

## **Rules Concerning *Gaikokuho-Jimu-Bengoshi*'s Fees**

### **Article 1. (Purpose)**

The purpose of these Rules shall be to provide for necessary matters concerning fees of each *Gaikokuho-Jimu-Bengoshi* in accordance with paragraph 2 of Article 30 of the Basic Rules Concerning Foreign Special Members.

### **Article 2. (Gaikokuho-Jimu-Bengoshi's Fees)**

*Gaikokuho-Jimu-Bengoshi*'s fees shall be appropriate and commensurate with economic benefits, complexity of the matter, time and labor required, etc.

### **Article 3. (Preparation of Fee Criteria and their Retention)**

1. A *Gaikokuho-Jimu-Bengoshi* shall establish criteria for *Gaikokuho-Jimu-Bengoshi*'s fees and the criteria shall be retained in his/her office.
2. The criteria provided in the preceding paragraph shall specify classifications and respective amounts of *Gaikokuho-Jimu-Bengoshi*'s fees, calculation methods, due dates of payment, and other items necessary to calculate amounts of *Gaikokuho-Jimu-Bengoshi*'s fees.

### **Article 4. (Estimate of Gaikokuho-Jimu-Bengoshi's Fees)**

Upon a request by a person who is willing to request a *Gaikokuho-Jimu-Bengoshi* to undertake a legal matter, the *Gaikokuho-Jimu-Bengoshi* should endeavor to prepare and deliver an estimate of *Gaikokuho-Jimu-Bengoshi*'s fees based upon the context of the legal matter.

### **Article 5. (Explanation of Gaikokuho-Jimu-Bengoshi's Fees and Preparation of Fee Agreements)**

1. Upon acceptance of a legal matter, a *Gaikokuho-Jimu-Bengoshi* shall explain to the client about the *Gaikokuho-Jimu-Bengoshi*'s fees and other expenses.
2. A *Gaikokuho-Jimu-Bengoshi* shall prepare a written contract including the items relating to the *Gaikokuho-Jimu-Bengoshi*'s fees; provided, that if there are any difficulties to prepare such a written contract, the *Gaikokuho-Jimu-Bengoshi* shall prepare it once conditions permit.
3. Notwithstanding the provision of the preceding paragraph, if the contracted legal matter is legal consultation, preparation of simple documents or those based on the continuing contract such as a retainer agreement, or in there is other reasonable justification, a written contract is not required to be prepared.
4. The written contract provided in the provision of paragraph 2 above shall set forth the identity and scope of the legal matter to be contracted, the category, amount, calculation method and due date of payment of *Gaikokuho-Jimu-Bengoshi*'s fees, a notice to the effect that the contract

may be terminated at any time before the conclusion of the contracted legal matter, and the settlement method of *Gaikokuho-Jimu-Bengoshi's* fees in case that the contract is terminated before the conclusion of the matter.

**Article 6. (Provision of Information)**

A *Gaikokuho-Jimu-Bengoshi* should endeavor to disclose and provide his/her information on *Gaikokuho-Jimu-Bengoshi's* fees.

**Supplementary Provisions**

1. These Rules shall come into force on April 1, 2004.
2. *Gaikokuho-Jimu-Bengoshi's* fees for every legal matter contracted by a *Gaikokuho-Jimu-Bengoshi* before these Rules come into force shall remain subject to the former provisions.

**Supplementary Provision**

Revised Paragraph 4 of Article 5 shall come into force on April 1, 2009.