

# Norwegian Chinese Chamber of Commerce NCCC - Articles of Association

### Mission

The mission of the Norwegian-Chinese Chamber of Commerce is to provide a professional and social forum for those wishing to participate in the Norwegian-Chinese business and cultural communities, thus promoting business opportunities between the two countries. Our aim is to become the preferred forum for Norwegian-Chinese business participants in Norway

# **Main focus Culture**

Provide members with a better understanding of cultural similarities and differences to facilitate business between the two countries.

### Information

Up-to-date information on business opportunities, rules and regulations

## **Business promotion**

Promote participation in exhibitions and attendance at trade fairs in both countries. Arrange business delegations to China

Be a facilitator for successful delegations from China to Norway

Provide relevant business networking opportunities and encouraging dialogue between members, exchange of information and possible cooperation.

Have an efficient and diversified network of professionals who can assist members in their business activities at discounted fees.

Introduce to the members relevant business organizations, foreign service, semi private organizations who's objective is to promote business.

Arrange seminars on topics to promote bilateral business.

# **Membership categories**

# Corporate membership:

Entitles members to register up to five employees who will all receive Chamber information directly. The company name will be listed in the membership directory.

## Small and medium size companies:

Entitles members to register up to two employees who will all receive Chamber information directly. The company name will be listed in the membership directory.

## Individual membership:

Entitles members to attend all Chamber meetings at members' rates. Individual members are registered under their own name in the membership directory.

# Students: Student discounts apply.

Students are registered under their own name. Student members are entitled to attend all Chamber meetings at members' rates

## Sponsor members

Sponsor members pay extra fee and have their name displayed in the chamber's publications. Sponsors are also invited to attend special meetings.

The four founders of the organization are lifetime members without fee.

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# Administration

### **Board**

The Board shall consist of from five to ten members. One member should - if possible - be recruited from amongst Norwegian State officials. One of the members is to be elected on a proposal of NHO. An additional board members might be a consulting member elected by the Embassy of the People's Republic of China.

The leader of the board and one (or two) vice leader(s) are to be elected of the AGM.

The members of the board are elected for two years at a time. The members might be reelected. Half of members of the board is elected each year. One or two deputies can be elected who only join in the event of a permanent resignation.

### Administration

The Board shall appoint an Administrator and shall provide guidelines for the operation of the Norwegian Chinese Chamber of Commerce in accordance with the mission and decisions made by the Board.

### Tasks force

The Board may appoint subcommittees to undertake special tasks.

### **Election committee**

The AGM appoint a Election Committee that consist of from one to four members. The Committee prepare a list of candidates to the Board as the AGM elect them as board members. The leader of the Committee is a board member.

### **Events and activities**

The Norwegian Chinese Chamber intends to arrange membership meetings, prepare and lead delegations, seminars, promote exhibitions, arrange an annual dinner, establish a trade award, receive delegations from China, accounting, prepare board meetings, prepare annual meetings, establish and maintain an Internet page and other activities decided by the Board

## **Auditina**

The Chamber shall have an authorized auditor who will audit all activities of the Chamber

# **Annual General Meeting**

An Annual General Members' Meeting shall be held, where the Board reports on past and future activities. The main purpose of this meeting is to inform Chamber Members of past and planned activities, elect board members, the auditor and deal with other items on the Agenda proposed by the Board for the Annual General Meeting and any items that pursuant to law shall be dealt with by the meeting.

Notice to attend the meeting shall be given with a minimum of 30 days' notice. The Annual General Member meeting shall be held in the period March – May each year. Members who have paid the membership fee no later than 14 days before the AGM have the right to attend, speak and vote.

Extra-ordinary General Members' Meetings can be held when the Board so decides or when a minimum of 20 Members so demand.

Each member has one vote and can vote by proxy. Each member in addition to their own vote, vote for two proxies.

In the event of discontinuance, a 2/3 majority of an Extra-ordinary General Members' Meeting must approve this. The disposal of any assets shall be decided in the same meeting within the framework of governing legislation.

Amendments to the articles of association can only be made by a 70% majority vote for proposed amendments.

## Membership fees

The membership fee will be invoiced immediately after receipt and acceptance of this completed and signed membership application form.