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I. General Information

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1. Purpose

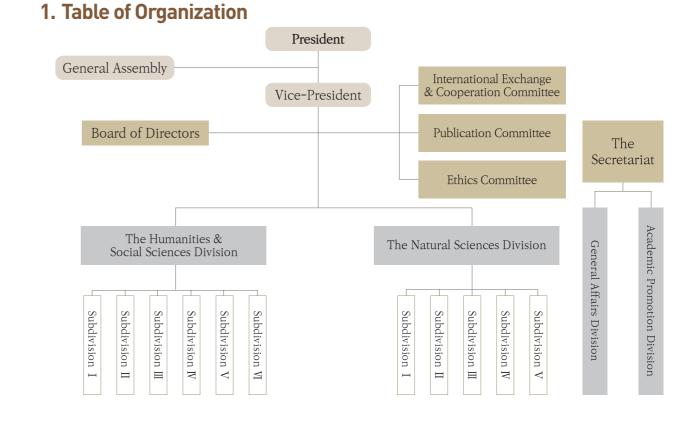
The purpose of the National Academy of Sciences, Republic of Korea (hereinafter, the NAS) is to contribute to academic development by recognizing and supporting outstanding scholars who have accomplished remarkable academic achievements, and by promoting academic research as well as its related activities.

2. Functions

- · Policy advices and proposals for national academic promotion
- \cdot Academic research and support
- · Domestic and international academic exchanges, and hosting academic symposia
- \cdot Conferring the NAS Award
- \cdot Other activities related to academic promotion

3. History

· 1952. 8. 7.	Legislation and promulgation of the Law for the Protection of Culture (No. 248)
	prepared the grounds for establishing the NAS. The membership quota was 80.
· 1954. 7.17.	The NAS opened (Il-sun Yun was elected as the 1st president).
· 1955. 7.17.	Conferred the 1st NAS Award
· 1960. 2. 3.	Amended the Law for the Protection of Culture. The membership quota increased to 100.
· 1960 5. 4.	Hosted the 1st NAS International Symposium.
· 1986. 4.16.	Established the NAS Research Foundation.
· 1987. 10. 15.	Relocated from Kyeongbokgung to 59, Banpo-daero 37-gil, Seocho-gu, Seoul.
· 1988. 12. 31.	Legislated and promulgated the NAS Act (Law No. 4045). The membership quota
	increased to 150.
· 2002. 4.20.	Initiated the Public Project Supporting Outstanding Academic Books.
· 2002. 12. 5.	Amended the NAS Act to introduce the honorary membership system.
· 2006. 9.20.	Started the 1st Korea-Japan Science Forum.
· 2011. 6. 7.	Amended the NAS Act to extend the NAS membership term to life.
· 2014. 5.14.	Held the 60th NAS anniversary ceremony.
· 2020. 4. 1.	Dong Ki Kim was re-elected as the 38th president.



Divisions, Subdivisions and Major Fields

Division	Subdivsion	Major Fields	Quota of Members	Current Members	Honorary Members
The Humanities & Social Sciences Division	Subdivision I	Philosophy, Ethics, Logic, Aesthetics, Religion, Pedagogy and Psychology	13	13	
	Subdivision II	Language and Literature	13	11	
	Subdivision III	History, Archaeology, Geography, Folklore and Cultural Anthropology	13	12	1
	Subdivision IV	Law	12	12	2
	Subdivision V	Political Science, Public Administration and Sociology	12	12	
	Subdivision VI	Economics and Business Administration	12	12	
	Subtotal		75	72	3
The Natural Sciences Division	Subdivision I	Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Astronomy and Meteorology, Atmospheric Sciences	15	15	2
	Subdivision II	Biology, Geology, Sport Science, Nutrition and Home Economics	15	14	1
	Subdivision III	Architecture, (Metallurgy and Materials, Mechanical, Textile, Geophysical, Electrical, Ocean, Civil, Electronic and Aerospace) Engineering, Dynamics of Machines, and Information and Communications	15	15	1
	Subdivision IV	Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine and Pharmacology	15	14	1
	Subdivision V	Agriculture, Forestry, Animal Science and Fisheries	15	14	1
		Subtotal	75	72	6
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2. Functions

General Assembly

As the top decision-making body, the General Assembly deliberates over and resolves the highest priorities for managing the NAS, such as approving newly elected members, ratifying the NAS Award recipients, electing president and vice-president, and legislating and amending rules. It is held in March and July, and also whenever deemed necessary.

Division Meeting

The NAS consists of two divisions: the Humanities & Social Sciences Division and the Natural Sciences Division. Division meetings are held to elect new members and division directors, and select NAS Award recipients.

Subdivision Meeting

All members of the NAS belong to a subdivision based on their field of study. Each subdivision holds 7 meetings a year to discuss academic research matters as well as screen new NAS member candidates and NAS Award candidates.

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is composed of 4 executive directors (President, Vice-President, 2 Division Directors) and 11 Subdivision Heads. The Borad reviews and votes on the matters as deemed necessary by the President. The term of the president and vice-president is two years and renewable once. Division directors and subdivision heads are elected by co-option and their term is one year.

International Exchange & Cooperation Committee

The International Exchange & Cooperation Committee deals with the tasks related to the NAS affiliated international academic organizations and activities such as collecting materials and data on international academic awards.

Publication Committee

The Publication Committee consists of president, vice-president, two division directors, and eleven members from each subdivision. The Committee is in charge of the NAS publication: setting up a basic plan, appointing writers and referees, and overseeing other editorial matters.

Ethics Committee

The Ethics Committee consists of vice-president and eleven members from each subdivision. It is to take a disciplinary measure against a member who has damaged the honor and dignity of the NAS.

3. Election of Members and Privileges

Election of Members

Qualifications to be a member of the NAS are : (1) a citizen of the Republic of Korea, and (2) a graduate of a university or its equivalent with more than 20 years of academic research experience, or those who have more than 30 years of academic research experience with a remarkable contribution to the academic development. Qualified candidates are recommended by NAS members or academic organizations designated by the NAS. They are screened at the Subdivision meeting, elected at the Division meeting, and approved at the General Assembly. The term of membership is lifetime.

Privileges

The Government honors and respects NAS members and offers research grants, meeting allowances, and monthly stipend for making use of their erudition and experience.

Honorary Members

The NAS elects foreign scholars as honorary members of the NAS who have made remarkable academic achievements and contributed to academic development. Candidates are recommended by NAS members or academic organizations designated by the NAS. Then, they are screened at Subdivision meetings, elected at Division meetings, and approved at the General Assembly. The term of honorary membership is four years and renewable.

4. The NAS Secretariat

The NAS Secretariat, which is affiliated to the Ministry of Education, carries out the administrative affairs of the NAS. It consists of General Affairs Division and Academic Promotion Division, and the quota of public officials including the Secretary-General is seventeen.

III. Members

1. Executives





Kim, Dong Ki (President)



Lee, Jang Moo (Vice-President)



Jeong, Ki-Jun (Director, the Humanities & Social Sicences Division)



Chang, Ho Wan (Director, the Natural Sciences Division)

2. Former Presidents



Yi, Pyong-do (7th to 17th, 1960~1981)



Shin, Tai-whan (18th, 1981~1983)



Shim, Chong-supp (19th to 21st, 1983~1988)



Lee, Ho Wang



Kwun, Sook-II

3. Board of Directors

• President		:	Kim, I
	Vice President	:	Lee, Ja

- Director, Humanities & Social Sciences Division: Jeong, Ki-Jun (Economics) Subdivision I: Lee, Han Goo (Western Philosophy) Subdivision II: Cho, Ju Kwan (Russian Literature) Subdivision III: Lee, Sung Kyu (Chinese History) Subdivision IV: Kim, Hyo-Jeon (Constitutional Law) Subdivision V: Lee, Jung Bock (Political Science) Subdivision VI: Kim, Kee Young (Business Administration)
- Director, Natural Sciences Division: Chang, Ho Wan (Geochemistry) Subdivision I: Kim, Jhin Eui (Particle Physics) Subdivision II: Kim, Sang-Gu (Biology (Plant Molecular Genetics)) Subdivision III: Yoo, Jung Yul (Fluid Mechanics) Subdivision IV: Lee, Young Soon (Veterinary Pathology) Subdivision V: Park, Seung-Woo (Agricultural Engineering)





Suh, Ton-kak (22nd & 23rd, 1988~1992)



Kim, Tae kil (30th & 31st, 2004~2008)



Kim, Sang-Joo (32nd & 33rd, 2008~2012)



Park, Young-sik (34th, 2012~2013)









Kwon, E Hyock (24th & 25th, 1992~1996)





(26th & 27th, 1996~2000)



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Dong Ki (Business Administration)

ang Moo (Dynamics of Machines)

The Humanities and Social Sciences Division

4. Members

Subdivision I: Philosophy, Ethics, Logic, Aesthetics, Religion, Pedagogy and Psychology

of Religion)

Subdivision II: Language and Literature

Lee, Chungmin

(Linguistics(and

Cognitive Science))





Chung, Bum Mo (Pedagogy)



Oh, Byung-Nam (Aesthetics)



Youn, Sa-Soon (Confucian Philosophy)

Jung, Myong Hwan

(French Literature)

Hong, Chai-song

(French Linguistics)

Jang, Gyung-ryul

(English Literature)



Lee, Don-Hee Lee, Sung Jin

(Philosophy of Education) (Educational Psychology, Behavior Analysis)



Lee, Han Goo Park, Chong-Hyun (Western Philosophy) (Ancient Greek Philosophy)



Cha, Jae-Ho (Psychology ; Social Psychology)



Keel, Hee-Sung (Buddhist Philosophy)



Zoh, Myeong-han (Cognitive Psychology)



Soh, Kwang-Hie





(Western Philosophy)







Cha, Ha Soon (European Intellectual History)

(Human Geography)

(Cultural Anthropology)



Han, Sang-Bok

(Korean History)

Kim, Yung Sik Kim, Hodong (Central Asian History) (History / History of Science)





Kim, Jhong Won (Criminal Law)

Koh, Sang Ryong









Kwon, Ohseung (Competition Law, Economic Regulation)



Kim, Tschol Su

(Constitutional Law)



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(Korean Linguistics)



Kim, Hak-chu (Chinese Literature)





Lee, Kyung Shik (English Literature)



Kim, Su-Young (German Literature)



Cho, Dong-il (Korean Classical Literature)







Cho, Ju Kwan (Russian Literature)

















Park, Byoung Ho Kim, Sang Yong (Korean Legal History & Family Law)





Subdivision III: History, Archaeology, Human Geography, Folklore and Cultural Anthropology



Lee, Ki Dong (Korean History)



Choi, Byung-Hyun (Archaeology)



Kim, Young Han (European History)



Yim, Dawnhee (Folklore)



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Lee, Sung Kyu (Chinese History)



Park, Yongwoon (Korean History)

Subdivision IV: Law



(Civil Law)



Kim, Hyo-Jeon (Constitutional Law)



Kim, Nam Jin (Public Administrative Law)



Lee, Hyung-kook (Crimanal Law)



Chung, Dong-Yoon (Commercial Law; Corporations & Civil Procedure)



Lim, Chong Yul (Labor law)

The Humanities and Social Sciences Division

Subdivision V: Political Science, Public Administration and Sociology



Lim, Hy Sop (Sociology)



(Administrative Theory, Public Budgeting))





(Public Administration)



Lim, Hyun-Chin (Politicial Sociology)





Ahn, Byung Joon (Political Science and International Relations)

Lee, Jung Bock

(Political Science)



Kim, Hong Woo (Political Thought)

Kim Kyong-Dong

(Sociology)



Kim, Yong Koo (International Relations)



Shin, Yong-Ha (Sociology)

Subdivision VI: Economics and Business Administration



(Economics)

Yoon, Ki Jung

(Economics)

Rhee, Hak-Yong

(Economics)

Lee, Hyun Jae







Kwak, Soo II (Business Administration ; **Operations Management**)



Byun, Hyung Yoon Kim, Dong Ki (Business Administration : Marketing)



(Business Administration)









Yoo, Jang-Hee (Economics)





Chang, Sei Hun

(Chemistry)

Kwun, Sook-II

(Condensed Matter Physics)

Lee, Ho-In

The Natural Sciences Division

Ahn, Se Hee

(Nuclear Physics)

Ki, U-Hang

(Mathematics, Differential

Geometry)

Kim, Dohan

(Mathematics)



Cheong, Chang Hi (Geology)











Cho, Wan Kyoo (Developmental Biology)





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(Economics)

Lee, Jisoon (Economics)





Kim, Kee Young



























Lee, Kie Hwa (Geophysics)









Maeng, Won Jai

(Sport Science)







Subdivision I: Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Meteorology, Atmospheric Science



Rho, Chae Shik (Atmospheric Science)



Kim, Yong Hae (Organic Chemistry)



Park, Sung Hyun (Statistics)



Koh, Yoon Suk (Physics, Theoretical Nuclear)



Lee, Eun (Organic Chemistry)



Kim, Jihn Eui (Particle Physics)



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Park, Sehie (Mathematics)



Choh, Sung Ho (Condensed Matter Physics)



Choy, Jin-Ho (Inorganic Chemistry)

Subdivision II: Biology, Geology, Sport Science, Physical Education, Nutrition and Home Economics



Chang, Ho Wan (Geochemistry)



An, Gynheung (Biology)



Lee, Jeong Woo (Home Economcis)



Kim, Sang-Gu (Biology ; Plant Molecular Genetics)



Yim, Jeongbin (Molecular Biology)



Park, Sang Dai (Molecular Cell Biology)



Chung, Chin Ha (Molecular Biology)

The Natural Sciences Division

Subdivision III: Architecture, (Metallurgy and Materials, Mechanical, Textile, Geophysical, Electrical, Ocean, Civil, Electronic and Aerospace) Engineering, Dynamics of Machines, and Information and Communications



Kim, Sang Joo (Materials Engineering)



Yoon, Duk Yong (Metallurgy and Materials Science)



(Dynamics of Machines)

Lee, Jang Moo Lee Byeong Gi



Hyun, Byung Koo (Mineral and Petroleum



Engineering)







Rho, Oh Hyun

(Aerospace Engineering)



Lee, Choong Woong (Electronic Engineering)



Choi, Hang-shoon (Naval Architecture & Ocean Engineering)



Lee, Li Hyung (Architectural Engineering)

Subdivision IV: Medicine, Dentistry, Oncology, Veterinary Medicine and Pharmacology

Whang, Kyu-Young

(Computer Sci.&Eng.)



(Information and

Communications)







Lee, Soon-Hyung (Medical Parasitology)



Lee, Sung-Gyu (Surgery and Liver Transplantation)

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Lee, Jong Ho (Dentistry(Oral &

Maxillofacial Surgery))



Ko, Jea Seung

(Dentistry)

Park, Seong-Hoe

(Immunopathology)





Shin, Hee-Sup (Genetics and Neuroscience)



Lee, Myung-Shik (Metabolism, Immunology)



Kim, Byung Soo (Medicine(Oncology))



Lee, Yong Soon (Veterinary Pathology)









(Agronomy Science)



(Animal Science)

(Soil Physics)

Hwang, Byung Kook (Plant Pathology)

Park, Seung-Woo Choi, Yang Do (Agricultural Engineering) (Agricultural Biotechnology)

Hong, Sung Yun (Marine Biology (Zooplankton))

5. Honorary Members



Ryoji Noyori (Organometallic Chemistry) Japan

Jan Eric Lindsten (Human Cytogenetics) Sweden



Peter Gruss (Molecular Cell Biology) Germany



Hiroshi Shiono (Administrative Law) Japan



Yoo, Jung Yul (Fluid Mechanics)



Hong, Sung Gak (Tree Physiology)



Chang, Dong-Suck (Fishereies Food Sanitation)





Lee, Byoung Yil (Horticultural Science)



Lee, Hong Suk (Crop Science)



Kim, Su il (Agro-Biological Chemistry)



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Kim, Hyun Uk (Animal Food Science)



Kim, Yoon Soo (Wood Biology)



Jürgen Kocka (History of Modern Germany and Europe, Social History, Comparative History) Germany



Roger N. Beachy (Agricultural Technology) U.S.A.



Jan Drewes Achenbach (Aeronautics and Astronautics) U.S.A.



Harold Vincent Poor (Electrical Engineering & Computer Science) U.S.A.



Christian Starck (Constitutional Law, Comparative Public Law, . Jurisprudence) Germany

IV. Major Activities

1. The NAS Award

The NAS Award is intended to promote academic development by conferring it to Korean scholars who are well recognized for their academic achievements. The NAS annually elects up to eight recipients in Humanities, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, and Applied Natural Sciences. There have been a total of 265 awardees since 1955.



2. The NAS Seminar and Conference

The NAS holds Subdivision Academic Seminar and the Specific Research Project Academic Conference in May in attempt to take full advantage of the members' expertise and research experience.



3. The International Symposium

The NAS holds its annual International symposium in October with distinguished scholars to exchange academic knowledge on emerging issues and to promote academic development for future society.



4. The Korea-Japan Science Forum

The Korea-Japan Science Forum was initiated in 2006 for the purpose of enhancing academic development and promoting mutual understanding and cooperation between the NAS and the Japan Academy.



5. Academic Research

To support continuous academic research activities, the NAS annually offers research grants to its members - one from each subdivision. The research results are presented at the Subdivision Seminars, the Academic Seminar or the Policy Seminar; they are published in the Journal of the NAS for distribution to domestic and foreign academic organizations, and are made use of for national policymaking. In addition, the NAS actively encourages its members to participate in international academic conferences through the International Academic Organizations Research Project.

6. Academic Exchanges

Participating in International Academic Conferences

The NAS has joined in 8 international academic organizations listed below, taking part to academic exchanges by way of sending its representatives to these organizations: PSA (Pacific Science Association), UAI (Union Académique Internationale), IFS (International Foundation for Science), ISC (International Science Council), SCA (Science Council of Asia), IAC for Research (Inter Academy Council), IAP for Science (Inter Academy Panel), IAP for Health (InterAcademy Medical Panel).

Collaborations with Foreign Academies

As the representative academic institution in Korea, the NAS has set up academic exchange agreement with 14 foreign academies listed below and has been actively involved in exchanging scholars, journals, and academic information.

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The Israel Academy of Sciences and Humani
Académie des Sciences, Institut de France
Chinese Academy of Sciences Chinese Academy of Social Sciences National Academy of Sciences, U.S.A. The Royal Society of London, UK
The British Academy
The Norwegian Academy of Sciences and Let
The Royal Swedish Academy of Letters, Histo The Mongolian Academy of Sciences
The Japan Academy
The Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts
Akademie der Wissenschaften zu Göttingen
The Australian Academy of Humanities

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7. Public Project of Supporting Outstanding Academic Books

Since 2012, entrusted by the Ministry of Education for the promotion of basic sciences, the NAS has undertaken the project of selecting outstanding academic books in the fields of Humanities, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences and Korean Studies. The NAS has been distributing them to universities and throughout the nation. Total 270 academic books were selected in 2020.



8. Publications

The NAS publishes the following academic materials and distributes them to domestic and foreign academic institutions under the supervision of the NAS Publication Committee.

- The Journal of the NAS
- NAS Academic Research Series
- Trends and Issues of Academic Research
- · The Report on International Academic Exchange and Cooperation
- The NAS Bulletin
- The NAS Handbook
- The NAS Korean/English Brochure
- The NAS English Catalog
- The NAS Monthly Newsletter

Article 1 (Purpose)

The purpose of this Act is to establish the National Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Korea so as to treat favorably and support scientists who have made remarkable contributions to the development of sciences, and to carry out scientific research and supporting projects, and thus contribute to the development of sciences.

Article 2 (Functions)

The National Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Korea (hereinafter referred to as the "National Academy of Sciences") shall be a representative organ of scientists at home and abroad, and shall carry out the following matters necessary for the development of sciences:

- 1. Consultations on policies for the promotion of sciences and proposals for the promotion of sciences; 2. Scientific research and support therefor;
- 3. Domestic and international academic exchanges and holding of academic events;
- 4. Conferment of the National Academy of Sciences Awards;
- 5. Other matters concerning the promotion of sciences.

Article 3 (Organization)

- (hereinafter referred to as the "members").
- 2. The fixed number of members shall be 150.
- 3. The National Academy of Sciences shall establish the humanities and social sciences division and the natural sciences division, and each division shall have subdivisions for specialized fields of studies.
- 4. Each member shall belong to one of the subdivisions depending on his/her majors of study.

Article 4 (Qualifications of Members)

- A Member shall be a citizen of the Republic of Korea falling under any of the following:
- remarkable contribution to the development of sciences;
- 2. A person has had a career of at least 30 years in scientific research and made a remarkable contribution to the development of sciences..

Article 4-2 (Grounds for Disgualification of Members)

- become a member.
- the time he/she is elected, he/she shall ex officio lose his/her status as a member.
- in compliance with a resolution adopted by a general meeting.



4th Amendment under Law No. 11690, Mar 23, 2013

1. The National Academy of Sciences shall be composed of the members of the National Academy of Sciences

1. A person who graduated from any of the schools referred to in Article 2 of the Higher Education Act or from an equivalent or higher level school and has had a career of at least 20 years in scientific research and made a

1. A person who falls under any of the subparagraphs of Article 33 of the State Public Officials Act shall not

2. Where a member comes to fall under paragraph (1) or is found to have fallen under the same paragraph as at

3. A person who damages his/her honor and dignity as a member may be deprived of his/her status as a member

Article 5 (Election of Members)

1. A member shall be a person who is, from among those recommended by the members or by academic organizations in the relevant fields which are designated by the National Academy of Science, decided upon at a meeting of the relevant division after a candidate screening by the member screening committee and then approved by a general meeting.

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2. Matters necessary for the composition, etc. of the member screening committee shall be determined by a general meeting.

Article 6 (Term, etc. of Membership)

- 1. The term of membership shall be lifetime.
- 2. The members shall serve part-time.

Article 7 (Treatment of Members)

- 1. The State shall treat the members favorably and take the necessary measures for putting their knowledge and experience to practical use.
- 2. The members shall be paid allowances or pensions as prescribed by the Presidential Decree.

Article 8 (Election, etc. of President and Vice-President)

- 1. The National Academy of Sciences shall have a president and a vice- president.
- 2. The president and the vice-president shall be elected at a general meeting.
- 3. The terms of office of the president and the vice-president shall be two years, and each term of office shall be renewable once.

Article 9 (Duties of President and Vice-President)

- 1. The president shall take charge of the affairs of the National Academy of Sciences and represent the said Academy.
- 2. The vice-president shall assist the president, and if the president is unable to perform his duties for an unavoidable reason, the vice-president shall act for the president.

Article 10 (Director of Each Division)

- 1. Each division shall have a director of division under Article 3 (3), who shall be elected by and from among members of the division concerned.
- 2. The term of office of the director of division shall be one year and renewable.
- 3. The director of division shall manage the affairs of the division under his/her control.

Article 11 (Head of Subdivision)

- from among members of the subdivision concerned.
- 3. The head of subdivision shall manage affairs of the subdivision under his control.

Article 12 (Meetings)

- meetings, and subdivision meetings.
- convene it.
- Article 10 or the head of a subdivision provided for in Article 11.
- members and with the concurrent vote of a majority of members present.

Article 12-2 (Honorary Members)

- countries.
- honorary members shall be prescribed by the Presidential Decree.

Article 13 (Support for Academic Activities)

The State may pay a bounty, subsidy, or monetary reward to scientists or academic organizations committed to their studies upon a proposal of the National Academy of Sciences.

Article 14 (Conferment of Awards)

The National Academy of Sciences may confer the National Academy of Sciences Award to a person who has made a remarkable contribution to scientific studies with his/her outstanding research.

Article 15 (Admission to International Science Organizations)

The National Academy of Sciences may be admitted to international science organizations.



1. Each of the subdivisions referred to in Article 3 (3) shall have a head of subdivision who shall be elected by and

2. The term of office of the head of subdivision shall be one year and renewable.

1. The meetings of the National Academy of Sciences shall be categorized into a general meeting, division

2. A general meeting shall be the highest deliberative organ of the National Academy of Sciences, and if the president deems it necessary, or upon a request of at least one third of the members, the president shall

3. Division or subdivision meetings shall, if necessary, be convened by the director of a division provided for in

4. The meetings of the National Academy of Sciences shall adopt resolutions by attendance of a majority of all

1. Foreigners with outstanding academic achievements may be appointed as honorary members of the National Academy of Sciences for the purpose of promoting academic exchanges and collaborations with foreign

2. Matters necessary for the number, qualifications, membership term, appointment method, allowances, etc. of

Article 16 (Bearing of Expenses)

Expenses needed for the enforcement of this Act shall be borne by the State.

Article 17 (Support)

The Minister of Education shall support activities of the National Academy of Sciences.

Article 18 (Secretariat)

- 1. The National Academy of Sciences shall have a Secretariat.
- 2. The organization and fixed number of personnel of the Secretariat shall be prescribed by the Presidential Decree.

Article 19 (Detailed Rules of Operation)

The detailed matters necessary for the operation of the National Academy of Sciences shall be determined by a general meeting.