

# STATUTES OF THE NORDIC CENTRE AT FUDAN UNIVERSITY

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## § 1 Name. Organisation.

The cooperation functions under the name Nordic Centre at Fudan University, Shanghai, China.

## § 2 Aim

The aim of the cooperation is to operate a Nordic Centre together with Fudan University, Shanghai, China and other Chinese universities invited to the cooperation. The Centre shall be a forum for contacts and cooperation between the Nordic member institutions and Fudan University and other Chinese universities invited to participate in the cooperation, within the framework of education, research, culture and business, and shall contribute to an increased knowledge and understanding of the Nordic countries in China, and of China in the Nordic countries.

## § 3 Founding capital

The founding capital is the sum of the initiation fees that have been paid by the member institutions. The one-time initiation fee for a new member is 7,400 €. The initiation fee is paid in full in the calendar year the member joins the cooperation.

## § 4 Financing

The cooperation is financed through the founding capital and by the payment of an annual membership fee 7,400 € determined by the Council. The new member pays 50% of the annual membership fee in the calendar year of joining if their application is accepted in the spring meeting. New members who are accepted in the fall meeting pay 25% of the annual membership fee in the calendar year of joining. The associate members pay an annual membership fee of 1,700 €.

## § 5 Membership

Universities awarding doctorate degree(s) may apply six weeks before **the biannual Council Meeting, at which the decision about the membership of the applicant is taken.**

Applications for membership should include specific information explaining how the applicant will contribute to the development and strengthening of the Nordic Centre as a collaborative organisation.

The Nordic Institute of Asian Studies enjoys the status of an associate member and pays a reduced membership fee. NIAS has an observer status at the Council meetings.

The Secretariat of the Nordic Centre will send invoices for the annual membership fee during the month of January, with payment to be received no later than the end of March that year. Members wishing to discontinue their membership must notify the Secretariat of the Nordic Centre in writing before the end of the calendar year.

## § 6 Judicial means of disposal. Liabilities.

The cooperation has determinative and advisory rights to the disposable capital. Possible liabilities shall be divided equally between the member institutions.

## § 7 Organisation

The co-operation is managed through

1. One Council
2. One Board

## § 8 The Council

The Council is the highest authority for the cooperation and handles all matters of principle and of great importance.

The Council consists of one representative from each member institution.

The Council has the authority to overturn decisions made by the Board.

The council shall hold two yearly meetings, a spring meeting in a Nordic country and a fall meeting in Shanghai, and shall otherwise meet if the Chairman of the Board or a majority of the Board members so request. Summons to attend with attached agenda shall be in writing and be sent out a minimum of one month beforehand. Minutes shall be kept at the annual meeting. The Board undertakes to summon the Council for the two yearly meetings and establish the agenda that shall contain, among other things, the following:

- 1) Annual Report from the Board
- 2) Approval of the budget
- 3) Election of Board members with personal deputy member
- 4) Decision on the annual membership fee
- 5) Decision on admittance of new members
- 6) Decision on changes in the Statutes for the Nordic Centre at Fudan University
- 7) Other issues put forward by the Board or sent in by member institutions

Recommendations from the Board shall be included in the summons with attached agenda. In order to be considered, proposals from the members must be supplied in writing to the Board no later than six weeks before one of the yearly meetings.

## § 9 Majority requirement

Each member of the Council has one vote. The Council acts on the majority of submitted votes (general majority). For election of persons, the person elected is the person who receives most votes (relative majority). Decisions regarding changes in the Statutes for the Nordic Centre at Fudan University require a majority of 2/3.

## § 10 Authority and duties of the Board

The Board manages and is responsible for the general administration of the cooperation as well as for the representation of the cooperation. The cooperation is obligated externally by the Board through the signature of the Chairman of the Board or by two Board members. The Board will ensure sound accounts. The accounts and the Board's report will be presented to the Council at the annual meeting. The Board will manage and ensure that the cooperation is operated in accordance with its aim and regulations.

## § 11 The constitution of the Board, board meetings, majority issues, etc.

The Board shall have eight members. These members are selected by the Council for four years at a time. The Chairman of the Board is elected by the Council for four years at a time. One of the members of the Board shall be elected by Fudan University, and one of the members shall be the former Chairman. The Board makes decisions at the meetings. Board meetings are held in accordance with a plan decided by the Board, with additional meetings when the Chairman of the Board finds it necessary. A majority vote constitutes a Board decision. In case of an equal number of votes, the vote given by the head of the meeting is decisive. The Board will keep minutes of the decisions made by the Board.