

International Society for Harmony & Combination of Cultures

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Mission Statement

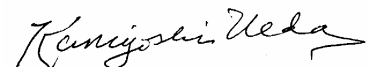
To create a harmony that enables all beings to enjoy and fulfill 'life'.

Globalization and Harmony

With the revolutionary advance of Information Technology(IT), the world is rapidly being globalized and minimized informationally, economically and culturally, though not necessarily politically. It must be observed, on the other hand, that the world population is explosively increasing, adding 80 million people each year. The population in March 2001 is just 6.1 billion and that of 2050 is estimated to be almost 10 billion.

It is imperative, therefore, the humankind has to explore new ways of how to survive and fulfill 'life' on the earth or on other planets, with the cooperation of all nations, respecting each other's way of thinking, way of life, way of worship and sense of values.

Kuniyoshi UEDA, ISHCC President



For the Peace of the World

When looking back on history, we can see that a variety of cultures on the earth have been developing consistently and continually combining things with one another. Now that the world has been growing into one by means of the Internet, we can say that the pace of the combining has been accelerated. Professor Ueda's practice, which comes from Shakespeare's poetic drama and Japanese traditional Noh, has created 'Noh Shakespeare', which can be appreciated by the whole world.

It is said that the keywords of the 'international education' at schools I belong to should be 'crosscultural understanding' and 'multicultural society', where we need the viewpoint of 'harmony and combination'. I believe that studying about 'Harmony and Combination of Cultures' will be a great help for the education needed for world peace.

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Bylaws

Article 1 - Name

This association is named the "International Society for Harmony and Combination of Cultures (ISHCC). Its main office is set up at the office of the President. (Temporary: c/o Professor Kuniyoshi Ueda at the Nihon University Graduate School of Social and Cultural Studies, 4-25 Nakatomi-minami, Tokorozawa, Japan 359-0003. E-mail: ueda@gssc.nihon-u.ac.jp).

Article 2 - Purpose

This association aims to contribute to the harmony as well as mental and spiritual evolution of the human race and to promote the idea of the unification of world cultures in a harmonious way through research and appreciation.

Article 3 - Activities

To achieve the purpose of the preceding article, this association shall engage in the following activities, employing modern multi-media technology as well as traditional means.

- a. To hold a World Convention that includes a Friendship Exchange Meeting in even number years.
- b. To hold a Domestic Convention in Japan that includes a Friendship Exchange Meeting in odd number years.
- c. To issue newsletters and other publications.
- d. To strive to use any appropriate and reasonable means to achieve its goals.

All activities shall be carried out by the Society with the membership fees, with the help of support members as well as the assistance and sponsorship of corporations and others.

Article 4 - Membership

Membership in ISHCC shall be broken down into 4 categories as follows: general members, support members, honorary members and student members.

Support members are individuals and corporations supporting the Society financially in accordance with the ideas of the Society.

Honorary members are esteemed individuals that have been invited to join by the Society.

All members shall receive the newsletters and a directory of members. An organization magazine and other publications will be purchased.

Article 5 - Membership Fees & Finance

The annual membership fee shall be ¥3,000 or \$30.00 US (or negotiable depending on the country).

The annual membership fee for a student member shall be ¥2,000 or \$20.00 US (or negotiable depending on the country).

For a lifetime membership the fee shall be ¥30,000 or \$300.00 US (or

negotiable depending on the country).

Fees shall be sent to the ISHCC by postal transfer, International Money Order, or by credit cards.

Members shall lose their membership status one year after failing to pay their annual membership fee.

The fiscal year of the ISHCC shall start on April 1st and ends on March 31st.

The financial statements of the Society shall be made public based on our audit in the newsletter and by e-mail.

Article 6 - Board of Directors

The board of directors shall consist of the following in the ISHCC:

- One Honorary Chairperson
- Some Advisory Body members
- One President
- A few Vice Presidents
- One Secretary-General
- A few Vice Secretaries-General
- Some Executive Committee members
- One Accountant
- One Auditor
- Several Working Committee members

Article 7 - Filling Positions

The founding Honorary Chairperson, President, and Vice President of the ISHCC shall be appointed by the founders of the ISHCC.

The succeeding Presidents shall be elected by the vote of all members of the Society with a recommendation by the Board of Directors. The Ballot will be held by e-mail.

The Vice Presidents, Secretary General, Executive Committee members, and other Directors shall be appointed by the President.

Article 8 - Term of Directors

The Honorary Chairman and the Advisory Body members shall be appointed for life or until they voluntarily relinquish their positions.

The term of the President and all other offices shall be two years. However, they may be re-elected or re-appointed any number of times.

Article 9 - Duties

It is the duty of the President to lead the Society for the realization of the mission of ISHCC.

If the President is unable to perform his or her duties, the Vice Presidents shall assume such duties.