

Articles of Organization of TRON Forum

Article 1 (Name)

The name of this forum shall be "TRON Forum" (hereinafter referred to as the "Forum").

Article 2 (Purpose)

The purpose of the Forum is to accomplish the followings:

- (1) carry out research and development, standardization, promotional and educational activities, and communication and coordination with related organizations, for the TRON Project, such as real-time embedded systems and Ubiquitous ID technologies proposed by Dr. Ken SAKAMURA, who is the founder of the TRON project;
- (2) establish ubiquitous computing environment using technologies related to the TRON Project; and
- (3) carry out Ubiquitous ID Center activities.

Article 3 (Business Activities)

The Forum shall carry out the following business activities in order to achieve the purpose set forth in Article 2:

- (1) Development of specifications for, standardization of, and facilitation for wide-spread use of the results of the TRON Project, such as real time embedded systems and Ubiquitous ID technologies; and
- (2) Other activities necessary to achieve the said purpose.

Article 4 (Membership)

The Forum consists of legal entities that have agreed to the purpose of the Forum and submitted the application form to join the Forum. The membership of the Forum shall be classified into the following membership types: Executive Committee members, A-members, B-members, e-members, i-members, and

O-members as defined below:

- (1) Executive Committee members: A-members that pay 3,000,000 yen or more and can participate in Executive Committee meetings.
- (2) A-members: Members who design and/or develop specifications of real-time embedded systems, or members who design and/or develop specifications of the results of the TRON Project, such as Ubiquitous ID technologies.
- (3) B-members: User members who develop products using real-time embedded systems.
- (4) e-members: Members who carry out activities related to the utilization of the results of the TRON Project such as Ubiquitous ID technologies.
- (5) i-members: Members who observe the design and development of the specifications and applications related to the Internet of Things (IoT).
- (6) O-members: Members who observe the design and development of the specifications and applications related to open data.

Article 5 (Associate members)

5.1 The Forum associate membership consists of legal entities and individuals who have agreed to the purpose of the Forum and submitted the application form to join the Forum. The associate membership of the Forum shall be classified into the following membership types: supporting members, liaison members, academic members, individual members and student members as defined below:

- (1) Supporting members: Associate members who support TRON Forum activities financially.
- (2) Liaison members: Associate members are supposed to be parties or groups who conduct activities in related fields and able to liaise with TRON Forum activities.
- (3) Academic members: Associate members who conduct academic activities related to embedded real-time systems and/or the results of TRON Project activities such as ubiquitous ID technologies.
- (4) Individual members: Individuals who have agree to the purpose of the Forum.
- (5) Student members: Individual associate members who are students.

5.2 Associate members shall be exempted from the IPR Policy specified by the Forum.

Article 6 (Admission to the Forum)

A legal entity that wishes to join the Forum shall submit the membership application form designated by the Forum and receive the approval by the Executive Committee.

Article 7 (Membership Dues)

7.1 The members and associate members of the Forum shall pay the membership dues specified by Executive Committee every fiscal year according to their membership types. However, Executive Committee members, A-members and i-members may also be B-members and e-members without paying additional membership dues. Moreover, Executive Committee members and A-members may also be O-members without paying additional membership dues.

7.2 Membership dues which have already been paid by any member are non-refundable.

7.3 O-members, individual members and student members who are designated by Executive Committee may be exempted from the membership dues or may pay the reduced amount of dues.

7.4 The associate members who are not accounted for in this section are exempted from the membership dues.

7.5 The revision of the membership dues shall be specified separately by the chair after the resolution of Executive Committee.

Article 8 (Withdrawal from Membership)

8.1 Any member who wishes to withdraw from the Forum shall notify the Forum in writing of such intention.

8.2 Any members and associate members who has acted against the purpose of the

Forum may be ordered to withdraw from the Forum in accordance with the decision by the Executive Committee.

Article 9 (Officers)

9.1 The Forum shall have the following officers:

- (1) one Chairman; and
- (2) two Auditors.

9.2 The Chairman shall be elected by the Executive Committee.

9.3 The Auditors shall be appointed by the Chairman.

Article 10 (Executive Members)

10.1 Executive Committee members shall become executive members, and the executive members form the Executive Committee.

10.2 The term of office of executive members shall be for a period of one fiscal year; provided, however, that executive members shall not be precluded from becoming executive members again in the following year.

Article 11 (Activities)

11.1 The main activities of the Forum shall be as set forth below:

(1) General Meeting

The General Meetings shall be held to report the status of Forum activities to its members.

(2) Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall make preparations for holding General Meetings and Working Groups meetings, and provide approvals for the operational policies of the Forum, and provide approvals for admissions of members to the Forum and withdrawals of members from the Forum.

(3) Working Groups

As a matter of principle, Working Groups shall be made up of Executive

Committee members and A-members, and the Working Groups carry out activities in accordance with their activities themes.

11.2 The Forum shall change, abolish, or newly create Working Groups, etc., as may be necessary to promote its business activities.

Article 12 (Secretariat)

12.1 The Forum shall have the Secretariat.

12.2 The Secretariat of the Forum shall be appointed by the Chairman.

Article 13 (Fiscal Year)

The fiscal year of the Forum shall commence on April 1 of each year and end on March 31 of the following year.

Article 14 (Business Plans and Revenue and Expenditure Budgets)

Business plans and revenue and expenditure budgets for the Forum shall be prepared by the Chairman and reported to the Executive Committee.

Article 15 (Business Reports and Financial Statements)

The Chairman shall prepare business reports and financial statements of the Forum after the end of each fiscal year without delay and shall report them to the Executive Committee after the Auditors have audited them.

Article 16 (Detailed Implementation Rules)

Any matters necessary for implementation of these Articles of Organization shall be separately prepared by the Chairman and reported to the Executive Committee.

Article 17 (Amendments to Articles of Organization)

Any amendments to these Articles of Organization shall be subject to the approval by the Executive Committee.

Supplementary Provisions (June 24, 2002: However, the "Forum" in these supplementary provisions means the predecessor organization, T-Engine Forum.)

1. These Articles of Organization shall take effect on the date (June 24, 2002) on which the Forum is established.
2. The initial fiscal year of the Forum shall commence on the date of establishment of the Forum (June 24, 2002) and end on March 31, 2003, notwithstanding Article 12 of these Articles of Organization.

Supplementary Provisions (May 26, 2003)

1. Revisions to Articles 6, 8, 10, 13, 14, 15 and 16, and supplementary provisions of these Articles of Organization shall take effect on May 26, 2003.

Supplementary Provisions (April 1, 2015)

1. Revisions to each Articles and supplementary provisions of these Articles of Organization shall take effect on April 1, 2015.

Supplementary Provisions (September 15, 2015)

1. Revisions to Articles 4 and 6, and supplementary provisions of these Articles of Organization shall take effect on September 15, 2015.

Supplementary Provisions (April 1, 2017)

1. Revisions to each Articles and supplementary provisions of these Articles of Organization shall take effect on April 1, 2017.