



THE CONSTITUTION

Malaysian Students' Association of The Chinese University of Hong Kong

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Section 1 - Preamble

Article 1

1. The Association shall be known as “Malaysian Students’ Association of The Chinese University of Hong Kong” with the abbreviation of “MSACUHK”.
2. The motto of the Association shall be “For Malaysians, For Explorers of Malaysia”.
3. The logo of the Association shall be as shown below:



- I. The logo has a few main components: the phoenix, the tiger and the colour orange. The phoenix, which is also featured in the emblem of CUHK, symbolizes our identity as CUHK students. It also symbolizes our hopes to be strong-willed young people who persevere no matter the circumstances, like the immortal phoenix that always emerged from the ashes.
 - II. The tiger is one of the symbols represented in the Malaysian coat of arms. It shows our pride on being citizens of Malaysia, and it also represents the virtues of strength and courage.
 - III. The colour orange not only embodies our warm, optimistic affectivity, but also our passion and love towards everything we do.
4. The founding team recognizes the need to create a clear structure to ensure the operational efficiency of the Association.
 5. The Constitution acts as the highest governing legislation which overrules other policies set by the founding team.

Section 2 - Objectives and Motivations

Article 2

The objectives of the Association are:

1. To unify and foster a sense of community amongst Malaysians from 9 different colleges and postgraduates at The Chinese University of Hong Kong (hereon referred to as CUHK).
2. To nurture Malaysian cultural awareness and understanding amongst Malaysians and other communities at CUHK and in Hong Kong.
3. To act as a point of contact between both external parties and Malaysian students at CUHK.
4. To provide a platform to cater for the interests and initiatives of the Malaysian students at CUHK.
5. To empower MSACUHK committees and members.

Article 3

The motivations of the Association stem from recognizing the need for:

1. A clear, structured leadership to achieve the objectives of the Association.
2. A support system between Malaysian undergraduates, postgraduates and exchange students at CUHK.
3. A platform free of unnecessary internal politicking through a fair selection and appointment system.
4. A platform to gather like-minded Malaysians to execute new initiatives.

Section 3 - Membership

Article 4

1. An individual who:
 - I. holds citizenship of Malaysia OR;
 - II. is someone whom the Committee of MSA determine to have sufficient relationship with Malaysia so as to qualify (Note I);

AND

currently studying at CUHK (Note II) is automatically entitled a free membership which expires at the end of his/her study period.

2. Members have the right to vote, hold responsibility as Committee, participate and attend any events organized by the Association. Members are allowed to participate in the Committee meeting as an observer and provide constructive suggestions, provided the member informs the Secretary in verbal or in writing at least 1 full day before the meeting.

Note I

Including:

- Individual who is born in Malaysia and holds Malaysia passport OR;
- Individual who has been living in Malaysia for more than 7 years and is a permanent resident of Malaysia OR;
- Individual who has at least one parent who is qualified for one of the above conditions.

Note II

Including undergraduate, postgraduate, sub-degree and exchange students.

Section 4: Roles and Responsibility

Article 5

1. The Committee shall consist of the President, the Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer and at least two other Committee Members. All Committee Members shall be elected democratically as stated in Section 5, Article 7.
2. The term period for the Committee shall be one year, starting from their inauguration.
3. The Committee has full authority to receive any kind of financial resources on behalf of MSA and holds full responsibility for the management of MSA.
4. Any Committee Member who is regarded as irresponsible (agreed by three-quarter of the Committee) or absent for 3 consecutive times without providing a satisfactory explanation shall be ceased to be a Committee Member. Another member could be elected to replace the position after discussion with previous and current cabinet.
5. The Committee reserves the power to amend their respective responsibilities as deemed fit for their roles but should be announced to all members in writing or in Committee meeting.

Article 6

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and has a casting vote in the event of no clear majority vote. At Annual General Meeting (hereon referred to as AGM), the President shall present an annual report summarizing the activities of the Association during the year. The President shall ensure that the activities organized are in line with the objectives of MSA and ensure that all Committee Members fulfill their duties respectively.
2. The Vice President shall assist the President in fulfilling his/her duties. Should the President be absent temporarily, the Vice President shall assume all authorities and responsibilities of the President. At most two Vice Presidents could be elected.
3. The Secretary shall record the meetings minutes and keep the records of the Association. Such records, which include the register of the members of the Association, reports and other relevant documents shall be passed on to the Secretary's successor.
4. The Treasurer shall present an annual Treasury report during the AGM, keep the books of the Association, collect and pay all bills on behalf of MSA and prepare two budget reports: one outlines the projected budget for each event and the other summarizes the actual cash flow during the year. The Treasurer shall make all records of the financial transactions and accounts available upon request by the members.

Section 5: Appointment Procedures

Article 7

1. All Committee Members shall be selected by the current Committee and approved at the AGM. During AGM, all Committee Members shall be approved by a majority vote of those members present at the meeting. Only members present at the AGM shall be entitled to vote.
2. In the event where a Committee Member is not being approved by the majority at AGM, another member shall be nominated and subsequently approved by a majority vote of all members.
3. All Committee Members may be re-elected for two consecutive terms provided they are re-elected through a fair election procedure.

Section 6: Meetings

Article 8

1. Committee meetings shall be held with a quorum of not less than three-quarter of the Committee Members.
2. AGM shall be held with a quorum of not less than half the number of the members.
3. AGM shall be held on the same day as the inauguration within the first semester, for which at least 14-day notice must be given to all members. A copy of the agenda should be sent along with the notice.
4. The purpose of the AGM is to act as a review of the year where the President presents the annual report and the Treasurer gives an overview of the annual accounts.

Section 7: Fund and Financial Resources

Article 9

1. The purpose of the fund is to finance the activities of MSA.
2. The fund shall be passed on to the newly elected Treasurer after the inauguration.
3. The Treasurer shall assume full responsibility in the event where the fund is misplaced or lost.
4. In the case of dissolution of MSA, the fund shall be donated to charity. The Committee Members shall decide upon which organization to receive the donation.

Section 8: Constitutional Amendments

Article 10

1. The Constitution of the Association may only be changed if the proposed changes are approved by a three-quarter majority vote of the members present at the AGM. Any proposed changes shall be notified in writing to all members at least one week in advance and actual changes shall be confirmed in writing to all members.