

Attachment 3

Constitution of the China-ASEAN Agricultural Science and Technology Innovation Alliance (Draft)

Chapter I General Provisions

Article 1 The Name of the Alliance

1.1 The full name of the Alliance in Chinese: 中国-东盟农业科技创新联盟

1.2 The full name of the Alliance in English: China-ASEAN Agricultural Science and Technology Innovation Alliance

1.3 Abbreviation of the name of the Alliance in English: CAASTIA

Article 2 Purpose

The Alliance, by upholding the principle, namely, peace and cooperation, openness and inclusiveness, mutual learning, mutual benefits and win-win reciprocity, shall be committed to facilitating cooperation among members in agricultural innovation, scientific research, technology sharing, personnel training and policy communication. The Alliance shall promote mutual benefits and seek common development in agricultural innovation, economic and social development of China and ASEAN countries through the establishment of cooperation platforms, enhancement of cooperation mechanisms and boost of resources sharing.

Article 3 Characters

The Alliance, proposed by Guangxi Academy of Agricultural Sciences(GXAAS) and co-initiated by voluntarily joining agriculture-related universities, research institutes and enterprises from ASEAN countries, is a non-government, non-profit, international and multilateral cooperation platform.

Chapter II Organizational Structures

Article 4 Executive Council

4.1 The Executive Council, elected by members, is the highest decision maker for the Alliance. The Executive Council is in charge of routine management, constitution modification and other obligations required;

4.2 One chairman and several vice-chairmen of the Executive Council shall be elected by members;

4.3 The Executive Council shall be appointed for a term of four years;

4.4 The Executive Council meeting shall be held once a year;

4.5 The Executive Council shall enhance friendly exchange and cooperation among the members, and organize the academic activities.

Article 5 Secretariat

The Secretariat under the Alliance shall be responsible for the routine operations of the Executive Council. The Secretariat is located at GXAAS, 174 East Daxue Rd., Nanning, Guangxi, P. R. China. The secretary general is concurrently chaired by a vice-chairman of the Executive Council.

Chapter III Membership

Article 6 Founding Members

The institutions which co-initiated the Alliance shall be the founding members.

Article 7 Admitted Members

Other institutions that intend to join the Alliance shall submit applications to the Secretariat of the Alliance. The membership shall be granted upon the approval of two-thirds of members in the Executive Council.

Article 8 Rights of the Members

8.1 Sharing information resources such as policies, technology and literatures possessed by the Alliance;

8.2 Participating in activities like joint research, forum and workshop as well as

organizing the relevant activities of the Alliance;

8.3 Making recommendations to the Executive Council, and involving discussions on relevant issues;

8.4 Indicating the membership of the Alliance to the appropriate media or in relevant activities;

8.5 Using badges, logos or other signs of the Alliance properly without harms to the interests of the Alliance and members of the Alliance.

Article 9 Obligations of the Members

9.1 Abiding the articles of the Constitution and protecting reputation of the Alliance;

9.2 Participating in activities organized by the Alliance in line with its regulations;

9.3 Providing information and document required by the Alliance;

9.4 Not engaging in activities which affect the reputations and interests of other members;

Article 10 Responsibility

The Alliance does not provide any guarantee for the behaviors by its members, and not take any responsibility for the consequences caused by inappropriate behaviors.

Chapter IV Fees

Article 11 The operating expenses including website construction and maintenance, communications and liaison, etc. shall be provided by the Secretariat;

Article 12 The costs of relevant activities, which include meeting room rent, facility, documents, translation, stationeries, local transportation, tour and banquets etc., shall be raised by the hosting member, along with possible sponsorship from enterprises or other institutions. Members who attend the aforementioned events shall cover their expenses of international travel,

accommodation, medical care and accident insurance.

Chapter V Scope of Cooperation

Article 13 Research and Extension

The Alliance shall organize forums, seminars on a regular basis and jointly launch multi-functional innovation platforms and technology extension platforms. Priority areas shall focus on crop cultivation, food safety, global climate change and reaction, ecological environment construction, plant protection, agro-food processing and agricultural machinery.

Article 14 Exchange & Sharing

The collaborative parties shall negotiate and reach agreements on benefit-sharing of the research achievement, patents, intellectual property and other property rights as well as interests of the collaborative research directed from the Alliance.

Article 15 Personnel Training

The Alliance, aimed at training agricultural talents for ASEAN countries, will provide research positions and training opportunities for members.

Article 16 Policy Communication

Members are encouraged to provide advice on agricultural policies and mutual learning for policy-makers in ASEAN countries by conducting collaborative agricultural laws and policy research.

Chapter VI Supplementary Provisions

Article 17 The Constitution will take effect upon the approval of the Executive Council.

Article 18 The Secretariat of the Alliance reserves the right to the interpretation of this Constitution.