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CHAPTER I: GENERAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 1 – Purpose

The purpose of this Special Regulation is, in accordance with the provisions of Articles 9 and 34 of the General Regulations of the 2005 World Exposition, Aichi, Japan (hereinafter referred to as “the General Regulations”, and the 2005 World Exposition, Aichi, Japan, as “the Exhibition”), to specify the necessary requirements concerning the advantages that shall be granted to Commissioners General of Section and their staff to facilitate the accomplishment of their duties.

ARTICLE 2 – Responsibilities of Commissioners General of Section

1. Commissioners General of Section shall, in accordance with Article 13 of the Convention relating to International Exhibitions, signed at Paris on November 22, 1928, and supplemented by the protocols of May 10, 1948, November 16, 1966, November 30, 1972, and the amendments of June 24, 1982 (hereinafter referred to as “the Convention”), and Article 9 of the General Regulations, represent those foreign governments and international organisations that have accepted an official invitation from the government of Japan to participate in the Exhibition (hereinafter referred to as “official participants”) before the Commissioner General of the Exhibition; and shall be responsible for the organisation and operation of their respective national sections, including all exhibitors and persons carrying out commercial and other activities as provided for in Article 20 of the General Regulations.
2. Commissioners General of Section shall comply with the General Regulations, the Special Regulations, the relevant laws and ordinances of Japan, and the supplementary instructions and directives issued by the Japan Association for the 2005 World Exposition (hereinafter collectively referred to as “the Laws and Regulations”, and the Japan Association for the 2005 World Exposition as “the Organiser”) that are in accordance with the General Regulations and the Special Regulations, and shall ensure that all persons under their responsibility comply with the Laws and Regulations.

Article 3 – Assistance to the College of Commissioners General of Section

The Commissioner General of the Exhibition and the Organiser shall provide, at their own cost, the following assistance and any other necessary assistance to the College of Commissioners

General of Section and the Steering Committee of the College of Commissioners General of Section (hereinafter referred to as the “Steering Committee”), in accordance with the provisions herein to facilitate the accomplishment of the duties of Commissioners General of Section:

- (1) provision of facilities and interpretation services for the meetings of the College of Commissioners General of Section and the Steering Committee;
- (2) assistance with office and administrative arrangements for the Secretariat of the Steering Committee;
- (3) provision of a Liaison Officer to ensure efficient communication with the International Exhibitions Bureau.

Article 4 – Protocol

The Commissioner General of the Exhibition shall, in cooperation with the College of Commissioners General of Section, establish a protocol regime that specifies provisions for the following matters and other relevant matters in regard to the protocol procedures to be observed on the Exhibition site at receptions and events:

- (1) Opening Ceremony and Closing Ceremony;
- (2) National Day and Special Day ceremonies and events;
- (3) visits by special guests of honor and other VIPs during other than National Days and Special Days;
- (4) classification of special guests of honor and other VIPs;
- (5) list of precedence for special guests of honor and other VIPs;
- (6) details concerning the procedures for the provision of facilities and services for special guests of honor and other VIPs;
- (7) details concerning the issuance of a limited number of complementary invitation tickets.

Article 5 – General assistance

1. The Organiser shall provide the necessary information to Commissioners General of Section concerning the laws and ordinances and administrative procedures governing the entry, stay, and departure of Commissioners General of Section and all staff under their responsibility, and concerning matters governing customs clearance, immigration, and taxes.

2. The Commissioner General of the Exhibition and the Organiser shall provide the necessary assistance to Commissioners General of Section to facilitate the completion of the customs clearance and immigration procedures of said Commissioners General of Section and all staff under their responsibility.
3. The Commissioner General of the Exhibition and the Organiser shall provide Commissioners General of Section with the necessary assistance in dealing with the government of Japan and local government agencies concerned with the Exhibition to facilitate the accomplishment of their duties at the Exhibition.
4. The Organiser shall provide Commissioners General of Section with the necessary assistance regarding arrangements for travel and accommodation.
5. The Organiser shall provide Commissioners General of Section with the necessary assistance regarding reservation of parking areas on the Exhibition site.

Article 6 – Other benefits

1. Commissioners General of Section and Deputy Commissioners General of Section as well as those appointed as the director of a pavilion by a Commissioner General of Section (hereinafter referred to as “Pavilion Director”) shall, in addition to the advantages established and granted to them in the Special Regulations, be granted “Diplomat” or “Official” status of residence subject to the Laws and Regulations, pursuant to the duties they will engage in at the Exhibition. Other staff under the responsibility of the Commissioners General of Section shall be granted appropriate status of residence pursuant to the duties they will engage in at the Exhibition.
2. Family members who are part of the households of Commissioners General of Section, Deputy Commissioners General of Section, and Pavilion Directors shall also be granted status of residence for their activities as family members of said households, subject to the Laws and Regulations. However, this status of residence shall not permit activities involving the management of business involving income or activities for which they receive remuneration.
3. Commissioners General of Section, Deputy Commissioners General of Section, and Pavilion Directors shall be issued, in addition to the provisions established in the Special Regulations, an accreditation card to facilitate the accomplishment of their duties.
4. Commissioners General of Section may, in accordance with the Laws and Regulations, import the following goods free from import duties when customs authorities have determined the value and quantity of all goods to be appropriate in regard to the nature of the Exposition, the number of visitors, and the importance of the participant:
 - (1) goods for use in official receptions;

- (2) goods for use as gifts to important visitors from their own, the host, and other countries; and
 - (3) other goods necessary to Commissioners General of Section in carrying out their duties.
5. Official participants shall, in accordance with “Special Regulation No. 7 concerning transportation, customs clearance, and handling of cargo”, receive a refund of the consumption tax paid in the procurement of the following goods and services by carrying out the necessary procedures subject to the Laws and Regulations.
- (1) goods and services procured in regard to the construction, installation, and dismantlement of their respective pavilions
 - (2) goods and services procured in regard to their exhibitions and operations
6. Imported vehicles necessary for use by Commissioners General of Section in their duties shall, in accordance with the Laws and Regulations and to the extent approved by customs, be exempted from tariff duties and consumption tax.

