

Nihonto Bunka Shinko Kyokai (NBSK),

Membership Regulations

(General regulation)

1. The official name of this organization is "Nihonto Bunka Shiko Kyokai Public Foundation" and is abbreviated as "NBSK" hereafter. "Article 42" regulates the membership of the NBSK as described below.

(Types of membership)

2. The NBSK has the following member categories.
 - a. Full member : Individuals who agree with the objectives and have joined the foundation.
 - b. Corporate member : An organization which agrees with the objectives and has joined the foundation.
 - c. Special full member : A special individual benefactor who agrees with the objectives and has joined the foundation.
 - d. Special corporate member : A special corporate benefactor who agrees with the objectives and has joined the foundation.
 - e. Life member : Special full member whose contribution to the foundation is highly estimated by the board of directors.
 - f. Honourary member : Individual whose great contribution to the foundation is highly estimated by the board of directors.

(Disqualification clause)

3. Individuals or corporations coming under the following clauses are not able to obtain membership of the NBSK.
 - a. An individual or corporation, having a cause or purpose that offends the objectives of the NBSK.

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- a. Individuals or corporations whose speech and behavior offends the objectives of the NBSK.
- b. Individuals or corporations related to antisocial organizations.
- c. When the board of directors recognizes individuals or corporations as incompatible with membership of the NBSK.

(Application of the membership)

4. One who desires to be a member of the NBSK must submit a prescribed application form to the head office and becomes a member of the NBSK when the payment of the membership fee is confirmed by the head office.

(Terms of the membership fee and qualification)

5. Overseas members are obliged to pay the membership fee shown below in order to partake in management and activities of the NBSK.
 - Full member : 10,000 yen / year
 - Corporate member : 30,000 yen / year
 - Special member : 100,000 yen / 10 years or equally valued donation in kind
 - Special corporate member : 300,000 yen / 10 years or equally valued donation in kind

(Use of the membership fee)

6. Membership fee is put into the property for the activities to contribute to public interest. With the consent of each member and the approval of the board of trustees, the board of directors can appropriate it for the management of the NBSK and other services within 50% of the total membership fees.

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(Convenience to the members)

7. The NBSK offers the following services to the members.
 - . Issues membership card to the member when the application procedure is completed.
 - a. Provide information medium (eg printed matter such as books, magazines etc) either free of charge or at a discount price.
 - b. Give the members priority to attend the activities of the NBSK.
 - c. The board of directors decides on other preferential treatment for the membership.

(Withdrawal of membership)

8. NBSK member is always free to withdraw membership at will.

(Exclusion from the membership)

9. When a NBSK member falls under one of the following clauses, their name is excluded from the membership list following a resolution of the board of directors.
 - . When a member offends the law and ordinance, and the articles and regulation of the NBSK.
 - a. When it becomes clear that the member offends Article 3 of the NBSK.
 - b. When a member disgraces the foundation and practices speech and behavior that are against the purpose of the foundation.
 - c. When the board of directors recognizes individual or corporate behavior as inappropriate to NBSK membership.

(Forfeiture of membership)

10. NBSK member loses their membership according to the following clauses.

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- . When a member defaults paying membership fee continuously over a year.
- a. When the member concerned dies.
- b. When this foundation is dissolved.

(Additional regulation)

11. The regulations of the NBSK were put in force on the 23th of December, 2008.