

Name: Public Interest Incorporated Organization
Hokkaido International Exchange and Cooperation Center

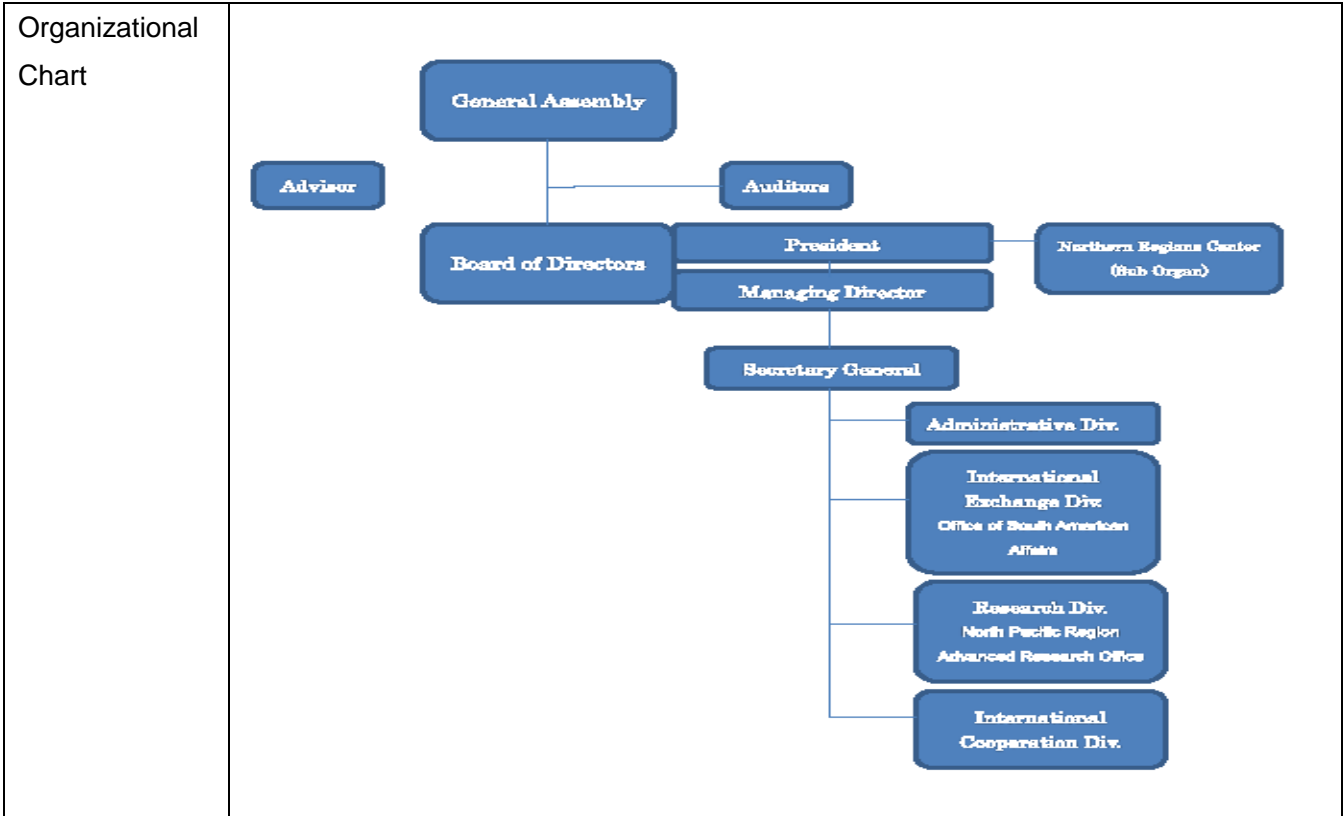
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Brief overview:	<p>Northern Regions center (forerunner of HIECC) was established in 1978 with a view to make contributions to advancement and development of Japan's economy, culture and academics by promoting exchanges between Hokkaido prefecture and other northern parts of the world.</p> <p>Northern Regions Center was certified as "Recognized local international exchange association" by the national government of Japan in 1998 which subsequently further expanded the scope of the areas of exchange activities. In 2011, Northern Regions Center became a public interest incorporated organization and changed its name to Hokkaido International Exchange and Cooperation Center thus strengthened its role as a coordinator of international exchange and cooperation in the Hokkaido prefecture.</p> <p>HIECC is aiming toward to build vibrant local communities through our international activities involving various countries of the world.</p>																		



Activities and operation:

- ◎Promotion of international understanding
 - Organizing lectures and symposiums
 - Lectures on international understanding
 - Lectures on understanding northern regions
 - Seminars on business management in Russia
 - Researches on North Pacific Regions
 - Collection and dissemination of international information.
 - Collection of research and studies
 - Operation of International Information Network (Website)
 - Issuing quarterly periodical “HOPPOKEN”
 - Dispatch of Japanese delegates to foreign countries
 - Dispatch of youth delegates to foreign countries
 - Training in foreign countries aiming to cultivate facilitators specializing in development education
 - Promotion of multi-cultural society
 - Building foreigners-friendly community
- ◎Promotion of international exchanges
 - (1) Promoting exchanges with foreign countries
 - Organizing Japan-China youth exchange program
 - Accepting foreign delegates to Hokkaido
 - Promotion of Japan-Korea exchange model in a new era

	<p>Promotion of exchanges between Hokkaido citizens and foreign students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offering student aid for international students • Promotion of community based exchange programs for international students <p>(2) Provision of support for immigrants abroad</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accepting descendants of immigrants from Hokkaido as foreign students <p>• Provision of support for the association of immigrants from Hokkaido prefecture</p> <p>(3) Provision of subsidy for various international exchange activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of support for organizing international exchange program <p>Working together with communities and other organizations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizing meetings with local communities to exchange information on international issues • Establishing and managing the council for the official diplomatic and consular offices in Hokkaido <p>◎Promoting international cooperation</p> <p>Participation in JICA training project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducting JICA training project as a commissioned body <p>Acceptance of international trainees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acceptance of technical trainees from South America • Acceptance of JICA youth training participants <p>(1) Collection and dissemination of information related to international cooperation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issuing quarterly periodical specializing in international cooperation “DEAI” <p>Community based international exchanges/Development education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting exchange programs based on communities • Planning and managing school visit programs
<p>Becoming a Supporting Member</p>	<p>HIECC is partly operated with funds raised through membership fees.</p> <p>HIECC welcomes membership applications from those who understand and endorse its objectives and activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Annual corporate and organizational membership fees -10,000 yen per membership ●Annual individual membership fees -5,000 yen per membership