

(Tentative) Regulations for the Ryukyuan Heritage Language Society

(1) General

1.1. This society shall be named Ryukyuan Heritage Language Society (hereafter “Society”).

1.2. A Secretariat will be established to carry out the operations of the Society. For the time being, the Secretariat will be located at Dokkyo University.

(2) Aim and Pursuit

2.1. The Society shall be an international society of scholars and language activists committed to the research and maintenance of the Ryukyuan languages.

2.2. The Society will perform the following activities towards these ends:

- (a)** organize an annual Ryukyuan heritage language workshop / conference;
- (b)** establish a journal committed to the aim of the Society;
- (c)** raise money for Ryukyuan heritage language research;
- (d)** contribute to the research, documentation and archiving of the Ryukyuan heritage languages;
- (e)** promote and support activities in accordance with the aim of the Society.

(3) Membership

3.1. Application for membership to the Society can be made at any time. Successful approval for membership requires approval from two thirds of the current board members.

3.2. Membership will entitle to attend the Annual General Meeting, the annual workshop / symposium, to participate in the activities of the Society, and to have their profile on the Society’s webpage.

3.3. In place of membership fees, a fundraising activity will be held every year at the Annual General Meeting.

(4) Members and Duties

4.1. The following Executive Members will be appointed for the Society

- (a)** President: 1 member
- (b)** Vice-president: 1 member

- (c) Secretaries: 2 members
- (d) Treasurer: 1 member
- (e) Webmaster 1 member
- (f) Chief Editors: 2 members
- (g) Conference organizers 3 members
- (h) Research spokespersons: 10 members

4.2. The Members of the Executive Committee shall be elected by the Annual General Meeting.

4.3. The Executive Committee member's term will be three years and a member may stand for re-election.

4.4. The Executive Committee members shall attend the Annual General Meeting and discuss and execute general affairs of the Society.

(5) General Meeting

5.1. Unless otherwise decided, the General Meeting shall be on the occasion of the annual workshop / conference.

5.2. The President or Vice-President shall be the chairperson.

5.3. All decisions but those of new membership (see above) shall be made by an approval of the majority of the members present at the meeting. In case of a tie vote, the chairperson of the General Meeting shall make the decision.

(6) Accounting

6.1. The fiscal year of the Society shall start on April 1 and end on March 31 of the following year.

6.2. The business proposal and revenue and expenditures of the Society must be approved by the Annual General Meeting.

(7) Other

7.1. These regulations may be revised with the approval of the majority present at the Annual General Meeting, after undergoing discussion.

7.2. Revision of the stipulations for acceptance of membership requires the approval of two thirds of the vote at the Annual General Meeting.

(8) Supplementary provisions

8.1. The first Annual General Meeting shall be convened on 5 March 2011 at the Kwansei Gakuin Daigaku satellite campus in Tokyo.

8.2. These regulations will be enforced on the first Annual General Meeting.

8.3. The following persons are suggested as initial members to the Research Society

1. Anderson, Mark
2. Ando Yuka
3. Arakaki Tomoko
4. Aso Reiko
5. Brenzinger, Matthias
6. Clarke, Hugh
7. DeChicchis, Joseph
8. Fija Byron
9. Hara Kiyoshi
10. Heinrich, Patrick
11. Ishihara Masahide
12. Katsukata = Inafuku Keiko
13. Kondo, Kenichiro
14. Kreiner, Josef
15. Masiko Hidenori
16. Matsuo, Shin
17. Miyara Shinsho
18. Nakayama Toshihide
19. Niinaga Yuto
20. Ohara Yumiko
21. Osumi Midori
22. Pellard, Thomas
23. Saft, Scott
24. Shimabukuro Moriyo
25. Shimoji Michinori
26. Sugita Yuko
27. Yamada Takao
28. Yokota, Ryan