
Articles of Incorporation

The Funstitute for Artificial Intelligence and Robotics

(Specified Nonprofit Corporation: 未来へ繋ぐこどもロボット・AI 教室)

Chapter 1: General Provisions

Article 1 (Name)

This organization shall be called “The Funstitute for Artificial Intelligence and Robotics.”

In Japanese: 特定非営利活動法人未来へ繋ぐこどもロボット・AI 教室

Abbreviation: FAIR

Article 2 (Office Location)

The principal office of the organization shall be located in Nakagyo-ku, Kyoto City, Kyoto Prefecture.

Chapter 2: Purpose and Activities

Article 3 (Purpose)

This organization aims to provide educational programs on robotics, programming, and modern AI applications to children in socially and economically disadvantaged situations, expanding their skills, creativity, and future potential.

Article 4 (Types of Specified Nonprofit Activities)

To achieve its purpose, the organization engages in the following activities as per the NPO Act:

1. Promotion of academic, cultural, artistic, or sports activities
2. Healthy development of children
3. Support, advice, or communication regarding the operations of similar organizations

Article 5 (Business Activities)

To fulfill its mission, the organization shall engage in the following projects:

1. Robotics and AI education for children
 2. Volunteer instructor training programs
 3. Public awareness campaigns on robotics and AI
 4. Development and maintenance of educational environments
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Chapter 3: Membership

Article 6 (Membership Types)

There are two types of members:

1. Regular Members: Individuals or organizations who agree with the purpose and join the organization
2. Supporting Members: Individuals or organizations who support the organization's activities

Article 7 (Admission)

No specific conditions are required to join.

Applicants must submit an application to the Representative Director. Unless a valid reason exists, the application must be accepted.

If rejected, the applicant must be notified in writing with the reason.

Article 8 (Membership Fees)

Members must pay annual dues as determined by the General Assembly.

Article 9 (Loss of Membership Status)

Membership is lost if:

1. A withdrawal request is submitted
2. The member dies or the organization dissolves
3. Dues are unpaid for over two years
4. The member is expelled

Article 10 (Withdrawal)

Members may withdraw at any time.

Article 11 (Expulsion)

If a member violates the Articles, damages the organization's reputation, or acts contrary to its purpose, they may be expelled by a vote of the General Assembly. The member must be given an opportunity to explain themselves in advance.

Chapter 4: Officers and Staff

Article 12 (Types and Number of Officers)

The organization shall have:

- At least 3 Directors
- 1 Auditor
Among the Directors, one shall be the Representative Director, and one the Deputy Representative Director.

Article 13 (Appointment and Restrictions)

- Officers are elected by the General Assembly.
- The Representative and Deputy Representative Directors are chosen from among the Directors.
- No more than one relative (within three degrees) of each officer may serve concurrently, and related persons may not constitute more than one-third of the total.
- The Auditor may not also serve as a Director or employee.

Article 14 (Duties)

- The Representative Director represents the organization and oversees all operations.
- Other Directors do not represent the organization.
- The Deputy assists the Representative and acts on their behalf if they are absent.
- Directors form the Board and carry out duties based on the Articles and Board decisions.

- The Auditor:
 1. Audits the execution of duties by Directors
 2. Audits financial conditions
 3. Reports any serious legal or ethical violations to the General Assembly or authorities
 4. May convene a General Assembly if necessary
 5. May express opinions or request a Board meeting

Article 15 (Term of Office)

- The term is 2 years and reappointment is allowed.
- If no successor is appointed, the term continues until the next General Assembly.
- Replacement officers serve the remainder of the predecessor's term.
- Officers must fulfill duties until successors take office.

Article 16 (Filling Vacancies)

If more than one-third of officer positions are vacant, replacements must be appointed promptly.

Article 17 (Dismissal)

Officers may be dismissed by a General Assembly vote if:

1. They are deemed incapable of fulfilling their duties
2. They commit serious misconduct

They must be given a chance to defend themselves beforehand.

Article 18 (Compensation)

- Up to one-third of officers may be compensated.
- Reimbursement for work-related expenses is allowed.
- Details are decided by the General Assembly and set by the Representative Director.

Article 19 (Staff)

- Staff such as an Office Manager may be appointed.
 - Staff are appointed and dismissed by the Representative Director.
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Chapter 5: General Assembly

Article 20 (Types)

There are two types: Ordinary and Extraordinary General Assemblies.

Article 21 (Composition)

Composed of all Regular Members.

Article 22 (Authority)

The General Assembly shall decide on:

1. Changes to the Articles
2. Activity plans and budgets
3. Reports and settlements
4. Appointment or dismissal of officers
5. Membership dues
6. Expulsion of members
7. Asset management
8. Loans and waivers
9. Dissolution
10. Mergers
11. Other important matters

Article 23–29

Outlines rules for:

- Holding and convening assemblies
 - Notification requirements
 - Chairperson election
 - Quorum (at least half of Regular Members)
 - Voting (majority rule, with Chair's tie-breaker)
 - Proxy and written voting
 - Voting rights are equal
 - Minutes must be signed by the Chair and two signatories
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Chapter 6: Board of Directors

Article 30–37

- Composed of all Directors
 - Decides on operational matters, changes to plans and budgets, and implementation of General Assembly decisions
 - Convened by the Representative Director
 - Quorum: majority of Directors
 - Equal voting rights
 - Minutes must be prepared and signed
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Chapter 7: Assets and Accounting

Article 38–44

- Assets are managed by the Representative Director
 - Fiscal year: April 1 – March 31
 - Follows legal accounting standards
 - Budget and plans must be approved by the General Assembly
 - Surpluses are carried forward
 - Audited financial reports must be approved at the General Assembly
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Chapter 8: Amendments and Dissolution

Article 45–48

- Amendments require approval by 3/4 of attending Regular Members
 - Dissolution requires approval by 4/5 of all Regular Members
 - Assets remaining after dissolution go to a qualified nonprofit selected at the final Assembly
 - Mergers require approval by 4/5 of all Regular Members and certification by authorities
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Chapter 9: Public Notices

Article 49

- Official announcements are published in the Official Gazette
 - Financial statements may be published on the organization's website
 - If web publication is not possible, the Official Gazette is used
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Supplementary Provisions

1. These Articles take effect on the date of establishment.
 2. Initial Officers:
 - **Representative Director:** Travis Moore
 - **Deputy Representative Director:** Mark Daniel Kleinstra
 - **Director:** Emi Fukino
 - **Auditor:** Ayaka Kojima
 3. Initial term ends: **June 30, 2027**
 4. The first activity plan and budget are those approved at the founding meeting.
 5. The first fiscal year ends: **March 31, 2026**
 6. Initial Membership Dues:
 - Regular Members: ¥5,000
 - Supporting Members: ¥1,000 per unit
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