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World-Class Researcher Development Through Regional Collaboration (HIRAKU-Global)  
under "Strategic Professional Development Program for Young Researchers" by MEXT  
HIRAKU-Global Consortium Rules and Regulations

July 9, 2020

(Name)

Article 1 The name of this consortium established in these Rules and Regulations shall be the World-Class Researcher Development Through Regional Collaboration (HIRAKU-Global) Consortium, (hereafter referred to as the Consortium).

(Purpose)

Article 2 The purpose of the Consortium shall be to establish a platform to develop world-class researchers through the collaboration and cooperation of public and private universities located in the Chugoku and Shikoku regions, etc.

(Program)

Article 3 The Consortium shall carry out the following Program to accomplish the Purpose:

- (1) in relation to the "World-Class Researcher Development Through Regional Collaboration" selected as MEXT's "Strategic Professional Development Program for Young Researchers";
- (2) other necessary matters to accomplish the Purpose set in Article 2.

(Composing Institution)

Article 4 The Composing Institutions of the Consortium shall consist of the Lead, Partner, and Member Organizations.

2. The Lead Organization is Hiroshima University, and the Partner Organizations are Yamaguchi University, Tokushima University, and Ehime University.
3. The Member Organization's admission and secession shall require the approval of the HIRAKU-Global Operating Council prescribed in Article 7 of these Rules and Regulations.

(President and Vice President)

Article 5 The President and Vice Presidents shall be appointed in the Consortium.

- 2 The Chief Executive Manager (President) in the Lead Organization shall be appointed as the President of the Consortium.
- 3 The Executive Managers (Presidents) in the Partner Organizations shall be appointed as the Vice Presidents of the Consortium.

Article 6 The President shall represent the Consortium and shall manage its operation.

- 2 The Vice Presidents shall assist the President, and in the event of an accident preventing the President from executing their duty, one of the Vice Presidents shall perform the duty of the President on their behalf.

(HIRAKU-Global Operating Council)

Article 7 The HIRAKU-Global Operating Council is placed in the Consortium in order to deliberate on important matters on the administration and management of the whole Consortium.

- 2 Necessary matters on the HIRAKU-Global Operating Council shall be decided separately.

(HIRAKU-Global Advisory Board)

Article 8 The HIRAKU-Global Advisory Board shall be established in order to provide advice on and to improve the whole program of the Consortium.

- 2 Necessary matters on the Advisory Board shall be decided separately.

(Confidentiality)

Article 9 Members of the Composing Institutions who shall take part in the programs of the Consortium are prohibited, without a prior consent of the Consortium, to disclose personal and confidential information in regard to the other Composing Institutions learned through the Consortium.

(HIRAKU-Global Office)

Article 10 The HIRAKU-Global Office shall be established in the Lead Organization in order to carry out the administrative work of the Consortium.

(Miscellaneous)

Article 11 Necessary matters on the management of the Consortium other than those provided within these Rules and Regulations shall be decided by the HIRAKU-Global Operating Council.

Supplementary Provision

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