Rules of Robot Revolution Initiative

Chapter 1. General

(Name)
Article 1 The name of this organization is Robot Revolution Initiative (RRI).

(Definition)
Article 2 As used herein, "New Robot Strategy" refers to a comprehensive set of measures set forth in "New Robot Strategy (Japan's Robot Strategy: Vision, Strategy, Action Plan)" (February 10, 2015), which was formulated by the Robot Revolution Conference (on January 23, 2015) (with the Prime Minister’s approval on September 11, 2014) and determined by the Headquarters for Japan’s Economic Revitalization.

(Purpose)
Article 3 The main purpose of the New Robot Strategy is to help solve social issues facing our country by promoting the development and widespread use of "robots," which is now defined as systems in general which perform certain tasks using digital and networking technologies as well as advanced sensors and artificial intelligence; and to implement comprehensive measures to make our country an advanced innovation center in the field of robotics and a leader in IoT and other emerging, innovative technologies and industries of the world. In line with this, the purpose of the Robot Revolution Initiative ("Initiative") is to share issues to address and actions to take toward their solution, and promote the New Robot Strategy in a cross-cutting way that fits the age of IoT, with the participation of a diversity of relevant trade associations, enterprises, academic communities, research institutions, etc. (collectively "Relevant Organizations") and in coordination with relevant government agencies.

(Businesses)
Article 4 The Initiative carries out the following businesses to achieve the purpose set forth in the preceding paragraph.
(1) Promote the matching of stakeholders and the sharing and dissemination of best practices in a manner that helps solve issues concerning the promotion of robot innovation and application
(2) Sharing of information, identification of common issues, and planning and formulation of measures toward international standardization
(3) Planning and formulation of measures to ensure information security
(4) Planning and formulation of international projects etc.
(5) Provision of an environment for demonstration experiments
(6) Planning and formulation of human resource development programs
(7) Promotion of research and development, regulatory reform, etc., in cooperation with relevant institutions
(8) Collection and provision of relevant information including international collaboration, and promotion of projects for popularization and public awareness
(9) Other businesses necessary for achieving the purpose of the Initiative

Chapter 2. Membership

Article 5 The membership of the Initiative consists of the Relevant Organizations which endorse its purpose and businesses.
2. The Initiative may invite persons concerned of relevant government agencies to participate in its activities as observers.

Article 6 Persons who seek membership in the Initiative may become members if the Chairperson approves their applications for membership.

Article 7 Members may withdraw from the Initiative at their own discretion. However, withdrawals must be notified to the Chairperson.
2. Members who do not comply with these rules or do anything that hurts the honor of the Initiative may be expelled from the Initiative by the Chairperson on the recommendation of the Board of Managers.

Chapter 3. Officers

Article 8 The Initiative has the following officers.
(1) One chairperson
(2) Several vice chairpersons
(3) Up to 25 executive managers
(4) One auditor
(5) Up to 40 councilors
(6) Up to 17 special advisors
Article 9  The Chairperson represents the Initiative and generally supervises its affairs.
2. Vice Chairpersons assist the Chairperson, and act on his or her behalf when he or she is not available.

(Executive Manager)
Article 10  Executive Managers perform the duties of the Board of Executive Managers specified in Article 17 as its members.

(Auditor)
Article 11  The Auditor audits the accounts of the Initiative and reports the audit results to the General Assembly.

(Councilor)
Article 12  The Chairperson may appoint representatives of member organizations, institutions or enterprises, and persons with relevant knowledge and experience as councilors.
2. The Chairperson may seek councilors' opinions about basic matters concerning the Initiative's businesses and operation before the General Assembly.

(Special Advisor)
Article 13  The Chairperson may seek, where appropriate, special advisors' opinions about basic matters concerning the Initiative's businesses and operation.

(Term of Office)
Article 14  The term of office of officers is two years, in principle. However, they may be reappointed.

(Remuneration)
Article 15  No officers are paid.

Chapter 4. Organization

(General Assembly)
Article 16  The General Assembly is established as the highest organ of the Initiative.
2. The General Assembly consists of the Initiative's members and is held at least once in every fiscal year.
3. The General Assembly discusses and determines basic matters concerning the Initiative's businesses and operation.
4. The General Assembly appoints Executive Managers as members of the Board of Executive Managers, which executes the Initiative's affairs, and also appoints the Auditor.
5. The General Assembly may appoint members of the Robot Revolution Conference as special advisors.
6. A quorum for the General Assembly consists of a majority of its members (whether present in person or by proxy or power of attorney).
7. The agenda for the General Assembly must be determined with the approval of a majority of all members present (whether in person or by proxy or power of attorney); and in the case of a tie vote, it is determined by the chairperson of the assembly.
8. The General Assembly is called and presided by the Chairperson.

(Board of Executive Managers)

Article 17 The Initiative has the Board of Executive Managers, which is to execute its affairs.
2. The Board of Executive Managers consists of Executive Managers appointed at the General Assembly.
3. The Board of Executive Managers elects the Chairperson and Vice Chairpersons by mutual vote.
4. The Board of Executive Managers discusses and determines important matters concerning the management of the Initiative, including, but not limited to, business plans and reports, budgets and settled accounts, and the establishment of working groups.
5. The Board of Executive Managers may establish a working-level liaison committee under its control. The Board of Executive Managers may request Executive Managers to recommend certain employees etc. and take part in the working-level liaison committee as its members.
6. A quorum for the Board of Executive Managers consists of two-thirds of all Executive Managers. This does not preclude their attendance by proxy or power of attorney.
7. The agenda for the Board of Executive Managers must be determined with the approval of a majority of all Executive Managers present; and in the case of a tie vote, it is determined by the chairperson of the board.
8. The Board of Executive Managers is called on an as needed basis by the Chairperson or a Vice Chairperson designated by the Chairperson, and is presided by the Chairperson or a Vice Chairperson designated by the Chairperson.
9. The Auditor may attend the Board of Executive Managers. The Chairperson or a Vice Chairperson designated by the Chairperson must call the Board of Executive Managers if so requested by the Auditor.

(Working group)
Article 18  In order to ensure the smooth conduct of the businesses set forth in Article 4, the Initiative may establish a working group for a particular theme as determined by the Board of Executive Managers.
2. Each working group may establish its own rules concerning the incurrence of expenses, the determination of policies, etc., in order to ensure the smooth promotion of its activities.

Chapter 5. Miscellaneous

(Membership fee)
Article 19 The Initiative does not collect membership fees except for partnership fees from juridical persons specified by the Board of Executive Managers and amounts to cover expenses set forth in paragraph 2 of Article 18.

(Secretariat)
Article 20 The secretariat of the Initiative is established within The Japan Machinery Federation.
2. The secretary general and secretariat members are appointed by the Chairperson.

Supplementary provision
Article 1 The present Rules become effective on May 15, 2015.