Chapter 1 General Rules

Article 1 Awards and commendations to those who have recorded achievements in academic and related activities in the fields of electronic engineering, information or communications, based on Article 4 e) and f) of the Articles of Association of the IEICE, shall be presented in accordance with these Provisions, except where stipulated in
Article 2 Except for cases where the board of directors determines commendations for individual cases in accordance with Chapter 11 of the Regulations of the IEICE, the types of commendation shall be as follows:

a) Distinguished Achievement and Contributions Award
b) Achievement Award
c) Best Paper Award
d) IEICE paper of the year
e) SUEMATSU·Yasuharu Award
f) Young Researcher's Award
g) Distinguished Educational Practitioners Award
h) Distinguished Educational Service Award

Article 3 To select candidates for the commendations listed in Article 2, the IEICE shall set up a committee for each type of commendation and assign a chairperson to each committee.

Article 4 The Board of Directors shall determine the recipients of each commendation based on reports submitted by the committees described in Article 3.

Article 5 Commendations shall be presented at the General Assembly or other suitable forum.

Article 6 Following presentation of a commendation, as described in Article 5, the recipient's name and achievements shall be promptly published on the IEICE's website, in the Journals of the IEICE, etc.

Chapter 2  Distinguished Achievement and Contributions Award

Article 7 This award shall be presented, based on Article 47 of the Regulations of the IEICE, to those who have made outstanding contributions to the study of electronic engineering, information or communications, or related activities, and whose achievements are deemed to be outstanding. This award is generally presented to no more than five (5) recipients per year, selected from among those who have not
previously received this award.

Article 8 The Distinguished Achievement and Contributions Award shall take the form of a certificate and a medal.

Chapter 3  Achievement Award

Article 9 The Achievement Award shall be presented based on Article 47 of the Regulations of the IEICE for each item on the list below. About three (3) cases shall be selected for a) and b) below and no more than two (2) for c) below each year, and the Achievement Award shall be presented to those who have contributed to these cases. The award is presented to no more than three (3) recipients for a) an b) and, in principle, to one recipient for c) for each case.

a) Fundamental research involving new inventions, theories, experiments, methods, etc. relating to electronic engineering, information or communications, the results of which have made a clear contribution to scholarship.

b) Development, improvement or international standardization of new devices or methods relating to electronic engineering, information or communications, the results of which have been outstanding, with said achievements having come to light in recent years.

c) Implementation of educational measures and policies, innovation in the area of educational practice (including development of new educational methods or materials), authoring of books, or dissemination of such information over many years that enhances the quality of education in the fields of electronic engineering, information, communications and related fields, the results of which have made a clear contribution to the development of human resources.

Article 10 The Achievement Award shall take the form of a certificate and a medal.

Chapter 4  Best Paper Award

Article 11 The Best Paper Award shall be presented, based on Article 48 of the Regulations of the IEICE, to the authors of papers that have been published in IEICE Transactions and have been selected for displaying outstanding excellence.
Article 12 Each year, three (3) papers shall be selected from those published in the
IEICE Transactions for each Society (or for each of Societies whose joint operation has
been approved by the board of directors). This number may be changed where selection
circumstances dictate.

Article 13 To be eligible for selection, papers must have been published between October
two years before the year of the award and September in the year before the year of the
award.

Article 14 In the case where a paper selected to receive an award is co-authored, all of
authors shall be presented with the award.

Article 15 The Best Paper Award may be received on multiple occasions by the same
author.

Article 16 The Best Paper Award shall take the form of a certificate, a medal, and a
cash prize
2. The cash prize shall be 50,000 yen per paper.

Chapter 5  IEICE paper of the year

Article 17 The IEICE paper of the year shall be presented to the author of the paper
selected as being the most outstanding of those published in IEICE Transactions within
the period specified in Article 13.

Article 18 Selection shall be made from among all papers selected to receive the Best
Paper Award described in Chapter 4.

Article 19 This award shall take the form of a certificate.

Chapter 6  SUEMATSU-Yasuharu Award

Article 20 The SUEMATSU-Yasuharu Award shall be presented, based on Article 47 of
the Regulations of the IEICE, to those who have made outstanding contributions to
science, technology, standardization, etc. in the fields of electronics, information and
communications, are expected to further advance or develop said endeavor, and fulfill all of the criteria below.

The award is presented to no more than three (3) recipients.

a) The recipient must be younger than 40 on December 31 of the year of recommendation.

b) The recipient must not have previously received this award.

2. If there are multiple recipients, one shall be from academia and one from industry. The third recipient, if any, may be from either background.

Article 21 Candidates shall be publicly sought and recommended. Self-recommendation shall not be allowed.

2. For each candidate, there shall be two persons who are members of the IEICE that make recommendations. At least one of them shall be affiliated with an organization different from that to which the candidate belongs.

Article 22 This award shall take the form of a certificate and a cash prize.

2. The cash prize shall be 100,000 yen per person.

Chapter 7 Young Researcher's Award

Article 23 The Young Researcher's Award is awarded, based on Article 49 of the Resolutions of the IEICE, to promising, up-and-coming scientists and engineers, to promote the study of, and technology relating to, electronic engineering, information and communications.

Article 24 To be eligible for this award, a candidate will need to have presented an outstanding paper at the General Conference or at a Society conference and will meet all of the following criteria:

a) He/she must be younger than 33 years of age on December 31 of the year of the conference concerned.

b) He/she must have registered as a speaker when signing up for conference participation and have presented at said conference.

However, in the event that said conference is not held and no presentations are made due to a natural disaster, etc., the Young Researcher's Award Committee and the Awards Committee may by mutual consent select recipients who have not presented at
said conference.

c) A recipient must not have previously received this award.

Article 25 Papers presented at the General Conference and the respective Society conference symposia shall be regarded as being equivalent to dissertations.

Article 26 The selection described in Article 24 shall be carried out once a year, promptly after the conclusion of the relevant conference (General, or of the relevant Society.)

Article 27 The number of recipients of this award shall represent no more than 1.5 percent of papers presented at the conference of each Society (or for each of jointly operated Societies where joint operation of multiple Societies has been approved by the board of directors), as classified by the Program Organizing Committee in the year concerned.

Article 28 This award shall take the form of a certificate, a medal, and a cash prize.

2. The cash prize shall be 20,000 yen per person.

Chapter 8  Distinguished Educational Practitioners Award

Article 29 The Distinguished Educational Practitioners Award shall be presented, based on Article 47 of the Regulations of the IEICE, to those who have distinguished themselves as innovators in educational practice (at the IEICE, educational institutions or corporations) in the fields of electronics, information communications and related fields, and have thereby made outstanding contributions to the progress in education in these fields. The award is presented to no more than three (3) recipients.

Article 30 Achievements that would make potential candidates eligible for selection for this award shall be publicly sought and recommended. Self-recommendation shall not be allowed.

2. Those making recommendations shall be members of the IEICE.

3. The achievement that would make a potential candidate eligible for selection for this award shall have been made in the last 10 years.

4. If the achievement that would make a potential candidate eligible for selection for this award was made by a group of people, the individual who has made the greatest contribution to the achievement shall be the recipient of the award.
5. The Distinguished Educational Practitioners Award cannot be presented twice or more for the same achievement.

Article 31 This award shall take the form of a certificate and a medal.

Chapter 9  Distinguished Educational Service Award

Article 32 The Distinguished Educational Service Award shall be presented, based on Article 47 of the Regulations of the IEICE, to those who have distinguished themselves in services to an education-related organizational activity of the IEICE. The award is presented to no more than ten (3) recipients per year.

Article 33 Candidates shall be recommended by the leader of the IEICE organization in which such services were rendered.

2. The service that would make a potential candidate eligible for selection for this award shall have continued, in principle, for three or more years.

3. The Distinguished Educational Service Award cannot be presented twice or more to the same individual for the same organizational activity.

Article 34 This award shall take the form of a certificate.

Chapter 10  Selection Committees for Commendations

Article 35 The commendation selection committees under the control of the Board of Directors, as stipulated in Article 3, shall include the Distinguished Achievement and Contributions Award Committee, the Achievement Award Committee, the Best Paper Award Committee, the SUEMATSU·Yasuharu Award Committee, the Young Researcher’s Award Committee, and the Educational Award Committee, making a total of six (6) committees. The commendation selection committees for the awards of the various societies shall include the Best Paper Award Selection Committee and the Young Researcher’s Award Selection Committee, making a total of two (2) committees. The establishment of Society selection committees and any aspects that are not stipulated in these provisions shall follow separately stipulated selection procedures.

2. The Distinguished Achievement and Contributions Award and Achievement Award Committees may convene together, as may the Best Paper Award and Young Researcher’s Award Committees. The Distinguished Achievement and Contributions Award Committee and the Achievement Award Committee shall be formed every
October, and the Best Paper Award, Young Researcher’s Award Committees and Educational Award Committee shall be formed immediately after the end of the General Meeting for the year concerned.

3. The Selection Committee shall double as the SUEMATSU-Yasuharu Award Committee. The annual activity of the SUEMATSU-Yasuharu Award Committee shall start in October. It shall cease to exist in accordance with Article 37.

4. The Distinguished Achievement and Contributions Award Committee shall select candidates for the Distinguished Achievement and Contributions Award.

5. The Achievement Award Committee shall select candidates for the Achievement Award.

6. The Best Paper Award Committee shall give final approval to papers selected by each Society as candidates for the Best Paper Award and shall select candidate papers for the IEICE paper of the year.

6.2 The Best Paper Award Selection Committees of each Society shall select candidate papers for the Best Paper Award and shall report their decisions to the Best Paper Award Committee.

7. The SUEMATSU-Yasuharu Award Committee shall select candidates for the SUEMATSU-Yasuharu Award.

8. The Young Researcher’s Award Committee shall give final approval of candidates for the Young Researcher’s Award forwarded by the Societies and shall adjust the number of candidates to ensure that candidate numbers are balanced across the different Societies.

8.2 The Young Researcher’s Award Selection Committee for each Society shall select candidates for the Young Researcher’s Award and shall report its decision to the Young Researcher’s Award Committee.

9. The Educational Award Committee selects candidates for the Distinguished Educational Practitioners Award, and makes selection and adjustment of the number
of candidates for the Distinguished Educational Service Award.

Article 36 The committees described in Article 35 shall, in principle, be chaired by the following individuals:
a) The Distinguished Achievement and Contributions Award Committee and the Achievement Award Committee: Vice President-Elect (in charge of enhancing technological activities).
b) The Best Paper Award Committee and the Young Researcher's Award Committee: director-elect of general affairs.
c) The SUEMATSU-Yasuharu Award Committee: Chairperson of the Selection Committee.
d) The Educational Award Committee: Chairperson of the Service Committee.

2. The chairperson shall convene the committee and preside over committee duties.
3. A vice chairperson shall be established in the Distinguished Achievement and Contributions Award Committee and the Achievement Award Committee. The Vice President-Elect (in charge of enhancing technological activities) shall assume this post. In the event that the chairpersonship is vacant or the chairperson is unavailable due to unforeseen circumstances, the vice chairperson shall convene the committee and preside over committee duties.

Article 37 The members of the committees described in Article 35 (excluding the SUEMATSU-Yasuharu Award Committee) shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the chairpersons of the respective committees and by approval of the Board of Directors.

Article 38 A small number of secretaries shall be appointed to each of the committees described in Article 35 (excluding the SUEMATSU-Yasuharu Award Committee).
2. Secretaries are appointed by the chairperson from among the committee members.
3. Secretaries shall manage committee duties under the direction of the chairperson.
4. In the event that the chairpersonship is vacant or the chairperson is unavailable due to unforeseen circumstances or, in the case where vice-chairpersonship is established, both the chairpersonship and the vice chairpersonship are vacant or neither the chairperson nor vice chairperson is available due to unforeseen circumstances, secretaries shall convene the committee and preside over committee duties.

Article 39 The Distinguished Achievement and Contributions Award Committee and
the Achievement Award Committee shall comprise a chairperson, a vice chairperson, two directors of general affairs, and two members selected by each Society, making a total of twelve (12) members. In addition to these members, voting members, who shall exercise only the right to recommend candidates and the right to vote, shall be appointed.

2. To avoid imbalance in the organizations with which the members are affiliated, members shall be selected by Societies as follows:
   a) Each Society shall select three (3) candidates who are affiliated with different organizations and not with any of the organizations with which the chairperson and the directors of general affairs are affiliated, and shall submit these names to the chairperson with priorities assigned to them.
   b) The chairperson shall select two candidates after making as much effort as possible to avoid having multiple members selected from the same organization.

3. The voting members shall be a vice president; director of finance; director of journal and transactions; director of conferences, student activities and education; director of international coordination and publishing; director of publications; director of the strategic planning committee; director of standard activities; the presidents of the Societies; the presidents-elect of the Societies; and members selected from various specialist fields. There shall be no more than forty (40) members. The chairperson and the vice chairperson shall not be voting members.

Article 40 The Best Paper Award Committee and the Young Researcher’s Award Committee shall comprise a chairperson; previous director of general affairs; director of publications; two directors of journals and transactions; the chairperson of the Best Paper Award Selection Committee for each Society; and the chairperson of the Young Researcher’s Award Selection Committee for each Society, making a total of 13 members (since there are four Societies). In addition to these members, voting members shall exercise only the right to vote for the selection of the IEICE paper of the year.

2. The voting members shall be as follows:
   a) The editor of the Journal of the IEICE, editor-in-chief, IEICE Transactions (Japanese edition); editor-in-chief, IEICE Transactions (English edition); and the vice-chairperson and secretaries of the same.
   b) Those who retired from any of the above offices no later than three years previously.
   c) Those who have retired from the offices of director of journal and transactions, or chairpersons of the Best Paper Award Committees for each Society no later than three years previously.
3. Voting members and deliberating members shall each be entitled to one vote for the IEICE paper of the year. Note that the chairpersons of the Young Researcher’s Award Selection Committees for the Societies are excluded.

Article 41 The Educational Award Committee shall comprise a chairperson, the chairperson of the Accreditation Policy Council, the chairperson of the Textbooks Advisory Committee, and other members selected by the chairperson of the Educational Awarded Committee. There shall be no more than ten (10) members.

Article 42 Selection of individuals and papers for commendations by selection committees shall be carried out in accordance with the selection procedures stipulated elsewhere.

2. Any resolution of selection committees shall be adopted, except where stipulated otherwise elsewhere, upon the presence of a majority of committee members (including chairperson, vice chairperson and secretaries) and upon approval by a majority of those present, excluding those members who have special interests in the resolution and so who do not take part in this approval process.

3. The selection procedures for the selection committees of a particular Society shall be determined by the president of that Society.

Article 43 The committee chairperson shall report the names of candidates for commendations selected by way of the procedure described in Paragraph 1 of Article 35 to the Board of Directors.

Article 44 The committee shall be dissolved once the decision described in Article 4 has been reached.

Chapter 11  Finances

Article 45 Expenses incurred in the presentation of the Distinguished Achievement and Contributions Award, Achievement Award, Best Paper Award, SUEMATSU-Yasuharu Award, Young Researcher’s Award, Distinguished Educational Practitioners Award and Distinguished Educational Service Award shall be drawn from the commendation expenses of the basic accounts.

2. Expenses incurred in the presentation of the IEICE paper of the year shall be drawn
Chapter 12  Supplementary Provisions

Article 46 Any change to these provisions or to the procedures described in Article 42 requires the approval of the Board of Directors.

Article 47 For Societies whose joint operation has been approved by the board of directors, the provisions relating to societies in Articles 35, 39, 40 and 42 apply to each of the jointly operating Societies.

2. For Societies to which the above provision applies, the provisions relating to the president and president-elect of a society apply to the president and president-elect of the society that has had its right to elect a director approved by the board of directors.

Additional Provision: The revisions to these provisions shall take effect on March 14, 2011 (2011 General Conference).

Additional Provision: The revisions to these provisions shall take effect on July 23, 2012.

Additional Provision: The revisions to these provisions on July 22, 2014 shall take effect on the same day.

Additional Provision: The revisions to these provisions on September 16, 2014 shall take effect on the same day.

Additional Provision: The revisions to these provisions on April 20, 2015 shall take effect on the same day.

Additional Provision: The revisions to these provisions on September 29, 2015 shall take effect on the same day.

Additional Provision: The revisions to these provisions on December 15, 2015 shall take effect on the same day.

Additional Provision: The revisions to these provisions on February 16, 2016 shall take effect on the same day.

Additional Provision: The revisions to these provisions on May 17, 2016 shall take effect on the same day.

Additional Provision: The revisions to these provisions on July 19, 2016 shall take effect on the same day.

Additional Provision: The revisions to these provisions on February 19, 2018 (regarding the IEICE paper of the year) shall take effect from the selection of the IEICE paper of
the year 2018.

Additional Provision: The revisions to these provisions on April 15, 2019 shall take effect from the selection of Commendations in 2019.

(Additional statements)
The following scholarship funds have been donated to the IEICE for commendations in the past.

a) The late Dr. URATA Memorial Scholarship Fund  
   November 1920

b) The late Dr. AOYAMA Memorial Scholarship Fund  
   September 1924

c) The late Dr. TORIGATA Memorial Scholarship Fund  
   May 1925

d) The late SUZUKI Suteji Memorial Scholarship Fund  
   January 1936

e) The late AKIYAMA and SHIDA Memorial Scholarship Fund  
   January 1940

f) The late INADA-Sannosuke Memorial Scholarship Fund  
   Donation from publication of the Biography of Inada Sannosuke  
   October 1953

g) OKABE Memorial Scholarship Fund  
   June 1957

h) The late YONEZAWA Memorial Young Researcher’s Award Fund  
   May 1967

i) YONEZAWA Founders Medal Winning Memorial Special Award Fund  
   June 1982

j) KOBAYSHI Memorial Special Award Fund  
   November 1984

k) The late SHINOHARA Memorial Young Researcher’s Award Fund  
   June 1984

l) INOSE Award Fund  
   July 1994

m) MORITA Award Fund  
   September 1994

n) KIYASU-Zen’iti Award Fund  
   October 2008

o) SUEMATU-Yasuharu Award Fund  
   July 2014