The Articles of Miyako International Association Established on July 26, 2016

### (NAME)

Art. 1 The name of the association is Miyako International Association (hereinafter called "the Association").

#### (OBJECT)

Art. 2 The object of the Association is to promote international communications of the citizens, to pursue the realization of multicultural community, and to contribute to make this city more attractive and open to the international community by promoting extensive international communications and activities for international understanding based on the benefit of nature, history, culture, industry, education and medical care in Miyako City, and by providing support to foreign residents in the city.

## (Business)

- Art. 3 In order to fulfill the object stipulated in the preceding paragraph, the Association shall carry on the following:-
  - (1) Plan and promote businesses for international communications
  - (2) Plan and hold language courses, workshops, and seminars regarding international understanding
  - (3) Cooperate and exchange information with other international associations
  - (4) Cultivate human resources for international communications and understanding
  - (5) Collect information regarding international communications and understanding and provide it to citizens
  - (6) Research and study regarding international communications and understanding
  - (7) Give support to the foreign residents in the city and provide information to them
  - (8) Give support to the activities to attract foreign tourists and transmit information to them
  - (9) The other activities necessary to achieve the object

#### (MEMBERSHIP)

- Art. 4 Persons qualified for Membership shall be individuals, organizations and corporations that understand and approve of the object stipulated in Art. 2
- Art. 4.2 A member shall pay the membership fee stipulated in Art. 5.
- Art. 4.3 A person wishing to become a member of the Association shall submit an application form (Form No. 1) to the chairman.
- Art. 4.4 A person wishing to withdraw from the Association shall submit a notice of withdrawal (Form No. 2) to the chairman. When the decease of a member is confirmed,

or a member organization or corporation is dissolved or ceases to exist, they are considered to have withdrawn from the Association. Furthermore, if a member is more than three years in arrears with the payment of the membership fee without any reasonable excuse, such member shall be automatically withdrawn from the Association.

#### (MEMBERSHIP FEE)

- Art. 5 The membership fees are as follows:-
- (1) Individual member: JPY 2,000/year (Student member: JPY 1,000/year)
- (2) Organization member: JPY 10,000/year
- (3) Corporate member: JPY 10,000/year
- Art. 5.2 The membership fee for those who enter the Association in the middle of a year shall be as stipulated in the preceding paragraph.
- Art. 5.3 The membership fee paid to the Association shall not be returned for any reason.

#### (BOARD MEMBERS)

- Art. 6 The board members of the Association shall consist of the following:-
- (1) Chairman: 1
- (2) Vice Chairmen: 2
- (3) Directors: a few
- (4) Auditors: 2
- Art. 6.2 Board members shall be elected in the general meeting.
- Art. 6.3 The term of office of board members shall be 2 years.
- Art. 6.4 Board members may be reappointed.
- Art. 6.5 In case vacancies occur in the board members, persons elected to fill the vacancies shall hold the offices for the remaining periods of the predecessors.
- Art. 6.6 A board member who has retired from office due to the expiration of his/her term of office or resignation shall continue to perform duties until a newly elected board member assumes his/her role.
- Art. 6.7 Board members shall be unremunerated.

#### (Duties of Board Members)

- Art. 7 The chairman shall represent and preside over the Association.
- Art. 7.2 The vice chairmen shall assist the chairman in his duty and when the chairman is unable to act, the vice chairmen shall act instead.
- Art. 7.3 The directors shall operate and deal with the business of the Association.
- Art. 7.4 The auditors shall audit the business and accounts of the Association. Furthermore, the auditors shall have limited liability, and their area of responsibility shall be discussed at the Board of Directors.

#### (GENERAL MEETING)

- Art. 8 The general meeting shall consist of regular and extraordinary general meetings. The general meeting shall be held once a year and extraordinary general meetings may be called by the chairman as necessity requires.
- Art. 8.2 Issues to be discussed at the general meeting are as follows:-
- (1) Election of board members
- (2) Enactment, revision, or repeal of the articles
- (3) Decision of business plans and approval of business report
- (4) Budget and settlement of accounts
- (5) Other issues recognized by the chairman as necessary
- Art. 8.3 The general meeting shall be chaired by the chairman.
- Art. 8.4 Proceedings of the general meeting shall be passed by a majority of the members present. In case of a tie, the chairman shall decide the issue.

#### (BOARD OF DIRECTORS)

- Art. 9 The board of directors shall consist of the board members stipulated in Art. 6, and may be called by the chairman as necessity requires.
- Art. 9.2 Issues to be discussed at the board of directors are as follows:-
- (1) Management of the Association
- (2) Issues to be discussed at the general meeting
- (3) Other issues recognized by the chairman as necessary

# (Committee)

- Art. 10 The chairman can form a committee for every major business in order to deliberate on specific matters regarding the execution of businesses, and to carry out specific activities smoothly, based on the business plans approved at the general meeting.
- Art. 10.2 A person shall chair each committee, and a chairman shall be elected by the committee from among its members.

# (EXPENSES)

- Art. 11 The expenses of the Association shall be covered with the following revenue:-
- (1) Membership fees
- (2) Business income
- (3) Subsidies
- (4) Agent service fees
- (5) Donations
- (6) Other revenue

#### (FISCAL YEAR)

Art. 12 The fiscal year of the Association shall be from April 1 to March 31 of the following

year.

## (Secretariat)

Art. 13 A secretariat shall be set up at Miyako Tourism Culture Communication Association (1-1-80 Miyako, Miyako, Iwate) in order to execute the businesses of the Association smoothly and efficiently, and the secretary-general and members of the secretariat shall be commissioned by the chairman.

Art. 13.2 Other matters required to the operation of the secretariat shall be determined by the chairman.

#### (PERSONAL INFORMATION)

Art. 14 The association shall try to protect personal information, and shall manage and operate it properly.

## (COMMISSION)

Art. 15 Requirements other than what stipulated in this article shall be determined by the chairman.

# **Supplementary Provisions**

- 1. These articles shall come into force on July 26, 2016.
- 2. The first term of office of board members after the foundation of the Association shall be from July 26, 2016 to March 31, 2018 regardless of the stipulation of Art. 6.3.
- 3. The first fiscal year after the foundation of the Association shall be from 26 July, 2016 to March 31, 2017.

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Notice of Withdrawal

I would like to withdraw from the Miyako International Association.