# Ministry of Education Regulations for the Access to Campus Network

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## I. Purpose of the Regulation

The *Ministry of Education Regulations for the Access to Campus Network* (hereinafter referred to as the "Regulations") is hereby established to develop the function of campus network (hereinafter referred to as the "Network"), enhance the respect for laws and regulations, and serve as a guideline for the Network users to follow as well as facilitate education and learning.

#### II. Relevant regulations and committee

Each school shall stipulate regulations regarding the use of the Network based on the Regulations and establish a committee or appoint staff in charge to conduct the following affairs depending on actual needs:

- 1. Affairs relevant to Internet law.
- 2. Adopt appropriate measures to ensure Internet safety.
- 3. Promote relevant regulations regarding the use of the Network, and provide assistance to the Network users in accurately using the information and paying attention to relevant regulations and Internet etiquette, and other affairs relevant to the use of Internet.

#### III. Respect Intellectual Property Rights

The Network users shall respect the intellectual property rights.

Schools shall promote accurate concepts to Network users to prevent them from getting involved in the violation of intellectual property rights as stated in the following:

- 1. Use of unauthorized computer programs.
- 2. Illegally downloading and copying works protected by the Copyright Act.
- 3. Uploading protected works on public website without the prior consent of the copyright owner.
- 4. Posting articles posted on BBS (Bulletin Board System) or other online discussion forum when the author had clearly indicated that no posting is allowed.
- 5. Setting up of website for the public to illegally download works protected by copyrights.
- 6. Other behaviors that might involve the violation of intellectual property rights.

#### IV. The abuse of network system is prohibited.

The Network users are prohibited from involving in the following behaviors:

- 1. Spreading of computer viruses or programs that could cause damage or interferences to system operation.
- 2. Intercepting network transmission information without authorization.
- Accessing network resources without authorization by means of cracking, embezzling, or misapplying other user's user account and password, or disclosing other user's user account and password.
- 4. Disclosing own user account and password to others without a proper reason.
- 5. Hiding the user account or using fake account. (This does not apply to users authorized for the use of anonymity.)
- 6. Accessing other user's e-mails or files.
- 7. The abuse of network resources by any means, including transmission of mass advertising, chain letters or unworthy messages through emails; or the interference of normal system operation by flooding email boxes or seizing resources.
- 8. The spreading of law-violating messages involved with double crossing, aspersion, humiliation, obscenity and harassment by means of emails, online chat, BBS or other similar interfaces.
- 9. Using the network resources of the University to involve in illegal activities or activities not relevant to teaching and research.

#### V. Network management

In order to execute the content of the Regulations, schools shall conduct following affairs relevant to network management:

- 1. Assisting Network users to establish self-regulating mechanisms.
- 2. Properly split and control the network flow.
- 3. Suspend user's right to use the Network if the user involves in violation of the Regulations or interferes with the normal operation of the Network.
- 4. Designated personnel shall be appointed for the management and maintenance of BBS and other websites. The responsible person should delete the post or suspend the user from accessing the website if such user violates the rules of accessing the website. School shall be notified of major violations, violations of relevant school regulations or laws and regulations.
- 5. Other affairs related to Network management.
- 6. Network users shall inform the network management unit if any system security defect is detected.

#### VI. Network privacy protection

Schools shall respect network privacy and shall not intercept personal information of the user without authorization, or involve in the invasion of privacy. But the following conditions are

not subject to the restrictions:

- 1. The maintenance or inspection of system security.
- 2. Acquiring evidence or the investigation of inappropriate behaviors in questioning for cases in violation of school regulations based on reasonable grounds.
- 3. In coordination with investigation of the judicial institutions.
- 4. Other law-abiding behaviors.

# VII. Punishment for the violation of the Regulations

The network users who violate the Regulations shall receive the following punishments:

- 1. Be withdrawn from the access to network resources.
- 2. To receive punishment or disciplinary actions in accordance with the school regulations.
- 3. Responsible person of the Network management who violates the Regulations shall receive enhanced punishment. Actors who receive punishment in accordance with the aforesaid regulations shall take liability as per Civil Law, Criminal Law, Copyright Act or other laws and regulations if other illegal conduct is detected.

## VIII. Handling principles and procedures

The regulations regarding the use of the Network stipulated by each school shall be specified in the school regulations. Aforesaid measures stipulated in school regulations and adopted by the Network management unit to handle actors who violate the Regulations or to prevent users from violating the Regulations shall be in consistent with principle of necessity, principle of proportionality and principle of legal reservation. The punishment against actors who violate the Regulations shall be conducted in accordance with due process of law, and the system of appeal and relief shall be established. School shall consult the campus network committee or professionals when handling the appeal or relief process relevant to the use of the Network.

Note: In the event of any disputes or misunderstanding as to the interpretation of the language or terms of the Regulations, the Chinese language version shall prevail.