



# 香港業餘電台聯會

## Hong Kong Amateur Radio Transmitting Society

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## CONSTITUTION

1. The name of the Society is “THE HONG KONG AMATEUR RADIO TRANSMITTING SOCIETY”, hereinafter “HARTS”. The official Chinese name should read as “香港業餘電台聯會”.
2. The registered office of “HARTS” will be located in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.
3. The objects of “HARTS” are as follows:
  - (a) To advance the education, promote the science and practice of amateur radio communication and to facilitate the exchange of information and ideas related to same;
  - (b) For the furtherance of objects of “HARTS” but not otherwise, to hold regular meetings for the discussion of “HARTS” issue and of developments in amateur radio communication;
  - (c) To maintain membership in and liaison with the International Amateur Radio Union, as the sole representative of amateur radio in Hong Kong for the furtherance of the objects of “HARTS”;
  - (d) To establish and maintain bilateral relations with national societies outside Hong Kong as may be advisable to further the development and promotion of the education matters concerning amateur radio communications;
  - (e) For the furtherance of objects of “HARTS” but not otherwise, to solicit the affiliation with other bodies and institutions having similar objects as the “HARTS” and their constitutions contain similar restrictions on distribution of income and property among their members to an extent at least as strict as is imposed on “HARTS”;
  - (f) To maintain and operate amateur radio voice repeaters, data repeaters, propagation beacons, or any other type of amateur radio communication station or facility deemed necessary or advisable by the Executive Committee to relieve the distress and suffering resulting from emergencies and disasters;

- (g) For the furtherance of objects of “HARTS” but not otherwise, to administer, under agreement with the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government, examinations for the amateur radio license in Hong Kong;
- (h) To provide emergency radio network to facilitate rescue of human life and property in case of natural disaster or other calamity to the community of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, or/and any other territory as determined by the Executive Committee;
- (i) For the furtherance of objects of “HARTS” but not otherwise, to provide radio network to any charitable or non-profit making organization having similar objects as the objects of “HARTS” and their constitutions contain similar restrictions on distribution of income and property among their members to an extent at least as strict as is imposed on “HARTS”;
- (j) To further the objects of “HARTS” but not otherwise, to operate an incoming and outgoing QSL card bureau for the use of “HARTS” members and other Hong Kong amateur operators as determined by the Executive Committee;
- (k) To accept subscriptions, donations, devises and bequests of any movable or immovable property or funds for all or any of the objects aforesaid;
- (l) To raise money by subscription or other lawful means for the above objects or any of them;
- (m) To take necessary steps to publicize the aims, news and activities of “HARTS” and from time to time as determined by “HARTS”; and
- (n) To do all such other lawful things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them or consistent with the charitable nature of “HARTS”.

4. Individual memberships are classified as follows:

- (a) An Associate member is an individual who has expressed interest in an amateur radio and “HARTS” activities, but has not yet earned an amateur license. Associate members are entitled to all “HARTS” membership privileges except the right to vote. They are subject to normal initiation fee and half of normal subscription fee. When an associate member has earned an amateur radio license issued by any government participating in the International Telecommunications Union, he will be converted to full membership.
- (b) A Full member is an individual who has expressed an interest in amateur radio and “HARTS” activities, and holds a valid amateur radio license issued by any government participating in International Telecommunication Union. Full member are entitled to all “HARTS”

membership privileges including the right to vote. They are subject to normal initiation and subscription fees.

- (c) A Life member is an individual who has been a Full member for at least one year, and who pays at one time a multiple of the normal subscription fee to be determined from time to time by the Executive Committee. A Life member is thereafter not subject to subscription fees, but is entitled to all “HARTS” membership privileges and voting rights; provided, however that if a Life member cannot be contact through his last known address or otherwise confirm to the Executive Committee’s satisfaction his address and current amateur radio callsign, his privileges and rights with respect to voting and notification may be suspended until such renewal or confirmation is received by the Secretary.
- (d) An Honorary member is an individual who has been elected by the Executive Committee to that status in recognition of special contributions to amateur radio or to “HARTS”. Membership is conferred for life. An Honorary member has full voting rights and membership privileges, but is not subject to initiation or subscription fees.

5. An Affiliated Club is any organization registered or otherwise active in Hong Kong which shares the objects of “HARTS” with respect to amateur radio, and which affiliates either:

- (a) By demonstrating that no less than 50% of their member of all classes are Full member of “HARTS” or
- (b) By invitation from Executive Committee, and paying an Affiliated Club initiation fee, which to be determined by the Executive Committee from time to time.

6. “HARTS” will not undertake to represent or promote in any manner the commercial interest of any Affiliated Club.

7. Every candidate for Full or Associate membership shall be proposed and seconded by “HARTS” members at a regular, annual general or extraordinary general meeting, or by a majority of Executive Committee at an Executive Committee meeting to be elected as a member.

8. The Executive Committee shall determine, from time to time as it deems necessary, all subscription and initiation fees and life membership fee multiples, due dates, and late payment penalties at its sole discretion; provided, however, that any changes in such fees must be announced at no less than two successive regular meetings before becoming effective.

9. Management of “HARTS” shall be entrusted to an Executive Committee of Full, Life, or, Honorary members with two-year terms elected at the annual general meeting. The Executive Committee shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and between three to eleven other members with responsibilities and titles to be determined by the Committee. A member with a direct commercial interest in amateur radio is not eligible to run for President, Vice-President, Secretary, or Treasurer. (Example of titles is: IARU Liaison Officer,

Mainland Affairs, Repeaters/Technical Coordinator, Social Services Coordinator, Incoming QSL Manager, Outgoing QSL Manager, Membership Secretary, Recreation/Welfare Officer, Webmaster, Publication/Promotion Officer, and Award Manager)

10. The Executive Committee shall have the power to appoint Full, Life, or Honorary members to fill vacancies in the Executive Committee as they occur, provided that the term of members so appointed shall expire before the election of annual general meeting.

11. The "HARTS" Executive Committee shall cause proper books of account to be kept to all sums of money received and expended by "HARTS" and the matters in respect of which the receipts and expenditure take place, all sales and purchases of goods by "HARTS", and the assets and liabilities of "HARTS". Annual financial statements shall be compiled and approved by "HARTS" Executive Committee.

12. The auditors elected at the previous annual general meeting shall prepare a full report of "HARTS" annual financial statements for inclusion in the notice by which the annual general meeting is announced.

13. An annual general meeting shall be held December of each calendar year unless, in the sole opinion of the Executive Committee, that is impractical due to circumstances beyond the control of "HARTS", such as natural disaster. In any event, an annual general meeting must be held no less than nine months nor more than fifteen months from the date of the previous annual general meeting. Such annual general meeting may be held adjacent to, or concurrent with a regular "HARTS" meeting, and the following business is to be conducted:

- (a) Annual financial statements;
- (b) Presentation of, and acceptance or rejection of the auditor's report;
- (c) Report by the President;
- (d) Election of the officers and other Executive Committee members when required;
- (e) Election of auditors; and
- (f) Other business that has been communicated by any member to the Secretary and was included in the meeting notice.

14. An extraordinary general meeting may be convened at any time upon the request of any member and concurrence in that request by one-fifth of all voting members, or thirty voting members, whichever is less. Such request must state the purpose for the meeting and the proposed date for the meeting; except that if no date is specified, it must be held within twenty-one days of the concurrence by members described above.

15. At least seven days before any extraordinary or annual general meeting the Secretary shall send to every member at his postal, email or other address as recorded in "HARTS" books a notice of the meeting stating the time when and the place where it will be held and the business to be conducted.

16. The business at any general meeting shall be limited to that provided by these

rules and those further matters contained in the meeting notice. The quorum at any general meeting shall be ten Full, Life, or Honorary members.

17. A “HARTS” Executive Committee Member shall preside at all “HARTS” meetings.

18. The Executive Committee may, by two-thirds vote of entire Executive Committee members present at any meeting, expel or reclassify any member whose continued membership as a result of the member’s conduct, is no longer in the best interest of “HARTS” or who no longer holds the amateur license required for Full or Life membership. Such action shall not be taken until said member has been given the opportunity, with no less than seven days notice, to appear before the Executive Committee to answer the complaint against him.

19. With the decision made by the Executive Committee, the Secretary may strike off from the membership rolls any member whose financial obligations to the company are more delinquent than permitted by the Executive Committee.

20. No alteration to this constitution shall be made unless approved by at least two-thirds of the voting members present at an extraordinary general meeting or annual general meeting. The Secretary will submit to the Registrar of Societies and to the Secretariat of IARU Region 3, within twenty-eight days written notice of any alterations made.

21. All “HARTS” income and property shall be applied toward the fulfillment of the object set forth in this constitution. No officer of Executive Committee member shall be eligible for any salaried or compensated position within “HARTS”. No portion of “HARTS” income or assets will be distributed to members, except in compensation for specific services rendered by members other than Executive Committee members, assets sold to “HARTS” or in reimbursement for authorized expenses (and reasonable interest) incurred by the member on “HARTS” behalf.

22. The “HARTS” Executive Committee Members shall serve without remuneration. They should not receive profits from their office with specifically by way of remuneration for their service as Executive Committee Members or by allowing them to be appointed to salaried office while remaining as Executive Committee members.

23. If "HARTS" is wound up each member, while his membership is current and for one year thereafter, will contribute to "HARTS" assets in order to pay HARTS' debts and liabilities, as well as the costs of winding up and the adjustment of the rights of the members, the amount not to exceed ten Hong Kong Dollars.

24. If “HARTS” is dissolved or wound up, any remaining assets, after the satisfaction of its debts and liabilities, will be distributed to other institutions, having similar objects as the objects of “HARTS” and their constitutions contain similar restrictions on distribution of income and property among their members to an extent at least as strict as is imposed on “HARTS”; In no case will assets be distributed, directly or indirectly, to individuals or former or current “HARTS” members.

This Constitution was approved at an extraordinary general meeting of “HARTS” held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2008, Either English or Chinese text of this Constitution may be used, but in case of discrepancy between English & Chinese texts, English text shall prevail.

此會章已於 2008 年 1 月 22 日舉行的“HARTS”非常務會議中通過，原意以英文版本為準，中文版本只供參考。

<Certified true copy on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2008>  
<於二零零八年一月二十二日經核證真實副本>

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President 會長  
CHAN Loy Sun, Sunny 陳來新

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FUNG Yin Cheung 馮彥彰