

Startup Ecosystem Tokyo Consortium Bylaws

Note: This English version is provided for convenience only. The Japanese version constitutes the original and authoritative text. In the event of any inconsistency or discrepancy between the Japanese version and this English translation, the Japanese version shall prevail.

Chapter 1 General Provisions

(Name)

Article 1

The Consortium shall be known as the “Startup Ecosystem Tokyo Consortium” (the “Consortium”).

(Purpose)

Article 2

The purpose of the Consortium is to promote initiatives that (i) establish Tokyo as a global hub city for the startup ecosystem, thereby strengthening international competitiveness and fostering the creation and growth of startups and, in turn, realizing the sustainable development of the economy of Tokyo and Japan, and (ii) implement innovations generated by the startup ecosystem in society and return the benefits to the local community.

(Initiatives)

Article 3

To achieve the purpose set forth in the preceding Article, the Consortium shall undertake the following initiatives:

- (1) Promote the formation and development of the startup ecosystem in Tokyo;
- (2) Promote the creation and growth of startups through collaboration among industry, academia, and government; and
- (3) Other initiatives necessary to achieve the purpose of the Consortium.

Chapter 2 Officers and Members

(Officers)

Article 4

The Consortium shall have the following officers:

(1) One (1) Chair;

(2) Five (5) or more Directors.

2. The Chair shall be the person serving as Vice Governor of the Tokyo Metropolitan Government, and shall represent the Consortium and oversee its affairs. The Chair shall also serve as the presiding officer of meetings of the Board of Directors.

3. In the event that the Chair is unable to perform the Chair's duties, a person designated by the Chair shall act on the Chair's behalf.

4. The Directors shall be as set forth in the Appendix. In the event of any organizational changes or similar circumstances, the relevant party shall promptly notify the Secretariat of such changes.

5. If Directors are to be changed, they shall be elected from among the Regular Members at the Board of Directors meeting prescribed in Article 9.

6. The Directors shall execute the business of the Consortium in accordance with these Bylaws.

7. The term of office of Directors shall run until the end of each fiscal year (from April 1 to March 31 of the following year). Unless a Director makes a specific request otherwise, the term shall be extended for one (1) additional year.

(Members)

Article 5

The Consortium shall have the following categories of members:

Regular Members: Domestic and overseas companies, local governments, academic and research institutions, and other organizations that join the Consortium in support of its purpose and activities and are involved in the Consortium's principal initiatives.

Supporting Members: Domestic and overseas companies, local governments, academic and research institutions, and other organizations that join the Consortium in support of its purpose and activities and that are willing to cooperate with the Consortium's initiatives as necessary.

(Admission)

Article 6

A person or entity wishing to join the Consortium shall submit to the Secretariat an application for admission in the form separately prescribed.

2. Admission of a Regular Member requires the approval of the Chair. Admission of a Regular Member shall also be reported to the Board of Directors.

3. A Regular Member other than a Director may, by submitting to the Secretariat a notice of change in the form separately prescribed, voluntarily become a Supporting Member.

4. Admission of a Supporting Member requires the approval of the Chair.

5. A Supporting Member wishing to become a Regular Member shall submit to the Secretariat a notice of change in the form separately prescribed. After submission, the application shall be handled in the same manner as the admission of a Regular Member.

(Withdrawal)

Article 7

A Member may withdraw voluntarily by submitting to the Secretariat a notice of withdrawal in the form separately prescribed.

(Expulsion)

Article 8

If a Member engages in any of the following, such Member may be expelled by resolution of the Board of Directors:

- (1) The Member has engaged in conduct inappropriate to the purpose of the Consortium;
- (2) The Member has engaged in conduct that obstructs the activities of the Consortium; or
- (3) There is any other justifiable reason for expulsion.

Chapter 3 Board of Directors

(Board of Directors)

Article 9

To ensure the smooth operation of the Consortium, a Board of Directors shall be established.

2. The Board of Directors shall be composed of the officers.
3. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be convened when the Chair deems necessary.
4. With respect to matters requiring urgent deliberation or minor matters, the Chair may seek approval or disapproval from the Directors in writing or by e-mail, and such procedure may substitute for deliberation by the Board of Directors.
5. When the Chair deems it necessary, the Chair may have related persons and knowledgeable experts attend meetings of the Board of Directors and may request their opinions and advice.

Article 10

The Board of Directors shall make decisions on the following matters:

- (1) Execution of the Consortium's business;
 - (2) Election of Directors;
 - (3) Amendments to these Bylaws;
 - (4) Dissolution of the Board of Directors; and
 - (5) Other matters the Chair deems necessary.
2. Decisions of the Board of Directors under the preceding paragraph shall be made by the Chair after consultation among the officers.

(Subcommittees)

Article 11

To promote the Consortium's activities smoothly and effectively, the Consortium may establish subcommittees composed of a group of multiple Regular Member organizations.

2. To establish a subcommittee, five (5) or more Regular Members shall submit to the Secretariat an application for establishment of a subcommittee in the form separately prescribed. Based on such application, the Chair shall approve the establishment of the subcommittee.
3. Each subcommittee shall have a Subcommittee Chair and a Subcommittee Secretariat.

Chapter 4 General Affairs

(Secretariat)

Article 12

To handle the administrative affairs of the Consortium, a Secretariat shall be established within the Tokyo Metropolitan Government.

Chapter 5 Confidentiality

(Confidentiality)

Article 13

Officers and Members shall not disclose or divulge to any third party outside the Consortium any information learned through the activities of the Consortium. This obligation shall continue to apply after a person ceases to be an officer or a member.

Chapter 6 Miscellaneous

(Miscellaneous)

Article 14

Matters necessary for the operation of the Consortium that are not provided for in these Bylaws shall be determined by the Chair.

Supplementary Provisions

These Bylaws shall take effect on January 22, 2020.

2. Persons who approved these Bylaws at the Consortium's Establishment Preparatory Committee shall become Directors on the date of establishment of the Consortium.

3. These Bylaws were amended on October 14, 2025.