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Article 6 (Participation) 1. Regional governments which intend to participate in a Sub-Committee shall submit application to the "Coordinator."

2. Each "Coordinator" shall notify the Working Committee of any changes in the membership of the Sub-Committee.

Article 7 (Expenses) Expenses for the operation of each Sub-Committee shall be borne by the "Coordinator." In the event of a Sub-Committee meeting being convened, expenses for transportation and accommodation shall be covered by participating regional governments, in principle.

Article 8 (Relation to the Secretariat) Each "Coordinator" shall send updated information of the Sub-Committee to the Secretariat, which shall distribute the documentation to the rest of the regional governments with the exemption of members of the Sub-Committee.

Article 9 (Revision of Regulations) Revision of the present regulations shall be decided by the Working Committee.

Article 10 (Effectuation) These regulations shall take effect and be in full force on October 28, 2010.

Supplementary Provision These regulations shall take effect and be in full force on October 21, 1998.

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Northeast Asia-
A place where age-old history lives on with brilliant culture
A land blessed with valuable natural resources, abundant talents and technology

Now,
Overcoming the wall of ideology and hostility throughout history
It is taking a great leap into the future
Full of hope and limitless growth potential.

Northeast Asia, one of the pillars of the world,
Ushers in a new era of peace and prosperity
Turning a new page of history
Through mutual exchange, operation and unity.
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- Heilongjiang Province
- Henan Province
- Hubei Province
- Hunan Province
- Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region
- Shandong Province

**JAPAN (10)**
- Aomori Prefecture
- Fukuoka Prefecture
- Yamagata Prefecture
- Hamamatsu Prefecture
- Niigata Prefecture
- Hyogo Prefecture
- Toyama Prefecture
- Tottori Prefecture
- Ishikawa Prefecture
- Shimane Prefecture

**KOREA (15)**
- Busan Metropolitan City
- Taegu Metropolitan City
- Daejeon Metropolitan City
- Gwangju Metropolitan City
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- Incheon Metropolitan City
- Ulsan Metropolitan City
- Gyeonggi-do Province
- Gyeongsangbuk-do Province
- Chungcheongbuk-do Province
- Gyeongsangnam-do Province
- Gyeonsangnam-do Province
- Busan Metropolitan City

**DPRK (2)**
- Hamgyeongbuk-do Province
- Rasun City

**MONGOLIA (22)**
- Ulaanbaatar City
- Bayankhongor Province
- Bayan-Ölgii Province
- Uvs Province
- Dornogovi Province
- Govi-Altai Province
- Tuv Province
- Khentii Province
- Khovd Province
- Khognoi Province
- Khuvsgul Province

**RUSSIA (15)**
- Republic of Buryatia
- Republic of Sakha (Yakutia)
- Republic of Tuva
- Altai Republic
- Republic of Khakassia
- Republic of Khakassia
- Republic of Krasnoyarsk
- Republic of Khabarovsk
- Khabarovsk Province
- Primorsky Province
- Magadan Region
- Amur Region
- Kamchatka Krai
- Primorsky Krai
- Magnitogorsk Oblast

*Observer: Tianjin City, Shanxi Province, Shaanxi Province, Liaoning Province of China and Yamaguchi Prefecture of Japan participate in various events of NEAR as observers, and share information on NEAR activities.*

Introduction to NEAR

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Goals and Principle

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- The office term of a coordinator is two years, and it can be re-elected.
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Objective

Sub-Committee on Economy and Trade (Coordinator : Gyeongsangbuk-do Province)

- Promote co-prosperity and sustainable economic development of Northeast Asia by executing practical exchanges in economy and trade

Major Activities

- Northeast Asian Business Promotion Conference
- Seminars on trade promotion, consultations on investment policy, exhibitions on special products and catalogues
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- Facilitation of Economic Exchange and Trade in Northeast Asia
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Current and Former Chairs

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Sub-Committee on Environment (Coordinator - Toyama Prefecture)

Objective
- Promote partnership among member regional governments within the Northeast Asian region to resolve global environmental issues of the 21st century

Major Activities
- Joint research by members and NGOs on washed-up driftage along coast
- Information exchange and preparation of environment preservation plans through Northeast Asian International Environmental Symposiums
- Northeast Asia Youth Environment Seminar

Meetings
- July 1999: 19 regional governments from five countries participated; reviewed measures to promote cooperation in environmental issues.
- August 2000: 17 regional governments from three countries participated; delivered reports on the implementation status of respective environmental cooperation projects.
- July 2001: 13 regional governments from four countries participated; elected Toyama Prefecture as the next coordinator.
- July 2002: 17 regional governments from five countries participated; conducted joint research on migratory birds in Northeast Asia.
- October 2003: 14 regional governments from four countries participated; discussed the outline of Environment White Paper.
- July 2004: 15 regional governments from five countries participated; conducted evaluation on the current status of oil contamination in coastal areas.
- July 2005: 14 regional governments from five countries participated; conducted research on the washed-up driftage along the coast of the East Sea and the Yellow Sea of Korea.
- July 2006: 18 regional governments from five countries participated; Leadership Program for the Northeast Asia Youth’s Environmental Preservation was held.
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- February 2009: 12 regional governments from five countries participated; trans-border cooperation initiative for disaster prevention was proposed; disaster prevention lectures and earthquake training.
- March 2009: 18 regional governments from five countries participated; seminar on case comparison between the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake Disaster and the Sichuan Earthquake.
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Sub-Committee on Educational and Cultural Exchange (Coordinator - Shimane Prefecture)

Objective
- Support human exchange in the Northeast Asian region with an aim to foster education for young adults.

Major Activities
- "Wings of Exchange" Project in Northeast Asia
- International Cultural Palette Project

Meetings
- July 2009: Facilitated mutual understanding among participating regions and established an informal network in Northeast Asia.
- August 2010: Wings of Exchange (Youth exchange project) and NEA International Cultural Palette Project.
- February 2004: 12 regional governments from five countries participated; disaster prevention lectures and public officials training.
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### Sub-Committee on Disaster Prevention (Coordinator - Hyogo Prefecture)

**Objective**
- Improve and solidify disaster prevention system in Northeast Asia and promote cooperation and solidarity among member regions

**Major Activities**
- Find cooperative measures to prevent disasters such as earthquake, flood and forest fire
- Exchange Training on disaster prevention
- Disaster prevention lecture: "Disaster in Asia and its Prevention Measures"
- Disaster prevention facility inspection: Disaster prevention facilities including Disaster Medical Center and Disaster Prevention Center
- Other disaster prevention projects
- Conduct Survey on "Disaster Prevention System and Intention of Information Exchange" of all NEAR members
- Provide reports to members on the results of disaster prevention study on a regular basis

**Meetings**
- July 2002 : 12 regional governments from four countries participated; discussed measures to promote exchanges in the area of disaster prevention.
- February 2004 : 12 regional governments from five countries participated; disaster prevention lectures and public officials training.
- February 2005 : 10 regional governments from five countries participated; discussed possible disasters in Asia and prevention measures.
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Sub-Committee on Tourism (Coordinator - Henan Province)

Objective
- Seek joint development and mutual interest by promoting tourism businesses of NEAR member regional governments

Major Activities
- Provide a platform for substantial cooperation among NEAR members by organizing tourism exhibition and promotion events and tourism partnership forums

Meetings
- August 2009: 28 regional governments from five countries participated in the inaugural meeting; promotion meetings for Henan tourist products and industrial tour.
- October 2010: 19 regional governments from four countries participated; seminar and industrial tour under the theme of "Low-carbon Tourism Starts from Northeast Asia."

Sub-Committee on Cross-border Cooperation (Coordinator - Irkutsk Region)

Objective
- Expand practical cooperation in cross-border areas

Major Activities
- Review the introduction of a simplified visa regime
- Facilitate bank credit for financing cross-border trade in border areas
- Establish basic facilities for cross-border cooperation
- Introduce legislation on cross-border cooperation and trade
- Prepare to establish a comprehensive, cross-border trade organization

Meetings
- June 2005: 18 member regional governments from four countries participated; discussed measures to promote exchange among NEAR members in border areas.
- September 2006: Transfer of coordinatorship from Khabarovsk Territory to Amur Region at the 6th General Assembly
- September 2008: Transfer of coordinatorship from Amur Region to Irkutsk Region at the 7th General Assembly

Sub-Committee on Science and Technology (Coordinator- Gyeonggi-do Province)

Objective
- Promote cooperation in science and technology for joint development of the region

Major Activities
- Decision was made to establish Sub-Committee on Science and Technology at the 6th General Assembly in September 2006
- Fairs and Conferences scheduled to be held to facilitate exchange among NEAR members in the fields of science and technology

Meetings
- July 2007: Inaugural meeting; seminar and industrial tour under the theme, "Policies and Measures to Promote Cooperation among Regions in Science and Technology."
- September 2009: Seminar and industrial tour under the theme, "Policies and Measures to Develop Bio-technology."

Sub-Committee on Ocean and Fishery (Coordinator - Shandong Province)

Objective
- Strengthen partnership in maritime affairs and fisheries in Northeast Asia

Major Activities
- Academic exchanges through science and technology forums
- Seminars under the theme of "Development and Preservation of Ocean"
- Business round tables for trade facilitation

Meetings
- November 2009: 19 regional governments from five countries participated in the inaugural meeting; Qingdao Declaration was adopted.

Sub-Committee on Mineral Resources Development and Coordination (Coordinator - Magadan Region)

Objective
- To promote mutual development through mineral resources development and coordination in Northeast Asia

Major Activities
- Technology exchanges in mineral resources development and follow-up control
- Engage NEA mining companies in the Sub-Committee activities
- Explore the potential for joint development of mineral resources

Meetings
- July 2010: Inaugural meeting; participating regions reported on their status of mineral resources
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Sub-Committee on Cross-border Cooperation (Coordinator - Irkutsk Region)
- September 2006: Transfer of coordinatorship from Khabarovsk Territory to Amur Region at the 6th General Assembly
- September 2008: Transfer of coordinatorship from Amur Region to Irkutsk Region at the 7th General Assembly

Objective
- Expand practical cooperation in cross-border areas

Major Activities
- Review the introduction of a simplified visa regime
- Facilitate bank credit for financing cross-border trade in border areas
- Establish basic facilities for cross-border cooperation
- Introduce legislation on cross-border cooperation and trade
- Prepare to establish a comprehensive, cross-border trade organization

Meetings
- June 2005: 18 member regional governments from four countries participated; discussed measures to promote exchange among NEAR members in border areas.

Sub-Committee on Science and Technology (Coordinator- Gyeonggi-do Province)

Objective
- Promote cooperation in science and technology for joint development of the region

Major Activities
- Decision was made to establish Sub-Committee on Science and Technology at the 6th General Assembly in September 2006
- Fairs and Conferences scheduled to be held to facilitate exchange among NEAR members in the fields of science and technology

Meetings
- July 2007: Inaugural meeting; seminar and industrial tour under the theme, “Policies and Measures to Promote Cooperation among Regions in Science and Technology.”
- September 2009: Seminar and industrial tour under the theme, “Policies and Measures to Develop Bio-technology.”

Sub-Committee on Ocean and Fishery (Coordinator - Shandong Province)

Objective
- Strengthen partnership in maritime affairs and fisheries in Northeast Asia

Major Activities
- Academic exchanges through science and technology forums
- Seminars under the theme of “Development and Preservation of Ocean”
- Business round tables for trade facilitation

Meetings
- November 2009: 19 regional governments from five countries participated in the inaugural meeting; Qingdao Declaration was adopted.

Sub-Committee on Mineral Resources Development and Coordination (Coordinator - Magadan Region)

Objective
- To promote mutual development through mineral resources development and coordination in Northeast Asia

Major Activities
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- Explore the potential for joint development of mineral resources

Meetings
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Sub-Committee on Tourism (Coordinator - Henan Province)

Objective
- Seek joint development and mutual interest by promoting tourism businesses of NEAR member regional governments

Major Activities
- Provide a platform for substantial cooperation among NEAR members by organizing tourism exhibition and promotion events and tourism partnership forums

Meetings
- August 2009: 28 regional governments from five countries participated in the inaugural meeting; promotion meetings for Henan tourist products and industrial tour.
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Sub-Committee on Energy and Climate Change (Coordinator - Daegu Metropolitan City)

Objective
- To foster exchange of energy technologies and prepare for climate change as a discussion platform dedicated to energy and climate change issues of NEAR

Major Activities
- Promote various exchange and cooperation activities among member regions focused on green growth by sharing best practices and policies
- Foster technology exchange in energy industry and others to prepare for climate change

Meetings
- The establishment of the Sub-Committee on Energy and Climate Change was decided at the 8th General Assembly in Gyeonggi-do Province (October 2010)

Sub-Committee on Women and Children (Coordinator - Dornod Province)

Objective
- Facilitate mutual understanding and information exchange among NEA regions

Major Activities
- Organize women’s conference for NEAR members
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- Exchange information on women and children

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- Executing exchange and cooperation projects in the area of administration, economy and culture
- Operating NEAR homepage
- Budgeting, budget execution and audit report documentation

Operation Principle

- Be the channel for exchange and cooperation in Northeast Asia
- Professional collection and analysis of data
- Develop and execute practical exchange programs
- Proactive international cooperation and publicity activities

Major Activities

- Organize NEAR Working Level Workshop
- Organize NEAR International Economic Forum
- Support NEAR General Assembly and Working Committee
- Develop and execute projects promoting exchange and cooperation among public officials, lawmakers, entrepreneurs, youths and NGOs from NEAR members
- Enhance the profile of NEAR and attract new membership
- Publish NEAR White Paper and manage project DBs
- Publish NEAR NEWS Letter
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Mediation of Exchange and Cooperation in Various Fields

- Main channel for exchange and cooperation
  - Compile data by sectors and subjects on exchange and cooperation among NEAR members
  - Provide information at request in a timely manner
  - Mediate exchange and cooperation
  - Mediate sisterhood ties among NEAR members and international exchanges among educational institutes
  - Operate exchange and partnership programs for youths, businesses and NGOs
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- **Population and Size**: 2 million, 165,900
- **Major City**: Vladivostok
- **Major Industry**: Fishery, Wood
- **Major Tourist Attractions**: Botanic Garden of the Far Eastern Branch Russian Academy of Sciences, Singing Sands, Petrov Island

### Khabarovsk Territory

- **Population and Size**: 1.4 million, 788,600
- **Major City**: Khabarovsk
- **Major Industry**: Machinery, Metal
- **Major Tourist Attractions**: Amur River

### Amur Region

- **Population and Size**: 0.87 million, 363,700
- **Major City**: Blagoveshchensk
- **Major Industry**: Metal Processing, Electronic Power Industry
- **Major Tourist Attractions**: Museum of Amur Region

### Irkutsk Region

- **Population and Size**: 2.44 million, 767,900
- **Major City**: Irkutsk
- **Major Industry**: Mining, Forestry
- **Major Tourist Attractions**: Monument of Alexander III, Lake Baikal, Baikal Museum

### Kamchatka Territory

- **Population and Size**: 0.36 million, 472,300
- **Major City**: Kamchatka
- **Major Industry**: Fishery
- **Major Tourist Attractions**: Volcanos, Geyser Valley

### Magadan Region

- **Population and Size**: 0.17 million, 462,500
- **Major City**: Magadan
- **Major Industry**: Hunting, Fishery, Mining
- **Major Tourist Attractions**: Omolonsk, Cherge Mountains

### Sakhalin Region

- **Population and Size**: 0.52 million, 47,100
- **Major City**: Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk
- **Major Industry**: Oil, Fishery
- **Major Tourist Attractions**: Sakhalin Regional Art Museum, Moneron Island

### Tomsk Region

- **Population and Size**: 1.03 million, 316,900
- **Major City**: Tomsk
- **Major Industry**: Petrochemistry, Machinery Manufacturing
- **Major Tourist Attractions**: Bogoyavlensky Cathedral, Siberia Botanic Garden

### Kemerovo Region

- **Population and Size**: 2.82 million, 95,725
- **Major City**: Kemerovo
- **Major Industry**: Steel Manufacture, Chemistry, Machinery Manufacturing, Fuel Energy
- **Major Tourist Attractions**: Kuznetsk Fortress

### Kamchatka Territory

- **Population and Size**: 0.17 million, 462,500
- **Major City**: Magadan
- **Major Industry**: Hunting, Fishery, Mining
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Appendix : Regulations on Establishment and Operation of Sub-Committees of the Association of North East Asia Regional Governments

The present regulations stipulate rules regarding establishment and operation of Sub-Committees in accordance with Clause 4 of Article 11 of the Charter of NEAR.

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Article 2 (Name and Working Area) The name of the Sub-Committees shall be as follows:
(1) Sub-Committee on Economy and Trade
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3. In principal, the operation of a sub-committee shall be based on telecommunications such as postal mail and fax.
4. Each Sub-Committee may convene a meeting, if necessary.
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