

Specified Nonprofit Corporation Consortium TIES Membership Regulations

(Purpose)

Article 1

These regulations stipulate the necessary matters concerning members as provided in Chapter 3 of the Articles of Incorporation of the Specified Nonprofit Corporation Consortium TIES (hereinafter referred to as "the Corporation").

(Scope and Obligations of Members)

Article 2

As provided in Article 6 of the Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation shall have the following two types of members. In accordance with Article 8 of the Articles of Incorporation, members must pay the membership fees stipulated in Article 3 of these regulations:

- (1) Regular Members: Individuals or organizations who agree with the objectives of the Corporation and have joined as members.
- (2) Supporting Members: Individuals or organizations who agree with the objectives of the Corporation and have joined to support its activities.

(Admission Fees and Membership Fees)

Article 3

Admission fees and membership fees shall be as follows:

Admission Fee

Admission is free for all membership types.

Membership Fees

Member Type	Annual Fee
Regular Member (Organization)	¥30,000
Regular Member (Individual)	¥3,000
Supporting Member (Organization, per unit)	¥30,000
Supporting Member (Individual, per unit)	¥3,000

The revised fees shall take effect from FY2015. However, for Regular Members (Organizations) who joined prior to the effective date, the existing fee shall remain unchanged until the end of FY2018, and the revised fees shall apply from FY2019.

(Payment of Membership Fees)

Article 4

Members shall pay the annual membership fee at the beginning of each fiscal year. However, members joining mid-year shall pay the full annual fee at the time of enrollment.

(Loss of Membership Status)

Article 5

As stipulated in Article 9 of the Articles of Incorporation.

(Withdrawal)

Article 6

As stipulated in Article 10 of the Articles of Incorporation.

(Expulsion)

Article 7

As stipulated in Article 11 of the Articles of Incorporation.

(Non-Refund of Contributions and Fees)

Article 8

As provided in Article 12 of the Articles of Incorporation.

(Membership Benefits)

Article 9

Members are entitled to the following benefits.

- (1) Regular and Supporting Members may receive information on events, seminars, and study groups hosted by the Corporation and may participate at discounted member rates.

- (2) Regular and Supporting Members may freely access surveys, materials, manuals, FAQs, and other documents created or conducted by the Corporation.
- (3) Regular Members, whether individuals or organizations, shall each have one vote at the General Assembly.

Benefit	Regular Member	Supporting Member
Access to information and discounted participation in events, seminars, and study groups	✓	✓
Free access to surveys, manuals, FAQs, etc.	✓	✓
Voting rights at General Assembly	✓	X

(Admission Procedure)

Article 10

To join the Corporation, an applicant must agree to the Articles of Incorporation and these Regulations, and submit an application form as prescribed by the Chief Director or apply via the Corporation’s website. Membership becomes official upon confirmation of payment of the membership fee.

(Changes in Member Information)

Article 11

If there are any changes to the information submitted to the Corporation, such as address, the member must promptly notify the Corporation using the prescribed form.

(Amendments to the Regulations)

Article 12

These regulations may be amended by resolution of the General Assembly.

(Supplementary Provisions)

These regulations shall be effective from July 8, 2006.

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These regulations were amended on June 14, 2014, and the amendments shall come into effect on the same date.