Articles of Association of the Japan Society of Clinical Oncology, a General Incorporated Association (English-translation Version)

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Chapter 1 General Rules

(Name)

Article 1

The name of this general incorporated association shall be the “Japan Society of Clinical Oncology” (a.k.a. "JSCO").

(Office Location)

Article 2

The location of the headquarters of the Association is at 3-3-1, Kandamisakicho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo.

(Objective)

Article 3

The Association aims to promote communication and cooperation with regard to research for the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of cancer, to contribute to the advancement and promotion of treatments for cancer, and by these means to contribute to the welfare of humankind and the development of the academic community.

(Activities)

Article 4

In order to achieve the objectives set forth in the preceding article, the Association shall engage in the following activities:

(1) Holding academic conferences, symposiums, and lectures;

(2) Issuing academic journals (bulletins), theses, and other publications;

(3) Disseminating to and educating the public with regard to the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of cancer;

(4) Maintaining communication and cooperation with other domestic and international oncology societies and other related academic associations in Japan and abroad;

(5) Collecting materials, research, investigations, education, and drills on medical systems about prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of cancer;
(6) Making proposals to and responding to inquiries from the Science Council of Japan, the Japanese Association of Medical Sciences, the Japanese Medical Association, and various government agencies;
(7) Commending researchers and others on outstanding achievements;
(8) Conducting other activities required to achieve the objectives set forth in the preceding article.

(Fiscal Year)
Article 5
The Association's fiscal year shall begin on August 1 of each year and end on July 31 of the following year.

(Public Notices)
Article 6
1. Public notices of the Association shall be issued in electronic form.
2. If, for unavoidable reasons, the Association is unable to issue public notices in electronic form, the public notices of the Association shall be issued in the Official Gazette.

Chapter 2 Memberships

(Types)
Article 7
There shall be six (6) membership classifications as set forth below.
(1) Regular members: Individuals who have approved of its objectives and joined the Association: medical doctors, dentists, researchers, and other persons with medical-related qualifications and knowledge and expertise in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of cancer;
(2) Public members: Individuals who have approved of its objectives and joined the Association: citizens who engage in activities that contribute to the advancement of cancer care;
(3) International members: Individuals who have approved of its objectives and joined the Association: foreign nationals residing overseas who are healthcare professionals involved in cancer care;
(4) Honorary members: Those who have been recommended by the Chairperson based on resolutions of the Board of Directors and the General Assembly, from among those who

have served as Chairperson or President of the General Assembly, those who have served as Directors or Auditors for many years, and those who have made outstanding contributions to the Association;

(5) Distinguished members: Those who have been recommended by the Chairperson based on resolutions of the Board of Directors and the General Assembly, from among those who have served as Delegates for many years and those who have made outstanding contributions to the Association;

(6) Supporting members: Individuals or organizations that become members to support the activities of the Association.

(Admission)

Article 8

A person who wishes to become a regular member, public member, international member or supporting member must apply to the Chairperson for admission and obtain the approval of the Board of Directors in accordance with procedures separately stipulated.

(Membership Fees)

Article 9

1. Members shall pay the fees separately designated; provided, however, that honorary members and distinguished members are not required to pay fees.

2. Membership fees that have already been paid will not be returned for any reason whatsoever.

(Disqualification from Membership)

Article 10

Any member to whom any of the following clauses applies shall be disqualified:

(1) When the member resigns from the Association;

(2) When the member becomes an adult ward or a person under guardianship;

(3) When the member has died, or is declared missing, or, in the case where the member is an association, when the association is dissolved;

(4) When the member has failed to pay membership fees for two (2) years or more;

(5) When the member is expelled.

(Rights and Obligations Resulting from Disqualification from Membership)

Article 11

If a person is disqualified from membership pursuant to the provisions of the preceding Article, such person shall lose his or her rights as a member of the Association and shall be released

from his or her obligations to the Association; provided, however, that such person shall not be released from any unperformed obligations already incurred.

(Resignation)
Article 12
Any member of the Association may resign from the Association voluntarily; provided, however, that he or she must submit a notice of resignation to the Chairperson to do so.

(Disciplinary Action)
Article 13
1. A member to whom any of the following clauses applies can be expelled by the Chairperson by means of a resolution of the Board of Directors in accordance with procedures separately stipulated.
(1) When the member has violated laws and regulations, the Articles of Association, or related rules;
(2) When the member has defamed or brought discredit to the Association, or caused a loss of dignity for members of the Association.
2. There shall be three (3) types of disciplinary action, as follows:
(1) Written or verbal warning;
(2) Suspension from activities as a member;
(3) Expulsion.
3. The Chairperson may expel a member pursuant to the provision of Clause 3 of the preceding paragraph by means of a resolution passed with a majority of no fewer than two-thirds (2/3) of the total number of Delegates at a meeting of the General Assembly. In such instance, the member must be informed by no later than one (1) week before the meeting of the General Assembly at which a vote for the member's expulsion is scheduled to take place, and the member must be provided with an opportunity to defend him or herself at such meeting of the General Assembly.
4. If a member is expelled pursuant to the preceding paragraph, the Chairperson shall notify the member of the expulsion in writing and disclose the expulsion publicly by measures apparent to all other members.

Chapter 3 Officers

(Types of Officers)
Article 14
1. The Association shall appoint the following Officers:

(1) Directors: no fewer than twenty (20) and no more than twenty-five (25)
(2) Auditors: three (3)
2. One of the Directors shall be the Chairperson, and the Chairperson shall serve as the Representative Director under the Act on General Incorporated Associations and General Incorporated Foundations. The same interpretation shall apply to other provisions of these Articles of Association and related rules and regulations, etc.
3. Officers shall serve without compensation and shall receive no remuneration as employees of the Association.

(Election of Officers)
Article 15
1. Officers shall be elected by the General Assembly from among the Delegates who become candidates in accordance with procedures separately stipulated.
2. The Chairperson may not concurrently serve as the President of the General Assembly.
3. No Auditor may concurrently serve as a Director or as the President of the General Assembly.

(Terms of Office for Officers)
Article 16
1. The terms of office for Officers shall be as follows:
(1) The term of office for Directors and the Chairperson shall be two (2) years per period and shall end upon conclusion of the Ordinary Meeting of the General Assembly held with regard to the last fiscal year ending within two (2) years from their election to office. Reelection shall not be precluded; provided, however, that the term of office for Directors cannot exceed a total of eight (8) years served in four (4) cumulative periods, and that the term of office for the Chairperson cannot exceed a total of four (4) years served in two (2) cumulative periods.
(2) The term of office for Auditors shall be two (2) years per period and shall end upon conclusion of the Ordinary Meeting of the General Assembly held with regard to the last fiscal year ending within two (2) years from their election to office. Reelection shall not be precluded; provided, however, that the term of office for Auditors cannot exceed a total of four (4) years served in two (2) cumulative periods.
2. In the event of a vacancy among Directors or Auditors, replacement procedures as separately stipulated shall be followed. The term of office for an Officer who has been elected to fill a vacancy shall be the remaining term of the predecessor.

3. Officers shall continue to carry out their duties after they resign or their terms of office expire, until their successors occupy their offices.

(Dismissal of Officers)
Article 17
An Officer to whom either of the following clauses applies can be dismissed by means of a resolution of the General Assembly; provided, however, that an Auditor can be dismissed by means of a resolution passed with a majority no fewer than two-thirds (2/3) of the total number of Delegates.
(1) When the Officer is deemed unable to perform his or her duties because of mental or physical impairment; or
(2) When the Officer is deemed to have violated an obligation of his or her duties or to have engaged in any other act inappropriate for an Officer.

(Duties of the Chairperson)
Article 18
1. The Chairperson shall represent the Association and execute its business operations.
2. In the event of an accident involving the Chairperson or an absence of the Chairperson, a Director shall perform the duties of the Chairperson in accordance with orders designated in advance by the Chairperson by means of resolution of the Board of Directors.

(Duties of Directors)
Article 19
1. The Directors shall comprise the Board of Directors and shall decide on matters other than those subject to the authority of the General Assembly, in addition to the matters set forth in these Articles of the Association.
2. The Directors shall comply with laws, regulations, these Articles of Association, and resolutions of the General Assembly, and shall perform their duties in good faith for the Association. If a Director discovers any event likely to significantly damage the Association, the Director shall immediately report on such event to the Auditors.

(Duties of Auditors)
Article 20
The Auditors shall perform the duties set forth in the following clauses with respect to the Association's business affairs and assets.

(1) Request Directors and employees to report on the business, or audit the state of the Association's business and assets;
(2) Audit the state of the Directors' execution of duties and prepare audit reports as stipulated in laws and regulations;
(3) Attend meetings of the Board of Directors and express opinions when deemed necessary;
(4) Report to the Board of Directors and the General Assembly when the Auditors deem that a Director has committed or is likely to be committing irregularities, or when the Auditors discover significant irregularities or facts in breach of laws and regulations or these Articles of Association;
(5) Request the Chairperson to call a meeting of the Board of Directors when the Auditors deem it necessary to make a report as referred to in the preceding clause; provided, however, that the Auditors can convene a meeting of the Board of Directors directly if no notice of convocation of a Board of Directors meeting to be held within two (2) weeks of the date a request is made is issued within five (5) days of the date on which the request is made;
(6) Investigate the items on the agenda to be submitted by the Directors to the General Assembly, or documents or other items set forth in laws and regulations, and report the results of such investigations to the General Assembly if they discover significant improprieties or violations of laws, regulations, or these Articles of Association;
(7) Request a Director to cease committing irregularities if such Director has committed or is likely to commit an act outside the scope of the objectives of the Association or any other act in breach of laws, regulations, or these Articles of Association, and such act is likely to significantly damage the Association;
(8) Exercise any other authorizations granted to the Auditors under laws and regulations.

(Officers' Liability for Damages and Exemption Therefrom)
Article 21
1. If an Officer fails or neglects to perform his or her duties, such Officer shall be liable to the Association for damages attributable to such failure or negligence pursuant to the provisions of Article 111 of the Act on General Incorporated Associations and General Incorporated Foundations (the "General Incorporated Associations and Foundations Act").
2. Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, such Officer can be released from his or her liability for damages fully or partially, based on a resolution of the General Assembly, if such Officer performs his or her duties in good faith and without gross negligence.

(Election of Presidents of the General Assembly)
Article 22
1. The Association shall have one (1) President of the General Assembly, one (1) President-elect of the General Assembly, and one (1) Successor President-elect of the General Assembly ("President, etc." in these Articles of Association)
2. The President of the General Assembly shall host an annual meeting in the year following his or her election.
3. The President-elect of the General Assembly and the Successor President-elect of the General Assembly shall assist the President of the General Assembly.
4. The President, etc. shall be elected by the General Assembly in accordance with the procedure separately stipulated.
5. The President, etc. shall serve without compensation, and may not receive remuneration as an employee of the Association.
6. The terms of office for each President, etc. shall be one (1) year each, and shall end upon conclusion of the Annual Meeting to be held in the year following his or her election. A President, etc. shall not be eligible for reelection.
7. Presidents of the General Assembly shall assume liability for damages to the Association as stipulated in Article 111, Paragraph 1 of the General Incorporated Associations and Foundations Act. In such instance, the provision of Paragraph 2 of the preceding article shall apply mutatis mutandis to the release of liability.

(Delegates)
Article 23
1. The Association shall have between three hundred and twenty-five (325) and three hundred and seventy-five (375) Delegates. A Delegate means a partner under the General Incorporated Associations and Foundations Act, and the same interpretation shall apply to other provisions of these Articles of Association and other related rules.
2. Delegates shall be elected from among the regular members in accordance with procedures separately stipulated.
3. Delegates shall serve without compensation, and may receive no remuneration as employees of the Association.
4. The terms of office for Delegates shall be two (2) years per period, beginning from August 1 of the year of election and ending on July 31 of the year of election for the next period; provided, however, that reelection shall not be precluded.

5. In the event of a vacancy among Delegates, replacement procedures shall be followed as separately stipulated. The term of office for a Delegate who has been elected to fill a vacancy shall be the remaining term of the predecessor.
6. Delegates shall continue to carry out their duties even after they resign or their terms of office expire, until their successors assume office.
7. A Delegate to whom any of the clauses of Article 17 (however, “an Officer” in Clause 2 of Article 17 shall be read as “a Delegate”) applies can be dismissed by means of a resolution of the General Assembly. In such instance, the provisions of Paragraphs 3 and 4 of Article 13 (however, “a member” shall be read as "a Delegate” and “expulsion” shall be read as "dismissal” in said Article, respectively) shall apply mutatis mutandis to this case.

Chapter 4 Organs

Subchapter 1 General Assembly of Delegates

(Types)
Article 24
A General Assembly of Delegates of the Association (referred to as the “General Assembly” in these Articles of Association and other related rules) shall comprise two (2) types, namely, an ordinary general assembly of Delegates (referred to as the “Ordinary Meeting of the General Assembly” in these Articles of Association and other related rules) and an extraordinary general assembly of Delegates (referred to as the “Extraordinary Meeting of the General Assembly” in these Articles of Association and other related rules).

(Composition of the General Assembly)
Article 25
1. The General Assembly shall be composed of Delegates.
2. Each Delegate shall have one (1) voting right in the General Assembly.
3. Honorary members and distinguished members can attend and state their opinions at the General Assembly; provided, however, that such members shall have no voting rights.

(Authorities)
Article 26
The General Assembly shall resolve the following items on the meeting agenda:
(1) Election and dismissal of Officers and Presidents of the General Assembly;
(2) Amendment of these Articles of Association;

(3) Matters related to enactment and abolishment of the Ordinance for Enforcement of these Articles of Association;
(4) Business reports and settlement of accounts for each fiscal year;
(5) Admission criteria and membership fees;
(6) Full or partial release of Officers and Presidents of the General Assembly from their liability for damages to the Association;
(7) Expulsion of members and dismissal of Delegates;
(8) Disposition and acceptance of assignment of long-term borrowings and material assets;
(9) Dissolution and continuance until the completion of liquidation, and disposition of residual assets;
(10) Mergers and full or partial assignment of business;
(11) Items placed on the agenda of the meeting of the General Assembly by the Board of Directors;
(12) In addition to the items stated in the preceding clauses, the items set forth in the General Incorporated Associations and Foundations Act, these Articles of Association, and the Rules of the General Assembly of Delegates.

(Hosting)
Article 27
An Ordinary Meeting of the General Assembly shall be held within three (3) months of the conclusion of each fiscal year. An Extraordinary Meeting of the General Assembly may be held at any time necessary, in accordance with the procedure separately stipulated.

(Convocation)
Article 28
The Chairperson shall convene a meeting of the General Assembly based on a resolution of the Board of Directors in accordance with the procedure separately stipulated, except in the case where Delegates convene a meeting of the General Assembly with the approval of a court.

(Delegates' Rights to Propose Items for the Agenda)
Article 29
A Delegate who holds no fewer than one-thirtieth (1/30) of the total number of voting rights of Delegates can request the Chairperson to include a definite item on the agenda of the General Assembly. In such instance, the Delegate shall make such request by no later than six (6) weeks before the meeting of the General Assembly.

(Chairperson)
Article 30
1. The Chairperson shall serve as the chairperson at an Ordinary Meeting of the General Assembly; provided, however, that the chairperson of an Extraordinary Meeting of the General Assembly shall be elected from among the Delegates present at such Extraordinary Meeting of the General Assembly.
2. The chairperson shall manage the meeting of the General Assembly in accordance with the procedure separately stipulated.

(Quorum)
Article 31
A meeting of the General Assembly may not be held unless a majority of the total number of Delegates is in attendance.

(Resolutions)
Article 32
1. Except as otherwise stipulated in the following paragraph, items on the agenda of a meeting of the General Assembly shall be resolved by a majority vote of Delegates in attendance who make up a majority of the total number of Delegates. In the event of a tied vote, the chairperson shall make the decision. In such instances, the chairperson cannot vote.
2. Resolutions of the following items on the agenda of a meeting of the General Assembly shall be adopted by a majority of no fewer than two-thirds (2/3) of the total number of Delegates.
(1) Expulsion of members and dismissal of Delegates;
(2) Dismissal of an Auditor;
(3) Full or partial release of Officers and Presidents of the General Assembly from their liability for damages to the Association;
(4) Amendment of these Articles of Association;
(5) Assignment of all of the businesses of the Association;
(6) Dissolution and continuance until the completion of liquidation, and disposition of residual assets;
(7) Approval of an absorption-type merger agreement and consolidation-type merger agreement.

(Written Votes)
Article 33
1. A Delegate who is precluded from attending a meeting of the General Assembly for unavoidable reasons may vote in writing or by electromagnetic means on the items on the agenda announced in advance, or exercise his or her voting rights by authorizing another Delegate to act as his or her proxy.
2. In the application of the provisions of the preceding two articles, such Delegate in the preceding paragraph shall be deemed to be in attendance.

(Omission of Resolutions)
Article 34
If a Director or Delegate proposes an item for the agenda of a meeting of the General Assembly and all Delegates approve the item in writing or by electromagnetic means, a resolution of the General Assembly to approve the item on the agenda shall be deemed to have been adopted.

(Minutes)
Article 35
1. Minutes stating all of the following shall be prepared with respect to the items on the agenda of a meeting of the General Assembly.
(1) Date and place of the meeting of the General Assembly held;
(2) Summary of proceedings of the items on the agenda and their results;
(3) Names of Directors and Auditors in attendance;
(4) Name of the chairperson;
(5) Other items stipulated in laws and regulations.
2. The chairperson shall prepare minutes, and every set of minutes shall be retained after the chairperson and two (2) Delegates in attendance chosen by the chairperson sign and affix their personal seals thereon.

(Rules of the General Assembly)
Article 36
Items with respect to the General Assembly shall be governed by the Rules of the General Assembly of Delegates stipulated by the General Assembly, in addition to the items set forth in laws and regulations and these Articles of Association.

(Schedule for the Next Ordinary Meeting of the General Assembly)
Article 37
The time, date, and location of the next Ordinary Meeting of the General Assembly shall be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors and the General Assembly.

(Notices to Members)
Article 38
All members shall receive a notice with a summary of the items on the agenda for a meeting of the General Assembly and the items resolved thereby through the academic journal issued by the Association, or by some other means.

Subchapter 2 Board of Directors

(Composition)
Article 39
1. The Board of Directors shall be composed of all Directors.
2. Directors shall report on the state of execution of their duties to the Board of Directors in accordance with the procedure separately stipulated.
3. Auditors shall attend Board of Directors meetings and state their opinions when necessary; provided, however, that such members shall have no voting rights.
4. Presidents, etc. of the General Assembly not concurrently serving as Directors shall generally attend Board of Directors meetings and may state their opinions; provided, however, that such members shall have no voting rights.

(Authorities)
Article 40
1. The Board of Directors shall perform the duties prescribed in the following clauses, in addition to the duties separately stipulated in these Articles of Association:
(1) Determination of the date, venue, and items on the agenda of each meeting of the General Assembly;
(2) Establishment, amendment, and repeal of various rules;
(3) Decisions on the execution of the business operations of the Association, in addition to the items stipulated in the preceding clauses;
(4) Supervision of the performance of the duties of Directors;
(5) Election and dismissal of the Chairperson.
2. The Board of Directors shall not delegate to Directors decisions on the following items or the execution of other significant business operations:

(1) Disposition and acceptance of assignment of material assets;
(2) Borrowings in large amounts;
(3) Other items stipulated in the General Incorporated Associations and Foundations Act.

(Holding of Meetings)
Article 41
Board of Directors meetings shall be held four (4) or more times each fiscal year.

(Convocation)
Article 42
The Chairperson shall convene Board of Directors meetings, in principle, except in cases where a Director or Auditor convenes a Board of Directors meeting in accordance with the procedures separately stipulated.

(Chairperson)
Article 43
The Chairperson shall serve as the chairperson of Board of Directors meetings.

(Quorum)
Article 44
1. The Board of Directors may not convene proceedings or resolve matters unless no fewer than two-thirds (2/3) of the total number of the current Directors are present at the Board of Directors meeting.
2. A Director may not be deemed to be present at a Board of Directors meeting by having his or her proxy attend or by submitting a letter of proxy to the Board of Directors.

(Resolutions)
Article 45
1. Items on the agenda of a Board of Directors meeting shall be resolved by a majority vote of Directors in attendance making up no fewer than two-thirds (2/3) of the total number of Directors.
2. No Director who has a conflict of interest in an item on the agenda in the preceding paragraph may participate in voting.

(Omission of Resolutions)
Article 46
If the Chairperson proposes an item on the agenda of the Board of Directors meeting and all of the Directors who are eligible to vote approve the item in writing or by electromagnetic means, a resolution of the Board of Directors meeting to approve the item on the agenda shall be deemed to have been adopted, unless an Auditor expresses an objection.

(Minutes)
Article 47
1. Minutes stating all of the following shall be prepared with respect to items on the agenda of a Board of Directors meeting:
(1) Date and venue of the Board of Directors meeting held;
(2) Summary of proceedings of the items on the agenda and their results;
(3) Names of the Directors who have any conflict of interest in the items on the agenda, if there are any;
(4) Name of the chairperson;
(5) Names of Directors and Auditors in attendance;
(6) Other items stipulated in laws and regulations.
2. The Chairperson shall prepare minutes, and each set of minutes shall be retained after the Chairperson and Auditors in attendance sign and affix their personal seals thereon.
3. Directors who participate in deliberations on a resolution of the Board of Directors and for whom no objections are stated in the minutes shall be presumed to have approved the item on the agenda.

(Rules of the Board of Directors)
Article 48
Items with respect to the Board of Directors shall be governed by the Rules of the Board of Directors stipulated based on resolutions of the Board of Directors and the General Assembly, in addition to the items set forth in laws and regulations and these Articles of Association.

Subchapter 3 Annual Meetings

(Holding and Management of Annual General Meetings)
Article 49
1. The Association shall hold an Annual General Meeting at the time of an Ordinary Meeting of the General Assembly.

2. Items necessary with respect to the management of Annual General Meetings shall be determined separately.

Chapter 5 Assets and Accounting

Subchapter 1 Assets

(Composition of Assets)
Article 50
The assets of the Association shall be as follows:
(1) Membership fees;
(2) Income derived from activities;
(3) Income generated from existing assets;
(4) Donations
(5) Other income

(Management of Assets)
Article 51
The Chairperson shall manage the assets of the Association based on approval of the Board of Directors.

(Payment of Expenses)
Article 52
Expenses required to execute the business of the Association shall be paid out of operating assets.

Subchapter 2 Accounting

(Accounting Basis)
Article 53
1. Items with respect to accounting for the Association shall be subject to the Rules of Accounting separately set forth based on resolutions of the Board of Directors.
2. In principle, items not set forth in the Rules of Accounting shall be subject to the generally accepted accounting practices for non-profit corporations.

(Business Plans and Budgets)
Article 54
Business plans and accompanying budgets for the Association shall be prepared by the Chairperson and subject to resolutions of the Board of Directors and the General Assembly; provided, however, that minor amendments to business plans or budgets shall only be subject to resolutions of the Board of Directors.

(Provisional Budgets)
Article 55
1. Notwithstanding the provision of the preceding article, in the event that no budget is passed due to unavoidable reasons, the Chairperson may implement a revenue and expenditure plan based on the budget for the preceding fiscal year, until the date of passage of a budget for the current fiscal year, subject to a resolution of the Board of Directors.
2. The revenue and expenditure plan in the preceding paragraph shall be deemed to be included in the budget newly passed.

(Business Report and Settlement of Accounts)
Article 56
1. The Chairperson shall prepare a business report, financial statements, and supplementary schedules that shall undergo an audit by the Auditors, and obtain approval by the Board of Directors and the Ordinary Meeting of the General Assembly within three (3) months of the end of each fiscal year.
2. The Association shall publicly announce its balance sheet immediately after the conclusion of an Ordinary Meeting of the General Assembly stated in the preceding paragraph, pursuant to laws and regulations.

(Disposition or Acceptance of Assignment of Long-Term Borrowings and Material Assets)
Article 57
1. Except for the short-term borrowings to be reimbursed from the income of the relevant fiscal year, borrowings of the Association shall be subject to resolutions of the Board of Directors and the General Assembly.
2. The procedure stated in the preceding paragraph shall also apply to the disposition or acceptance of assignment of material assets by the Association.
3. Any surplus resulting from the settlement of accounts shall be brought forward to the following fiscal year, and shall not be distributed to specific persons or organizations.

Chapter 6 Committees

(Establishment)

Article 58

1. In order to smoothly perform its business operations, the Association may establish committees based on resolutions of the Board of Directors.
2. Committees shall investigate, research, and discuss items relating to their objective.
3. The Chairperson shall separately determine items necessary for the organization and management of committees based on resolutions of the Board of Directors.

Chapter 7 Academic Journal

(Publication of an Academic Journal)

Article 59

The Association shall publish an academic journal (bulletin) to publicly announce the results of research related to the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of cancer.

(Editorial Board)

Article 60

1. An editorial board shall be established for the purpose of editing and issuing the academic journal (bulletin).
2. Items necessary for the composition and operation of the editorial board shall be separately determined based on a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Chapter 8 Amendment of the Articles of Association

(Amendment of the Articles of Association)

Article 61

These Articles of Association may be amended by resolutions adopted at meetings of the General Assembly by no fewer than two-thirds (2/3) of the total number of Delegates.

(Dissolution)

Article 62

The Association may be dissolved by a resolution adopted at a meeting of the General Assembly by no fewer than two-thirds (2/3) of the total number of Delegates, or when any of the conditions set forth in the items below applies:

(1) Vacancy in the office of a Delegate;
(2) Discontinuation of the Association resulting from a merger;
(3) Ruling on the commencement of bankruptcy procedures;

(4) A court order for the dissolution of the Association on the grounds that the existence of the Association cannot be permitted, in order to defend the public interest;
(5) If, due to extreme difficulty in the execution of operations or other unavoidable reasons, Delegates with one-tenth (1/10) or more of the total voting rights request the dissolution of the Association and a court orders dissolution.

(Disposal of Residual Assets)
Article 63
Residual assets accompanying the dissolution of the Association shall be contributed to non-profit enterprises devoted to the public benefit for objectives similar to those of the Association, or to the national government or a local government, based on a resolution adopted at a meeting of the General Assembly by no fewer than two-thirds (2/3) of the total number of Delegates.

Chapter 9 Executive Office

(Establishment)
Article 64
1. The Association shall have an executive office to process its clerical work.
2. Items necessary for the organization and management of the executive office shall be separately determined based on resolutions by the Board of Directors.

(Maintenance of and Access to Documents and Accounting Records)
Article 65
1. The following documents and accounting records shall be maintained at the office of the Association; provided, however, that this shall not apply when alternative documents and accounting records are maintained under other laws and regulations.
(1) Articles of Association;
(2) List of Officers, Delegates, and members;
(3) Documents with respect to items on the agendas of Board of Directors meetings and meetings of the General Assembly;
(4) Accounting books and related materials;
(5) Business reports, financial statements, and supplementary schedules;
(6) Audit reports for documents in the preceding item;
(7) Other documents and books prescribed in laws and regulations.
2. From among the documents set forth in the preceding paragraph, the Articles of Association and the list of Officers, Delegates, and members shall be kept up to date at all

times and retained at the principal office of the Association. Documents with respect to the items on the agendas of Board of Directors meetings shall be retained in the principal office of the Association for ten (10) years from the dates of respective Board of Directors meetings. Documents with respect to the items on the agenda of a meeting of the General Assembly shall be retained at the principal office of the Association for ten (10) years from the dates of the respective General Assembly meetings. Accounting books and related materials shall be retained at the principal office of the Association for ten (10) years from the dates of closing of the respective accounting books. Business reports, financial statements, and supplementary schedules shall be retained at the principal office of the Association for ten (10) years from the respective dates of preparation. Audit reports shall be retained at the principal office of the Association for five (5) years, from two (2) weeks before the date of the Ordinary Meeting of the General Assembly.

3. Access to and copies of documents and books in the items of Paragraph 1 shall be in accordance with the provisions of laws and regulations.

Supplementary Provisions

1. The Japan Society of Clinical Oncology, established on December 7, 1963, will be incorporated as the Japan Society of Clinical Oncology, a general incorporated association. These Articles of Association shall come into force from the date of its registration of incorporation. (Establishment registered on January 5, 2009)
2. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 23, Paragraphs 1 and 2, the partners (Delegates) at the time of incorporation of the Association shall be the twenty-three (23) persons listed below. After the incorporation of the Association, Council members at the time of dissolution of the Japan Society of Clinical Oncology shall be additionally elected as Delegates. Notwithstanding the provision of Article 23, Paragraph 4, the term of office for such Delegates shall expire on July 31, 2009.

<Names of partners at the time of incorporation are omitted>

3. Notwithstanding Article 15, Paragraphs 1 and 2, and Article 22, Paragraphs 1 and 4, Directors and Presidents, etc. of the General Assembly at the time of incorporation of the Association shall be as follows. Notwithstanding the provision of Article 16, Paragraph 1, the term of office for Directors at the time of incorporation shall expire upon the date of election of Officers at the Ordinary Meeting of the General Assembly to be held in October 2009. Notwithstanding the provision of Article 22, Paragraph 6, the term of office for Presidents, etc. of the General Assembly at the time of incorporation shall expire upon conclusion of the Annual General Meeting to be held in October 2009.

<Names of Officers and Presidents, etc. of the General Assembly at the time of incorporation are omitted>

4. For the application of the provisions of Article 16, Paragraph 1, Items 1 and 2, the Officers' histories of the Japan Society of Clinical Oncology during its years as a voluntary organization before the incorporation of the Association shall be deemed to be those of the Association.
5. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 5, the first fiscal year of the Association upon its incorporation shall begin on the date of its incorporation and continue until July 31, 2009.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, these Articles of Association of the Japan Society of Clinical Oncology, a general incorporated association, shall be executed with the signatures and seals of partners upon incorporation affixed hereto.

Date: December 1, 2008
<Signatures and seals of the partners at the time of association are omitted>

Supplementary Provisions

1. These Articles of Association shall be effective as of March 30, 2009.
2. These Articles of Association shall be effective as of October 21, 2009.
3. These Articles of Association shall be effective as of August 27, 2014.
4. These Articles of Association shall be effective as of October 19, 2016.
5. These Articles of Association shall be effective as of October 17, 2018.
6. These Articles of Association shall be effective as of October 19, 2022.
7. These Articles of Association shall be effective as of October 15, 2025.