

# **The Association of Comprehensive Studies for Independence of the Lew Chewan peoples**

## **Bylaws**

### Chapter 1 General Provisions

Article 1 Name of this association shall be the Association of Comprehensive Studies for Independence of the Lew Chewan peoples: ACSILs.

Article 2 This association is for a people who have ethnic roots in the Lew Chew Islands. It is an association of the Lew Chewan peoples, by the Lew Chewan peoples, for the Lew Chewan peoples. This academic association aims to advance research into how Lew Chewans may become independent, based on others' struggles for independence. Its goal is to offer the public comprehensive insight into what independence would achieve, not debate whether Lew Chewans should or should not seek independence.

Article 3 To achieve this goal this association shall:

- (1) Hold academic conferences;
- (2) Publish a journal and papers presenting members' research;
- (3) Hold exchange programs with other organizations;
- (4) Cultivate human resources;
- (5) Engage in other activities that advance this goal.

### Chapter 2 Membership

Article 4 Membership is limited to people who have ethnic roots in the Lew Chew Islands.

Article 5 All members are individuals.

Article 6 To become a member, complete and submit an application form, and obtain approval from a general meeting held after a board member meeting.

Article 7 Members shall pay annual dues.

- (1) Every April members shall pay the following annual fee (a journal fee is included);
  1. The minimum annual fee is 2,000 JPY (students and graduate students are exempt).

Article 8 Any member of this association may withdraw from the association by notifying a board member.

- (1) By Notice: When a member of the family or close friend submits a notice showing a member has died or is ill, the Board may confirm whether the notice is valid and withdraw the membership if the notice is valid.
- (2) By Board: When the media, etc. reports a member's death the board may confirm the report's veracity, and if true, withdraw his or her membership.

Article 9 If a member acts against the association, the association may expel that member through a certain procedure.

### Chapter 3 Organization and Management

Article 10 Only members may serve on the board or as audit inspectors

- (1) The Board: Consists of five elected members.
- (2) Audit Inspectors: Consists of two members elected to serve as auditor-secretaries.

Article 11 The term of each board member and audit inspectors shall be two fiscal years.

Article 12 The board member and audit inspectors shall be elected at a general meeting. The election rules shall be established separately.

Article 13 The board shall organize administrative meetings and shall execute board decisions.

Article 14 The board shall represent and manage this association.

Article 15 Board members shall support each other.

Article 16 The inspectors shall audit the accounting of the association, and shall report the results of their audit to the general meeting.

Article 17 The board shall hold general meetings twice a year, calling extraordinary general meetings as the board finds necessary or when one fifth of the association's members petition for such a meeting.

- (1) A chairperson of the general meeting shall be elected in each general meeting.

Article 18 The general meeting shall be the highest decision-making body, and its decisions shall be approved by a majority members present.

Article 19 This association may establish branches.

- (1) The board may establish a branch on receiving a member's proposal.
- (2) Branch regulations shall be set up separately.

Article 20 This association may establish committees to carry out the activities set out in Article 3. The board shall encourage members to join and support these committees.

#### Chapter 4 Audit

Article 21 This association's expenses shall be paid from annual dues, project income, aid and donations.

Article 22 The fiscal year for this association shall be from April 1st to March 31st.

Article 23 The budget shall be proposed by the board, and shall be approved in a general meeting.

Article 24 Each budget shall cover the next fiscal year.

Article 25 Once this association's accounting books close for the fiscal year, the inspectors audit the books and report their findings to a general meeting held in the next fiscal year, and receive approval from the meeting.

#### Chapter 5 Additional Rules

Article 26 A general meeting may approve amendments to these bylaws if proposed by the board or by a petition from one fifth of the association's members.

Article 27 The board shall take proper steps for establishing an office for the association's secretariat.

Article 28 This association shall be established as of May 15th, 2013.

(1) These bylaws shall enter into force with the first general meeting of 2013.

Article 29 Members seeking improvement or elimination of these bylaws should raise this issue in a general meeting.

\* A partial amendment of these bylaws has been conducted and become effective since 2019 March 10.

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