

Regulations of the Kumamoto University
International Research Organization for Advanced Science and Technology

(Regulation No. 19 of February 24, 2016)

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Article 1 (Aims)

These Regulations shall provide for necessary matters concerning the Kumamoto University International Research Organization for Advanced Science and Technology (“IROAST”) in accordance with the provisions of Article 8-7, Paragraph 2 of Kumamoto University Regulations (established April 1, 2004).

Article 2 (Objective of Establishment)

The objectives of IROAST shall be to perform internationalized advanced science and technology research, discovery and development of human resources, in collaboration with the Faculty of Advanced Science and Technology, the Institute of Industrial Nanomaterials, the Center for Water Cycle, Marine Environment, and Disaster Management, and the Magnesium Research Center (the “science and technology research organizations”), thus to ensure improvement of basic research and applied research in science and technology fields at Kumamoto University, as well as internationalized level research and educational capabilities.

Article 3 (Operations)

IROAST shall perform the following operations:

- (1) Operations with respect to implementation of international advanced science and technology research,
- (2) Operations with respect to promotion of international joint research,
- (3) Operations with respect to discovery and development of pioneering research personnel, and
- (4) Any other operation necessary for achievement of the objectives of IROAST.

Article 4 (Organization)

IROAST shall consist of the following persons:

- (1) Director,
- (2) Vice Director,
- (3) Full-Time Teacher,
- (4) Young Faculty Members for International Joint Research,

(5) Professors, Associate Professors, Lecturers and Assistant Professors

(6) Visiting Professors, Visiting Associate Professors, and

(7) Other persons judged necessary by the Director.

Article 5 (Director)

1. The Director shall be selected by the President.
2. The Director shall administer management and operations of IROAST.
3. The term of office of a Director shall be two (2) years, and the Director may be re-elected.
4. The term of office of a substitute Director in the case of vacancy of the position of the Director shall be the remaining term of office of his/her predecessor, notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph.
5. Matters necessary for election of the Director shall be separately provided.

Article 6 (Vice Director)

1. A Vice Director shall be appointed out of the full-time professors of science and technology research organizations designated by the Director.
2. The Vice Director shall assist in the duties of the Director.
3. The term of office of the Vice Director shall be two (2) years, and the Vice Director may be re-elected. However, the term of office of the Vice Director shall end before the last day of the term of office of the Director who designated the relevant Vice Director.

Article 7 (Full-Time Teacher)

The President shall select Full-Time Teacher upon recommendation of the Director.

Article 8 (Young Faculty Members for International Joint Research)

1. Young Faculty Members for International Joint Research shall be established at IROAST aiming at ensuring improvement of international research capabilities in science and technology fields at the University.
2. Young Faculty Members for International Joint Research as referred to in the preceding paragraph shall be appointed by the President upon recommendation by the Director.
3. The Director shall, upon making recommendations as referred to in the preceding paragraph, conduct public advertising targeting science and technology research organizations, and decide on candidates for Young Faculty Members for International Joint Research out of the faculty recommended by the heads of the organizations.
4. Terms of office for Young Faculty Members for International Joint Research shall be three (3) years, in principle. However, if the Director judges it necessary, the term of office may be assigned to up to four (4) years.

Article 9 (Steering Committee)

1. The Kumamoto University International Research Organization for Advanced Science and Technology Steering Committee (the “Committee”) shall be established at IROAST, and consist of the Director, Vice Director, heads of the science and technology research organizations, and Assistant Dean of the Faculty of Advanced Science and Technology.
2. The Committee shall adopt resolutions in making decisions on the following matters indicated by the Director.
 - (1) Important matters with respect to management of IROAST,
 - (2) Other matters judged necessary by the Director.
3. The Committee shall exchange opinions with regard to future plans of science and technology research organizations, in addition to the provisions of the preceding paragraph.

Article 10 (Chairperson)

1. The Committee shall have a chairperson, and the Director shall serve as the chairperson.
2. The Chairperson shall call Committee meetings and chair the meetings.
3. If the chairperson is unable to act as the chairperson, the Vice Director shall perform the duties by delegation.

Article 11 (Proceedings)

1. Resolutions in proceedings may not be adopted unless a majority of Committee members is present.
2. Resolutions in proceedings of Committee meetings shall be adopted by a majority of Committee members present, and if the numbers of votes for and against are the same, the chairperson shall have the deciding vote.

Article 12 (Hearing of Views)

The chairperson may have persons other than Committee members attend Committee meetings and hear their views when necessary.

Article 13 (Administrative Affairs)

The administrative affairs of IROAST and the Committee shall be handled by the Administrative Division of the Science and Technology of Research/Education Affairs Department.

Article 14 (Miscellaneous Rules)

In addition to the matters provided in these Regulations, matters necessary for IROAST shall be separately provided.

Supplementary Provisions

These Regulations shall come into effect on April 1, 2016.

Supplementary Provisions (Regulations No. 176 of March 31, 2017)

These Regulations shall come into effect on April 1, 2017.

Supplementary Provisions (Regulations No. 183 of April 7, 2017)

1. These Regulations shall come into effect on April 7, 2017, and the provisions of Article 8, Paragraph 4 after revision shall be applicable on and after April 1, 2017 (the “Effective Date”).
2. For the terms of office of the persons appointed as Young Faculty Member for International Joint Research before the Effective Date, notwithstanding the provisions of Article 8, Paragraph 4 after revision under these Regulations, the provisions then in force shall remain applicable.

Supplementary Provisions

These Regulations shall come into effect on April 1, 2016.

Supplementary Provisions (Regulations No. 177 of March 31, 2020)

These Regulations shall come into effect on April 1, 2020.