or Article 5 17 of the Act on Authorization of Public Interest Incorporated Association and Public Interest Incorporated Foundation It shall be attributed to the corporation listed in the item.

**Chapter 9 Method of Public Notice**

**Article 40 (Method of public notice)**

The method of public notice of this corporation shall be by posting it in a place where the public can easily see it in the main office.

**Chapter 10 Secretariat**

**Article 41 (Staff)**

Secretariat staff can be placed in the secretariat to handle the affairs of this corporation.

**Chapter 11 Chairman/Advisor**

**Article 42(Chairman and Advisor)**

This juridical person may have a chairman and an adviser.

2 The chairman shall be appointed from among those with academic experience, and the advisor shall be appointed from among those who have made a distinguished contribution to this corporation by the president after the resolution of the board of directors.

**Chapter 12 Miscellaneous Rules**

**Article 43 (Delegation)**

In addition to what is stipulated in these Articles of Incorporation, matters necessary for the operation of this corporation shall be determined separately by the president after resolution of the board of directors.

### **Supplementary provision**

1 This Articles of Incorporation shall come into effect from the date of establishment of this corporation.

2 Regardless of the provisions of Article 33, the business year at the time of establishment of this corporation shall be from the date of establishment to September 30, 2021.

3 The names and addresses of the members at the time of establishment of this corporation are as follows.

Name Address

Mr.Hidetoshi TAKAGI 3-28-6 Asakusabashi, Taito-ku, Tokyo 111-0053 Japan

4 The directors at the time of establishment, auditors at the time of establishment, and representative directors at the time of establishment of this corporation shall be as follows.

Founding Director: Prf.Tsuneo MATSUMOTO, Mr.Hirofumi UZUKI,

Mr.Masahiko NISHIBU, Mr.Toshihiko HATORI, Ms.Ineko MASU, Mr.Katsuhiko Mogi

Founding Auditor: Mr.Masayuki SATAKE

Founding Representative Director

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Mr.Hidetoshi TAKAGI

In order to establish the General Incorporated Association Japan Consumer Affairs Research Institute, this Articles of Incorporation will be created, and the members at the time of establishment will then sign and seal.

October 14, 2020

Founding employee Mr.Hidetoshi TAKAGI