Kun Shan University Regulations Governing the Admission of International Students

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Article 1

These Regulations are established by Kun Shan University (hereinafter referred to as "the University") in accordance with the "Regulations Regarding International Students Undertaking Studies in Taiwan," the "Points to Be Noted by Colleges and Universities in Safeguarding the Educational Rights of International Students," the University Academic Regulations, and other relevant provisions, for the purpose of admitting international students (hereinafter referred to as "these Regulations").

Article 2

1. A person of foreign nationality who has never held Republic of China (R.O.C.) nationality and who meets the following conditions may apply for admission in accordance with these Regulations:
   (1) The applicant has never studied in Taiwan as an overseas Chinese student.
   (2) The applicant has not been assigned by the Overseas Joint Admission Committee for Overseas Chinese Students in the academic year of application.
2. A person of foreign nationality who meets the following conditions and has continuously resided overseas for at least six years may also apply for admission in accordance with these Regulations:
   (1) An applicant who concurrently holds R.O.C. nationality at the time of application must have never established household registration in Taiwan.
   (2) An applicant who previously held R.O.C. nationality but does not hold such nationality at the time of application must have completed at least eight years from the date of approval of loss of R.O.C. nationality by the Ministry of the Interior to the date of application.
   (3) The applicants in the preceding two subparagraphs must also meet the conditions set forth in Subparagraphs (1) and (2) of the preceding paragraph.
3. Foreign nationals recommended to study in Taiwan by foreign governments, institutions, or schools under educational cooperation agreements, who have never established household registration in Taiwan, may apply for admission without being subject to the restrictions in the preceding two paragraphs upon approval by the Ministry of Education.
4. The periods of six years and eight years referred to in Paragraph 2 shall be calculated backward from the starting date of the semester of intended enrollment (February 1 or August 1).
5. The term "overseas" referred to in Paragraph 2 means countries or regions other than Mainland China, Hong Kong, and Macao. "Continuous residence" means that the applicant's stay in Taiwan does not exceed 120 days in any calendar year.
   However, the following circumstances, with supporting documents, shall not be subject to this

limitation, and the period of stay in Taiwan shall not be included in the calculation of overseas residence:

(1) Enrollment in overseas youth technical training programs organized by the Overseas Community Affairs Council or technical training programs recognized by the Ministry of Education.

(2) Enrollment in Mandarin Language Centers of universities approved by the Ministry of Education, for a cumulative period of less than two years.

(3) Exchange students with a cumulative exchange period of less than two years.

(4) Internships in Taiwan approved by the central competent authority, for a cumulative period of less than two years.

6. Applicants who hold both foreign nationality and R.O.C. nationality and who applied for loss of R.O.C. nationality prior to the amendment of the Regulations Regarding International Students Undertaking Studies in Taiwan on February 1, 2011, may apply in accordance with the previous regulations and shall not be subject to the restrictions in Paragraph 2.
7. Persons who fall under the circumstances described in Article 2 of the Nationality Act shall be deemed to possess R.O.C. nationality under these Regulations.

Article 3

1. A person of foreign nationality who also holds permanent residency in Hong Kong or Macao, has never established household registration in Taiwan, and has continuously resided in Hong Kong, Macao, or overseas for at least six years at the time of application, may apply for admission in accordance with these Regulations.
2. "Continuous residence" as referred to in the preceding paragraph means that the total stay in Taiwan does not exceed 120 days in any calendar year, except for the circumstances listed in Subparagraphs (1) to (4) of Paragraph 5 of the preceding article with supporting documents.
3. A former resident of Mainland China who holds foreign nationality, has never established household registration in Taiwan, and has continuously resided overseas for at least six years at the time of application may apply for admission in accordance with these Regulations.
4. The definition of continuous residence and exceptions under the preceding paragraph shall apply mutatis mutandis to Paragraph 5 of the preceding article.
5. The six-year period referred to in Paragraphs 1 and 3 shall be calculated backward from the starting date of the semester of intended enrollment (February 1 or August 1).
6. The definition of "overseas" in Paragraphs 1 through 4 shall apply mutatis mutandis to Paragraph 5 of the preceding article.

Article 4

1. International students applying to study in Taiwan under the preceding two articles may do so only once. Those who continue their studies in Taiwan thereafter shall apply for admission in the same manner as domestic students.
2. The restriction in the preceding paragraph shall not apply to international students who fall under any of the following circumstances:

   (1) Applying for a master's degree or higher program after completing the program of the

originally applied institution.

(2) Applying for undergraduate or lower-level programs, staying in Taiwan for less than one year, and withdrawing or losing student status for valid reasons; such application shall be limited to one time only.

(3) Applicants meeting the conditions of Article 2, Paragraph 1, applying for bachelor's degree programs other than medicine, dentistry, or traditional Chinese medicine, limited to one time only.

3. International students who are dismissed or lose student status due to unsatisfactory conduct, failure to meet academic requirements, or serious violations of laws or university regulations shall not reapply under the preceding provisions. International students currently studying in Taiwan shall not transfer to the University under such circumstances. Any violation verified shall result in cancellation of admission or revocation of student status without objection.

Article 5

1. The actual number of international students admitted by the University shall, in principle, be up to 10% in addition to the approved enrollment quota of the preceding academic year, and shall be included in the total enrollment quota of the current academic year for submission to and approval by the Ministry of Education.
2. If there are unfilled enrollment quotas for domestic students within the approved total enrollment quota of the preceding academic year, such vacancies may be filled by international students, subject to approval by the Ministry of Education.
3. The enrollment quota specified in Paragraph 1 shall not include international students who do not hold formal student status.

Article 6

In admitting international students, the University shall formulate publicly announced admission regulations and submit them to the Ministry of Education for approval, and shall then prepare an international student admission brochure specifying in detail the following:
admission methods, procedures for reviewing admission qualifications, departments (programs, degree programs) offering admission, language of instruction for each department (program, degree program), required language proficiency standards, enrollment quotas, eligibility requirements, proof of financial capability, duration of study, selection methods, tuition and fee payment and refund standards, scholarship and financial aid information, and other relevant regulations.

Article 7

1. International students applying for admission to the University shall, within the period designated by the University, submit the following documents directly to the University. Applicants who pass the review or selection process shall be issued a letter of admission:

   (1) Completion of the University's online application system.

   (2) Academic credential documents:

   a. Academic credentials from Mainland China shall be handled in accordance with the Regulations Governing the Accreditation of Academic Credentials from Mainland China.

   b. Academic credentials from Hong Kong or Macao shall be handled in accordance with the

Regulations Governing the Examination and Recognition of Academic Credentials from Hong Kong and Macao.

c. Academic credentials from other regions:

Academic credentials from overseas Taiwanese schools and Mainland China-affiliated Taiwanese business schools shall be regarded as equivalent to credentials of the same level in Taiwan. Academic credentials from other foreign institutions shall be handled in accordance with the Regulations Governing the Recognition of Foreign Academic Credentials by Universities. However, credentials from foreign schools or branch campuses established in Mainland China shall be notarized by a notary office in Mainland China and authenticated by an institution established or designated by the Executive Yuan or an entrusted private organization.

(3) Proof of sufficient financial capability to cover expenses during study in Taiwan, which shall include a bank statement or proof of full scholarship provided by a government, the University, or a private organization. The proof of financial capability must be issued within the past three months and show a minimum amount of **USD 3,300** (approximately **NTD 100,000**).

(4) Other documents required by the University.

2. If the University has doubts regarding the authenticity of documents specified in Subparagraphs (2) to (4) of the preceding paragraph that have not been authenticated by R.O.C. overseas missions or institutions designated by the Executive Yuan, it may require authentication. For documents already authenticated, the University may request verification assistance.
3. The letter of admission shall specify the international student's name, program name, degree level, language of instruction, academic year and semester start date, tuition and fee payment and refund standards, scholarship information, and other relevant information in both Chinese and English. The University shall confirm that international students understand their rights and obligations related to studying in Taiwan, and may also provide versions in the student's native language.

Article 7-1

If any of the admission documents submitted by an international student are found to be forged, borrowed, altered, or otherwise fraudulent, the admission offer shall be revoked.

If the student has already enrolled, the student status shall be revoked and no academic certificates shall be issued.

If such misconduct is discovered after graduation, the University shall revoke the graduation qualification and cancel the degree certificate.

Article 8

Except for programs such as the International Foundation Program, the New Southbound International Industry-Academia Cooperation Program, and other programs otherwise stipulated by law, the departments (programs, degree programs) admitting international students shall be categorized according to the language of instruction and required language proficiency as follows:

1. Applicants to programs taught in Chinese shall have achieved TOCFL Level A2 or above, or possess an equivalent internationally recognized Chinese language proficiency certificate.
2. Applicants to programs taught fully or partially in English and meeting graduation requirements shall have achieved CEFR Level B1 or above in English proficiency.

Article 9

1. International students who have completed a bachelor's degree or higher in Taiwan and apply for admission to a master's degree or higher program may submit graduation certificates and transcripts issued by Taiwanese institutions in accordance with Article 7, and are exempt from submitting foreign academic credential documents as required under Article 7, Paragraph 1, Subparagraph 2.
2. International students meeting the conditions of Article 2, Paragraph 1, who have completed an associate degree or lower program in Taiwan may apply for admission to a bachelor's degree program by submitting graduation certificates and transcripts, and are likewise exempt from submitting foreign academic credential documents.

Article 10

International students currently studying in Taiwan who apply to transfer to the University shall have their applications accepted and reviewed by the Office of International and Cross-Strait Affairs. Upon meeting the eligibility requirements stipulated in the University's transfer admission brochure, applicants shall submit their transfer applications to the Office of Academic Affairs, Division of Registration, within the designated period.

Article 11

The University shall promptly register international students' admission, enrollment, transfer, suspension, withdrawal, changes or loss of student status, and departure from Taiwan in the international student data management information system designated by the Ministry of Education.

Article 12

International students shall not apply to enroll in continuing education bachelor's programs, in-service master's programs, or other programs offered only in the evenings or on weekends.
However, this restriction shall not apply to international students who already hold legal residency status in Taiwan or who enroll in programs specially approved by the Ministry of Education.

Article 13

International students who register for enrollment before one-third of the instructional period of the first semester of the academic year shall be admitted in that semester.
Those who register after one-third of the instructional period shall enroll in the second semester or the following academic year, unless otherwise stipulated by the Ministry of Education.

Article 14

1. International students who graduate from undergraduate or higher programs at the University and are approved by the Ministry of Education to undertake internships in Taiwan may have their international student status extended for up to **one year after graduation**.
2. If an international student, after arriving in Taiwan for study, establishes household registration, transfers household registration, naturalizes, or regains R.O.C. nationality during the period of

study, the student shall lose international student status and be withdrawn from the University. This restriction shall not apply to students who meet any of the following conditions:

(1) Admission was conducted in the same manner as for domestic students.

(2) Naturalization obtained under Article 4, Paragraph 1, Subparagraphs 1 to 3 of the Nationality Act.

(3) Applicants meeting the conditions of Article 2, Paragraph 1, who obtain R.O.C. nationality through naturalization under Articles 3 to 7 of the Nationality Act.

Regulations governing transfers of international students between higher education institutions in Taiwan shall be formulated by the University and included in the admission regulations for submission to the Ministry of Education.

However, international students who are dismissed due to unsatisfactory conduct or final criminal conviction shall not be permitted to transfer to the University.

Article 15

1. Without affecting normal teaching operations, the University may sign educational cooperation agreements with foreign institutions to admit international exchange students, and may admit foreign nationals as non-degree students in accordance with these Regulations.
2. Non-degree international students who complete selected courses and pass examinations shall be issued credit certificates by the University.
3. Non-degree enrollment shall not serve as grounds for applying for a resident visa.

Article 16

If the University establishes special programs for international students due to international academic cooperation projects or other special needs, such programs shall be approved by the Ministry of Education in accordance with regulations governing enrollment scale and resource conditions of higher education institutions.

Article 17

1. Fees payable by international students shall be handled as follows:

   (1) Students recommended by R.O.C. overseas missions and recipients of MOFA Taiwan Scholarships, MOE Taiwan Scholarships, International Cooperation and Development Fund scholarships, or holders of permanent residency in Taiwan shall be charged in accordance with the fee standards for domestic students.

   (2) Students admitted under educational cooperation agreements shall be charged in accordance with the terms of such agreements.

   (3) International students not covered by the preceding subparagraphs shall be charged according to fee standards set by the University, which shall not be lower than those of private institutions at the same level.
2. Students who enrolled prior to the amendment of the Regulations Regarding International Students Undertaking Studies in Taiwan on February 1, 2011, shall continue to pay fees in accordance with the previous regulations for that level of education.

Article 18

1. Upon registration, newly admitted international students shall submit proof of medical and accident insurance valid for at least six months from the date of entry into Taiwan. Continuing students shall submit proof of enrollment in Taiwan's National Health Insurance or other relevant insurance.
2. Insurance documents issued overseas shall be authenticated by R.O.C. overseas missions.

Article 19

If an international student is found to have violated the Employment Services Act, the University shall handle the matter in accordance with applicable regulations.

Article 20

In cases where an international student suspends study, withdraws, or experiences changes or loss of student status, the University shall notify the Bureau of Consular Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the Tainan Service Center of the National Immigration Agency, with a copy sent to the Ministry of Education.

Article 21

1. Matters concerning international student admissions and scholarship applications with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or the Ministry of Education shall be handled by the Office of International and Cross-Strait Affairs. Student life counseling shall be handled by the Student Affairs Office, and academic guidance shall be provided by the respective departments and institutes.
2. The University shall periodically organize counseling activities for international students or activities promoting campus internationalization to facilitate interaction between domestic and international students.

Article 22

International students studying languages at the University-affiliated Mandarin Language Center shall follow the provisions of Article 7, Paragraph 1, Subparagraphs (1), (3), and (4), Articles 11, 18, 20, and 21 with respect to application procedures, scholarships and subsidies, management and counseling, excessive absences exceeding one-quarter of total class hours, and notification of changes or loss of student status.

Article 23

1. The University shall not entrust external institutions, legal entities, organizations, or individuals with international student recruitment, except for promotional activities and assistance with necessary procedures for studying in Taiwan.
2. International student recruitment promotion shall be conducted through the University's website, alumni organizations, and participation in overseas physical or online education fairs.

Article 24

Any matters not specified in these Regulations shall be handled in accordance with the Regulations Regarding International Students Undertaking Studies in Taiwan and other relevant regulations of the University.

Article 25

These Regulations shall be implemented after approval by the Academic Affairs Meeting and ratification by the Ministry of Education.

The same procedure shall apply to any amendments.