

Regulations on Acceptance of Foreign Researchers by the National Institute for Land and Infrastructure Management

Purpose

Article 1 These Regulations are for the purpose of establishing items necessary for the acceptance of foreign researchers that will allow the National Institute for Land and Infrastructure Management (hereinafter “NILIM”) to actively promote research exchange with overseas research institutes.

Definition of nomenclature

Article 2 Nomenclature appearing in the following stipulations shall be defined as provided therein.

- 1) “Overseas Research Institute”: International organization, overseas government organization, national research institute, public-interest corporation, university, or other organization particularly recognized by the Director-General of NILIM.
- 2) “Foreign Researcher”: Person who belongs to an Overseas Research Institute as defined in the previous item and who is engaged in research activities.
- 3) “Invention”: Any item applicable under the definition of “Invention” as stipulated in Article 2-1 in the Patent Act (Law No. 121 of 1959), “Device” as stipulated in Article 2-1 of the Utility Model Act (Law No. 123 of 1959), or “Design” as stipulated in Article 2-1 of the Design Act (Law No. 125 of 1959).

Application

Article 3 An Overseas Research Institute shall be permitted to apply to the Director-General for the acceptance of a Foreign Researcher using a document that notes the items appearing in the following.

- 1) Desired period of acceptance.
- 2) Notation that the Overseas Research Institute that is applying for acceptance shall bear all costs associated with the acceptance, including travel expenses to Japan and expenses during stay in Japan.
- 3) Notation that the Overseas Research Institute shall pay compensation for any damage to NILIM that occurs as a result of acceptance of the Foreign Researcher.
- 4) Concrete description of research to be undertaken at NILIM by the Foreign Researcher.
- 5) Name, affiliation, position, contact information, and other necessary information of the Foreign Researcher.

Acceptance

Article 4 The Director-General shall be permitted to approve acceptance of a Foreign Researcher when the application that is stipulated in the above Article is received and when none of the following stipulations applies.

- 1) NILIM is not conducting survey or research in the field that the Foreign

- Researcher desires acceptance.
- 2) Acceptance of the Foreign Research may cause interference with other NILIM operations.
 - 3) There is any other reason NILIM cannot accept the Foreign Researcher.
2. Following approval of acceptance, the Director-General shall clearly specify Conditions for Acceptance by NILIM and shall have the relevant Foreign Researcher submit a Letter of Agreement in order to confirm that the Foreign Research consents to abide by said conditions.

Cancellation of acceptance

- Article 5 The Director-General shall be permitted to cancel approval of acceptance of a Foreign Researcher, after clearly stating the reasons for said cancellation, when any of the following situations occurs following acceptance.
- 1) It becomes difficult to continue the acceptance due to conditions involving operations at NILIM.
 - 2) It becomes difficult to continue the acceptance due to natural disaster or other such incident.
 - 3) The Foreign Researcher violates these Regulations or the Conditions for Acceptance.
 - 4) Any other circumstance occurs that makes it difficult to continue acceptance of the Foreign Researcher.

Obligations of Foreign Researchers

- Article 6 A Foreign Research shall abide by regulations established by NILIM as well as instructions from members of the accepting laboratory.
2. A Foreign Researcher shall submit a report on the content of his or her research activities at NILIM during his or her period of acceptance when the period of acceptance is completed.
 3. If a Foreign Researcher intends to publicly announce results of research that is in connection with his or her acceptance by NILIM, the Foreign Researcher shall obtain approval beforehand by submitting a request for approval to the Director-General.
 4. When a Foreign Researcher intends to obtain a property right for an Invention that was produced with the research cooperation or guidance of an NILIM researcher, the Foreign Researcher shall make the application for property right jointly with NILIM. In such case, the Foreign Research must enter into an agreement with NILIM on how the property right is to be shared.
 5. A Foreign Researcher shall not disclose or leak information that NILIM has not disclosed during and after completion of his or her period of acceptance.
 6. A Foreign Researcher shall not remove or copy NILIM research materials, experiment data, or other research materials without the permission of members of the accepting laboratory.

Bringing in equipment and devices

- Article 7 The Director-General shall permit a Foreign Researcher to bring, within a scope that is permitted by NILIM regulations, necessary equipment, devices, and consumables for use during the Foreign Researcher's period of acceptance.

Research cooperation

Article 8 NILIM shall provide any research cooperation and guidance required for the execution of research activities by a Foreign Researcher during his or her period of acceptance.

Exclusion from application

Article 9 These Regulations shall not apply to acceptance from independent administrative corporations that conduct programs for invitation of Foreign Researchers.

Miscellaneous provisions

Article 10 The Director-General shall be permitted to separately establish items deemed necessary for the acceptance of Foreign Researchers.

Supplementary provisions

These Regulations shall become effective on October 1, 2009.