

Kennedy – Lugar Youth Exchange and Study (K-L YES) Alumni Bangladesh

The Charter of the Organization

Adopted by

The Executive Committee of YES Alumni Bangladesh
on behalf of all YES Alumni

International Education and Resource Network – Bangladesh
as the parenting organization

ARTICLE I: THE ASSOCIATION

Section 01 The official name of the association shall be Kennedy – Lugar Youth Exchange and Study (K-L YES) Alumni Bangladesh (herein referred as “the Association”). Other acceptable names of the association are YES Alumni Bangladesh, YES Alumni BD.

Section 02 The Charter will be the principle source of rules for the Association. All decisions taken by any person or entity regarding the association must reflect the conventions of the Charter.

Section 03 A set of bylaws of shall be enforced to carry out the business of the Association in accordance with the Charter.

ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES

Section 01 The principle goal of the Association shall be to render services to the community in Bangladesh. Members of the Association shall carry out service projects that serves the best interest of a specific group(s) and aims to solve and aid to difficulties faced by a community.

Section 02 The Association shall promote the ideals of civic engagement, democratic and basic human rights, volunteerism, youth leadership, global awareness, and peace. These values shall be reflected in all works of the Association.

Section 03 All members of the Association shall support and be an integral supporting body of the Kennedy – Lugar Youth Exchange and Study Program in Bangladesh.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERS

Section 01 Any person who has successfully completed the Kennedy – Lugar Youth Exchange and Study Program from Bangladesh will be considered a member of the Association.

Section 02 All alumni of the Kennedy – Lugar Youth Exchange and Study Program will automatically considered as a member of the Association from the day of their arrival in Bangladesh.

ARTICLE IV: ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Section 01 All business of the Association will transpire under the leadership of a democratically elected Executive Committee. Nine (09) alumni members will be elected to serve on this committee for a two year term. The Executive Committee will be managed by two officers designated as General Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 02 A powerful Advisory Committee will oversee and guide the Executive Committee. This committee shall comprise of three (03) members; one may not have to an alumna/alumnus of the Kennedy – Lugar Youth Exchange and Study Program in order to serve in this committee. However, a member of the Advisory Committee must have strong ties with the Association. Members of this committee must be appointed through

unanimous confirmation of the Executive Committee. In cases of unforeseen circumstances the Executive Committee may impeach the member(s) of the Advisory Committee through a unanimous resolution.

ARTICLE V: THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Section 01 The General Secretary shall preside at all meetings of the general membership and executive committee, call special meetings as he/she deems necessary, serve as the representative of the organization on the Association. An alumnus/alumna may be elected for the position only two terms or four year whichever shall suffice first.
- Section 02 The General Secretary shall create special provisional committees and assign roles for other Executive Committee members as he/she deems necessary. He/she shall fill any vacancies on the Executive Committee with the approval from the Advisory Committee. Any ruling by the General Secretary for such assignment may be overturned with two third votes of the Executive Committee.
- Section 03 The Treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining the accounts of the association. He/she must present comprehensive reports of all expenditure on any business of the Association to the Executive Committee and submit a report to the Advisory Committee.
- Section 04 Members of the Executive Committee may be impeached from their position due to continuous absence from the business of the Association, conviction of crime in any legal court, and other grave unethical misconduct.

ARTICLE VI: THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- Section 01 Members of the Advisory committee will be designated as “Adviser of the Association.” All members will serve as equal. The Advisory Committee will expire at the first meeting of a new Executive Committee.
- Section 02 The role of the Advisory Committee will be limited to reviewing the progress of the Association as presented by the General Secretary, resolving disputes in the Association, scrutiny of the financial records of the Association, confirmation/rejection of the General Secretary’s appointment of a vacancy in the Executive Committee, issuing *Suo motu* decree to maintain order in the Association during extraordinary situations.
- Section 03 Advisory Committee shall review all cases of impeachment of Executive Committee members, official complaints, and as such. After the arbitration of such incident, the award given by the Advisory Committee shall be legally binding.

ARTICLE VII: ELETIONS

- Section 01 Election to appoint the Executive Board must be held within a two-year interval. An independent election commission will be formed by the Advisory Committee of the Association.
- Section 02 The eligibility for candidates shall be determined by the Advisory Committee in

accordance with the Charter and bylaws of the Association. Alumni residing outside of Bangladesh shall be ineligible to serve in the Executive Committee.

Section 03 Incapacity of holding an election within two years of the first meeting of an Executive Committee will result in automatic dissolving of the committee. At such event, the Advisory Committee will appoint provisional General Secretary and Treasurer until election could take place.

ARTICLE VIII: BYLAWS

Section 01 Standard and regular business of the Association will be outlined in the bylaws of the Association. Bylaws and the Charter will be adopted at the same time.

Section 02 Amendments to the bylaws may be proposed and seconded at any executive committee meeting of the Association. A two third majority vote shall amend the bylaws. Also, amendments may be proposed at a general meeting with one third of members' quorum of the Association. In such case, a simple majority vote shall be necessary to amend the bylaws.

ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS

Section 01 Any member of the Association may propose an amendment to the Charter during a general meeting of the Association. If seconded and passed with a three fourth vote of those present at the meeting adopted amendment may be sent for ratification by all members of the Association.

Section 02 An adopted amendment of the Charter will require simple majority consent of all members of the Association in order to be ratified. There shall be a two weeks sunset period for any adopted amendments to be ratified.

ARTICLE X: RATIFICATION

Section 01 The Charter must be adopted with two third votes in the Executive Committee serving in the year of two thousands and twelve. Once adopted the Charter shall be dispersed to all members of the Association. Alumni members shall have two weeks to raise any objection against the article(s) of the Charter.

Section 02 If unchallenged by less than one thirds of all members of the Association within two weeks of adoption, the Charter shall be considered ratified.

Section 03 From the moment of ratification all other previous guiding/governing documents of the Association shall be nullified and void.