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“World-Class Researcher Development Through Regional Collaboration” (HIRAKU-Global)
under the “Strategic Professional Development Program for Young Researchers” by MEXT
HIRAKU-Global Operating Council Guidelines

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Article 1. Purpose

Based on Article 7 of the World-Class Researcher Development Through Regional Collaboration (HIRAKU-Global) Consortium Rules and Regulations, these Guidelines provide necessary matters concerning the organization and the operation of the HIRAKU-Global Operating Council (hereafter referred to as the Operating Council).

Article 2. Mission

The Operating Council shall deliberate on the following matters:

- (1) decisions made on the programs carried out by the World-Class Researcher Development Through Regional Collaboration (HIRAKU-Global) Consortium (hereafter referred to as the Consortium)
- (2) selection and development of the early career researchers who are expected to become world-class researchers through the Program (hereafter referred to as the HIRAKU-Global Researchers);
- (3) collaboration among research institutions forming the Consortium;
- (4) allocation and execution of the budget associated with the Consortium’s management and operation;
- (5) initiatives to prevent research misconduct;
- (6) other programs implemented under the Consortium.

Article 3. Member

1. The Operating Council shall consist of the following Members:
 - (1) Executive Director in Charge in the Lead Organization;
 - (2) Executive Manager of the Lead Organization;
 - (3) Executive Directors in Charge in the Partner Organizations (one person each);
 - (4) Chair of the HIRAKU-Global Program Management Committee;
 - (5) Program Manager (PM);
 - (6) Others whom the Chair of the Operating Council deems necessary.
2. The Expanded HIRAKU-Global Operating Council is placed in the Operating Council, composed of the Members and Executive Directors in Charge, etc. in the Member Organizations for the appropriate operation of the matters listed in Article 2.

3. The HIRAKU-Global Program Management Committee (hereafter referred to as the Committee) is placed in the Operating Council, for the deliberation and execution of the matters listed in Article 2.
4. Necessary matters on the Committee shall be decided separately.

Article 4. Chair

1. The Member in 1 (1) in Article 3 shall be appointed as the Chair of the Operating Council and the Expanded HIRAKU-Global Operating Council (hereafter referred to as the Council).
2. The Chair presides the Council.
3. In the event of an accident preventing the Chair from executing their duty, the Member in 1 (2) in Article 3 shall perform the duty of Chair on their behalf.

Article 5. Quorum

1. At the Council meeting, more than two-thirds of the Members present shall constitute a quorum.
2. The proceedings of the Council shall be rendered by approval of a majority of the Members in attendance. When there are an equal number of Members supporting both sides of an issue, the Chair shall render the decision.

Article 6. Substituting Attendance

Should a Member be unable to attend the Council due to an accident, etc., a representative shall be eligible to attend on behalf of the Member.

Article 7. Attendance of a Non-Member

When the Chair deems it necessary, non-Members shall be eligible to attend and state their opinions at the Council.

Article 8. Administrative Work

The administrative work on the Council shall be carried out by the HIRAKU-Global Office.

Article 9. Others

Necessary matters on the Operating Council other than those provided within these Guidelines shall be decided separately.

Supplementary Provision

These Guidelines were authorized as of July 9, 2020 and retroactively came into effect as of November 6, 2019.