

STATUTES OF THE SASAKAWA HEALTH PRIZE

(as amended in February 2019)

Article 1

Establishment

Under the title of the “Sasakawa Health Prize”, a Prize is established within the framework of the World Health Organization, which shall be governed by the following provisions.

Article 2

The Founder

The Prize is established upon the initiative of and with funds provided by Mr Ryoichi Sasakawa, Chairman of the Japan Shipbuilding Industry Foundation and President of the Sasakawa Memorial Health Foundation.

Article 3

Capital

The Founder endows the Prize with an initial capital in Japan of US\$ 1 million. The capital of the Prize may be increased by income from its undistributed reserves or by gifts and bequests. The Founder shall designate the Sasakawa Memorial Health Foundation to be responsible for investment of the capital and any undistributed reserves.

Article 4

Prize

The Sasakawa Health Prize shall consist of a statuette and a sum of money of the order of US\$ 30 000 to be given to a person or persons, and/or of the order of US\$ 40 000 to be given to an institution or institutions, or a nongovernmental organization or organizations having accomplished outstanding innovative work in health development, such as the promotion of given health programmes or notable advances in primary health care, in order to encourage the further development of such work. Current and former staff members of the World Health Organization, and current members of the Executive Board, shall be ineligible to receive the Prize. The sum of money, derived from the income and/or the undistributed reserves, shall be determined by the Prize Selection Panel. The Prize shall be presented during a meeting of the World Health Assembly to the recipient(s) or to a person(s) representing the recipient(s).

Article 5

Prize Selection Panel

The Selection Panel entitled the “Sasakawa Health Prize Selection Panel” shall be composed of: the Chairman of the Executive Board, a member elected by the Executive Board from among its members for a period that may not exceed the duration of his or her terms of office on the Executive Board, and a representative appointed by the Founder.

The presence of all members of the Selection Panel shall be required for the taking of decisions.

Article 6

Proposal and selection of candidates for the Prize

Any national health administration as well as any former recipient of the Prize may put forward the name of a candidate for the Prize. Proposals shall be made to the Administrator who will submit them to the Prize Selection Panel together with his technical comments. The Selection Panel will decide in private meeting, by a majority of its members, on the recommendation to be made to the Executive Board of the World Health Organization, whose decision shall be final.

Article 7

Administrator

The Prize shall be administered by its Administrator, namely the Director-General of the World Health Organization, who shall act as Secretary of the Prize Selection Panel.

The Administrator shall be responsible:

- (1) for the execution of the decisions taken by the Prize Selection Panel within the limits of its powers as defined in these Statutes; and
- (2) for the observance of the present Statutes and generally for the administration of the Sasakawa Health Prize in accordance with these Statutes.

Article 8

Accountability

Reports on work carried out by recipients of the Prize shall, where appropriate, be submitted annually to the Administrator, who shall be accountable to the World Health Assembly for operations effected by virtue of these Statutes.

Article 9

Revision of the Statutes

On the motion of one of its members, the Prize Selection Panel may propose revision of the present Statutes. Any such motion, if endorsed by a majority of the members of the Selection Panel, shall be submitted to the Executive Board for its approval.