Membership Rules & Regulations of Hong Kong Youth Hostels Association

The following Rules and Regulations are binding on all members ('members') of Hong Kong Youth Hostels Association (the 'Association'). Members shall include individual members, group members, and friends of YHA.

1. The missions of the Association are to promote cultural exchange, environmental protection, and conservation. Any person who applys for membership of the Association and any members or guests of members who use the services and facilities of the Association is deemed to support these aforesaid missions and agree to be bound by these Rules and Regulations (as may from time to time be in force).

2. All applications for and renewals of membership shall be subject to the approval of the Association, which it may approve or not at its absolute discretion and without giving any reasons therefor.

3. Upon renewal of membership, members shall prove their eligibilities to membership to the Association's satisfaction and produce such documentary proof in support of the eligibility as the Association shall deem fit.

4. Membership of the Association is non-transferrable.

5. Each member will be issued a membership card and a renewal membership card (each, a 'Card') by the Association upon acceptance of the membership application and renewal of membership. The Card remains at all times the property of the Association and the Association reserves the right at any time to revoke the Card and/or terminate the membership of any member without giving any reason therefor and to require the Card to be returned to the Association upon request.

6. The Card may only be used by the member to whom the Card was issued and the Card is not transferrable. The Card must be produced as proof of membership to enable the member to enjoy the services and facilities offered to members.

7. Upon admission, members will be eligible to receive and enjoy the services and facilities provided or procured by the Association subject to any rules and regulations which may be imposed by the Association in relation to such services and facilities.

8. The Association shall have the right to provide services and facilities to different kinds of members subject to different terms and conditions at its absolute discretion.

9. The Association shall have the right, at any time at its absolute discretion without giving any notice or reason to members, to terminate the operation, provision and/or availability of any service or facility.

10. The Association shall have the right to request for any relevant information from group members upon their applications for the use of any services and facilities provided by the Association. The aforesaid application shall be subject to the approval of the Association, which it may approve or not at its absolute discretion and without giving any reasons therefor.

11. No member shall make use of the Association or the services, facilities, information or documents provided or procured by the Association for any commercial, immoral or illegal purposes without prior written consent of the Association.

12. The Association may, if it considers that any member has conducted himself/herself in any way injurious to the Association or prejudicing the interests of the Association or has committed any breach of these Rules and Regulations, terminate the membership of the member and the decision of the Association shall be final and conclusive. The member whose membership of the Association has been terminated shall cease to have any rights, benefits or privileges of membership and any rights to enjoy the services and facilities provided or procured by the Association and shall immediately, upon receipt of the notice of termination, surrender to the Association his/her Card.

13. The Association shall not be responsible for the refusal of any persons including any merchants or stores to honour the Cards nor shall it be responsible in any way for the goods and/or services supplied by them to any member.

14. The Association shall have no responsibility or liability whatsoever to any member or any other person for any loss, damage, costs, charges or expenses of any kind howsoever (whether directly or indirectly) caused or arising as a result of or in connection with the member's membership of the Association.

15. The Association shall have absolute discretion and right to amend these Rules and Regulations from time to time and may notify members of any amendments in any manner it considers fit. The member will be bound by such amendments unless his/her Card is returned to the Association for cancellation before the date specified in the notification upon which the amendments are to take effect.

16. These Rules and Regulations shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

17. The English version of these Rules and Regulations shall prevail wherever there is any discrepancy between the English and Chinese versions.