Application for
PEFC National Governing Body Membership

I. Candidate organization's identification data

Organization name		Sustainable Green Ecosystem Council (SGEC)			
Organization's representative		Dr Satohiko Sasaki, Chairman of Board of Directors of SGEC			
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	Country	Japan			
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E-mail		info@sgec-eco.org	**Http**	http://www.sgec-eco.org	

II. Information and documents required for Application Processing

Organization's objectives *(as stated in the organization's statutes or other formal documentation)*

Statutes of the Sustainable Green Ecosystem Council (SGEC)

Article 3 (Objectives):

Section 1: The SGEC shall aim to develop a rich society based on a material cycle system and to contribute to conserve greenery rich natural environment through widely disseminating the concept of sustainable forest management (SFM) and promoting effective use of wood products from sustainably managed forests as well as upgrading the level of forest infrastructures and enhancing forestry activities in Japan.

Organization's areas of activities *(as stated in the organization's statutes or other formal documentation)*

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(1) Operation of forest certification scheme including forest management certification and forest products chain of custody (COC) certification as well as activities related,

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(4) Research on forest functions and forest practice techniques including CO_2 sequestration and

its dissemination,

(5) Research on utilization and marketing of forest products and its dissemination,

(6) Communication and collaboration with the relevant organizations interested in forest resources cycle system, and

(7) Other activities relevant to the SGEC's purpose.

Information on the organization's establishment *(including information on the support of national forest owners organization or national forestry organization)*

1 Foundation of a private organization "SGEC"

(1) 72 organizations including environmental NGOs, business society, consumers group, science society, academia group, construction related group, forest and forestry industry group (listed in Annex 1) as proposers and 4 organizations including international NGOs and consumers group (listed in Annex 2) as observers agreed to establish "SGEC" as a private organization and appointed establishment committee members (listed in Annex 3) on 14th March 2003.

(2) The establishment committee had its meetings on 11th April and 6th May to draft SGEC rules and regulations including its certification scheme.

(3) The first founding general meeting has been commenced on 3rd June 2003. The establishment of SGEC had been adopted with approval of its statutes, rules and regulations and budget of the first business year. This meeting has also nominated the members of board of directors (listed in Annex 4) and councilors (listed in Annex 5), taking due consideration of wider and balanced participation from all sectors/groups related as well as securing fairness, equity and openness principles.

(Annex 1)

List of proposer organizations as of 14th March 2003	
1	Japan National Trust
2	Japan Plywood Inspection Corporation
3	Japan 2x4 Home Builders Association
4	Japan Committee for IUCN
5	Japan Forestry Association
6	Wood Processing Technological Association of Japan
7	National Federation of Forest Owners' Co-operative Associations
8	Greenery Research Development Center
9	Oak Village Co. Ltd.
10	National Forestry Extension Association
11	Water Utility Research Institute Japan
12	Morizukuri Forum
13	Japan Paper Association
14	Science Council of Japan
15	The Machinami Foundation ―Coordinator of Beautiful Townscape―
16	Japan Housing and Wood Technology Center
17	Friends of the Earth Japan

18	Japan Environmental Education Forum
19	Japan Forest engineering consultants
20	Japan Prefabricated Construction Suppliers and Manufactures Association
21	Japan Overseas Forestry Consultants Association
22	Japan Forest Owners Association
23	Zenkoku-meiboku-rengokai(Japan Precious Wood Traders Association)
24	Japan Environment Association
25	Forest Culture Association
26	Takushoku University
27	Wooden Home Builders Association of Japan（The Chairman of The Board of Directors）
28	National Federation of forest seeds and seedling Cooperetive Association(in Japan)
29	Better Living
30	Nihon University(Professor)
31	National Land Afforestation Promotion Organization
32	Japan Federation of Wood-industry Associations
33	The Japan Forestry Association
34	Nihon University(Dean, College of Bioresource Sciences)
35	Japan Federation of Wood Industry Cooperatives
36	Japan Laminated Wood Products Association
37	Japan Forest Society
38	Japan Wood Market Federation （JWMF）
39	Japan Special Forest Product Promotion Association
40	Rindo-anzen-kyokai(Japan Forest Road SafetyAssociation)
41	National Parks Association of Japan
42	Japan Forest Conservation Association
43	Japan Forest Foundation
44	Japan Lumber Importers' Association
45	The Nature Conservation Society of Japan
46	Japan Forest Civil Engineering Companies Association
47	Japan International Forestry Promotion and Cooperation Center
48	Japan Greening Technology Association
49	Science Council of Japan
50	The University of Tokyo
51	Tokutei-sinrinchiiki-kyogikai(Association of Contractors of Forest Infrastructure Development (lobbying organization))
52	Forest Culture Association
53	OISCA International
54	Japan Business Federation
55	Ramsar Center Japan
56	Green Arch
57	Japan Wood Protection Association
58	Japan Forest Technology Association
59	Forest Civil Engineering Facility Institute
60	Forest Management Association of Japan
61	Japan Wood Products Information & Research Center
62	Japan Plywood Manufacturers' Association
63	Japan Forest Civil Engineering Association
64	Japan Forest Recreation Association
65	TVE Japan
66	The Forestry Mechanization Society
67	Japan Wood Research Society
68	Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)
69	Wooden Home Builders Association of Japan (President)
70	Morimori Network

71	Japan Youth Lumbermen's Association
72	Japan Association of Corporate Executives

(Annex 2)

List of observer organizations as of 14th March 2003	
1	National Liaison Community of Consumers Organizations
2	Wild Bird Society of Japan
3	Conservation International Japan
4	The Nature Conservancy Japan

(Annex 3)

List of establishment committee organizations on 14th March 2003		
1	Nobutoshi Akao	Japan Committee for IUCN
2	Motoaki Ookuma	The University of Tokyo
3	Katsuo Oka	Japan Housing and Wood Technology Center
4	Tokiharu Okazaki	Friends of the Earth Japan
5	Taira Kaneda	The Nature Conservation Society of Japan
6	Yoshikane Kurono	OISCA International
7	Fujio Kobayashi	The Japan Forestry Association
8	Satohiko Sasaki	Nihon University
9	Shin Nagata	The University of Tokyo
10	Haruhumi Nakano	Forest Culture Association
11	Keiichi Matsunaga	Japan Business Federation
12	Takashi Hasegawa	Green Arch
13	Takashi Fujiwara	Forestry and Forest Products Research Institute
14		Wild Bird Society of Japan
15	Mutsuko Yamagata	Morimori Network

(Annex 4)

List of members of board of directors of SGEC on 3rd June 2003			
1	Shosaburo Kimura	National Land Afforestation Promotion Organization	Honorary Chairperson
2	Tomohide Akiyama	Japan Forestry Association	Chairperson
3	Masao Iizuka	National Federation of Forest Owners' Co-operative Associations	Vice-chairperson
4	Masao Ookuni	Japan Paper Association	Chairperson
5	Mutsumi Kato	Japan Environment Association	Director
6	Ichiro Kuga	Japan Federation of Wood-industry Associations	Director
7	Nobuya Seta		Director
8	Shin Nagata	The University of Tokyo	Director
9	Hisazumi Fukukawa	Forest Management Association of Japan	Director
10	Noriaki Takeda	Sustainable Green Ecosystem Council(SGEC)	Director, Chief Secretary
11	Yoshiaki Tanaka	Japan Forest Foundation	Auditor
12	Hideo Tao	Japan Forest Conservation Association	Auditor

(Annex 5)

List of members of councilors of SGEC on 3rd June 2003		
1	Nobutoshi Akao	Japan Committee for IUCN
2	Tooru Asho	Japan Association of Corporate Executives
3	Motoaki Ookuma	The University of Tokyo
4	Tokiharu Okazaki	Friends of the Earth Japan
5	Hiroshi Kanai	Wild Bird Society of Japan
6	Taira Kaneda	The Nature Conservation Society of Japan
7	Yoshikazu Kano	Takushoku University
8	Toshiko Kanda	National Liaison Community of Consumers Organizations
9	Yoshikane Kurono	OISCA International
10	Fujio Kobayashi	The Japan Forestry Association
11	Satohiko Kobayashi	Nihon University
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13	Keiichi Nagamatsu	Japan Business Federation
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16	Takashi Fujiwara	Forestry and Forest Products Research Institute
17	Ken-ichi Mizuno	TVE Japan
18	Mutsuko Yamagata	Morimori Network

2 Reorganization of "SGEC" in line with the Act on General Incorporated Association and General Incorporated Foundations

(1) In order to make legal consistency with the Act on General Incorporated Association and General Incorporated Foundations, "SGEC" has been registered as a General Incorporated Association on 24th November 2011 (attached in Annex 6). The first funding general meeting of new "SGEC" has been commenced on 14th December 2011. New Statutes of the SGEC (attached in Annex 7), new Operational Rules of Forest Management Certification and Forest Products Chain of Custody Certification by SGEC (listed in Annex 8), related guidelines as well as business activities plan and budget have been approved and the members of board of directors and the members of councilors have been appointed at this meeting.

(2) Since the rules and regulations have been revised significantly due to the requirements associated with reorganization of SGEC in line with the Incorporated Association Act, the Councilors Committee meeting as stipulated in Article 52 of the Statutes as well as public hearing on the rules and regulations on certification scheme, direct hearing from stakeholders and former SGEC's institutional deliberations have been conducted respectively prior to the full deliberation in the Board of Directors as stipulated in Article 35 of the Statutes.

(3) This meeting has also nominated the members of board of directors (listed in Annex 9) and councilors (listed in Annex 10), taking due consideration of wider and balanced participation from all sectors/groups related as well as securing fairness, equity and openness principles.

(4) Wider participation from housing industry and forestry related labor unions has been acquired by their membership (as listed in Annex 11).

(Annex 6) **Copy of the certificate of SGEC registration as a General Incorporated Association**

履歴事項全部証明書

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名　称	一般社団法人緑の循環認証会議
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法人の公告方法	電子公告に掲載する方法により行う。 ｈｔｔｐ：／／ｗｗｗ．ｓｇｅｃ－ｅｃｏ．ｏｒｇ ただし、事故その他やむを得ない事由によって電子公告をすることができない場合は、官報に掲載する方法により行う。
法人成立の年月日	平成２３年１１月２４日
目的等	１　当法人は、我が国において、持続可能な森林経営を広く普及するとともに、そこで産出される木材等の有効な利用を推進し、森林整備水準の向上及び林業の活性化等を通して、循環を基調とする潤いのある社会の構築と緑豊かな自然環境の保全に資することを目的とする。 ２　当法人は、前項の目的に資するため、次の事業を行う。 （１）森林管理認証及びその生産物の生産・加工・流通に係る認証或いは証の認定審査を行う機関の管理運営に係る事業 （２）海外の森林認証管理団体との連携 （３）持続可能な森林経営に関する調査・普及 （４）ＣＯ２吸収など森林機能及び森林技術の調査・普及 （５）森林産物の利用開発及び流通に関する調査・普及 （６）緑の循環に関する内外諸団体との連絡及び連携 （７）その他この法人の目的を達成するために必要な事業 １　当法人は、我が国において、持続可能な森林経営を広く普及するとともに、そこで産出される木材等の有効な利用を推進し、森林整備水準の向上及び林業の活性化等を通して、循環を基調とする潤いのある社会の構築と緑豊かな自然環境の保全に資することを目的とする。 ２　当法人は、前項の目的に資するため、次の事業を行う。 （１）森林管理及びその生産物の生産・加工・流通に係る認証等森林認証制度の管理運営に関する事業 （２）国際森林認証制度との相互承認等海外の森林認証制度との連携・協同に関する事業 （３）持続可能な森林経営に関する調査・普及 （４）ＣＯ２吸収など森林機能及び森林技術の調査・普及 （５）森林産物の利用開発及び流通に関する調査・普及 （６）緑の循環に関する内外諸団体との連絡及び連携 （７）その他この法人の目的を達成するために必要な事業 平成２６年　２月　３日変更　　平成２６年　２月　４日登記

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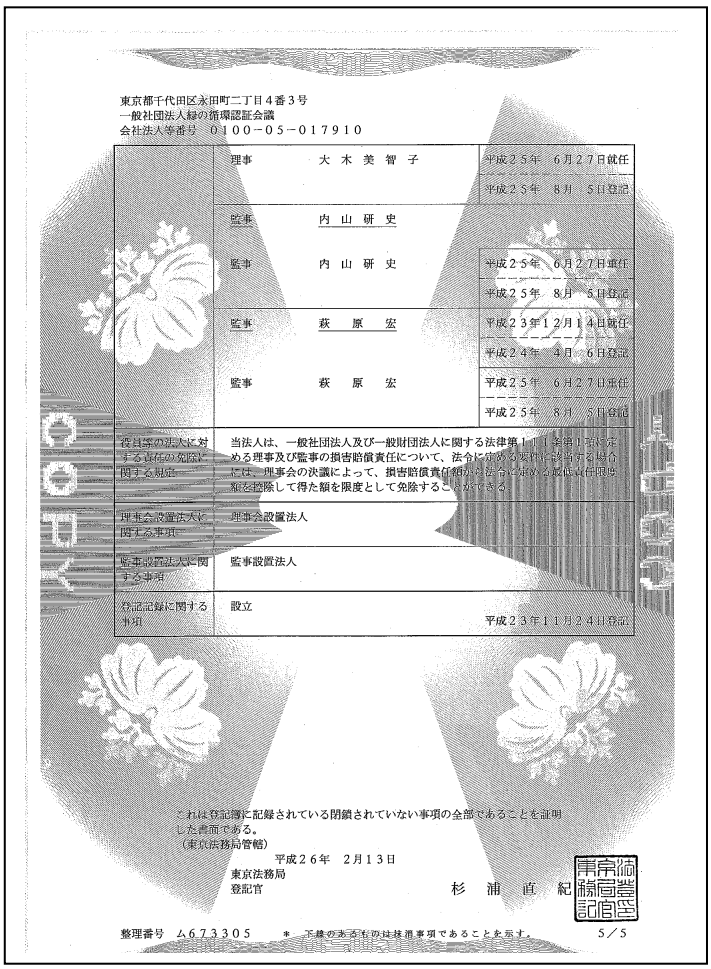

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(Annex 7)

Statutes of the Sustainable Green Ecosystem Council (SGEC)

Chapter 1: General Rules

Article 1 (Name):

The name of the Association shall be *"Midori no Junkan Ninsho Kaigi"*. The English name shall be "Sustainable Green Ecosystem Council" (abbreviated as SGEC).

Article 2 (Office):

The SGEC shall have its principal office in Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan.

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(7) Other activities relevant to the SGEC's purpose.

Section3: Activities listed in the preceding Section shall be conducted in Japan and overseas.

Article 4 (Public Notice):

The method of public notice by the SGEC shall be made by electronic public notice. However, in case of inability of the electronic public notice, the public notice shall be made by posting on the government official gazette.

Article 5 (Board of Directors and Auditors):

The SGEC shall establish a Board of Directors and appoint Auditors.

Chapter 2: Membership

Article 6 (Types of Membership):

The membership of the SGEC shall be of the following three types. Full Members shall be "members" as stipulated under the Act on General Incorporated Associations and General Incorporated Foundations (hereinafter referred to as "Incorporated Associations Act").

(1)	Full Members:	Individuals or groups who join the SGEC with endorsement of the purpose of the SGEC
(2)	Supporting Members:	Individuals or groups who join the SGEC for support the activities
(3)	Honorary Members:	Individuals who have contributed to the SGEC or with relevant knowledge and experience in accordance with the recommendation at the General Meeting of Members

Article 7 (Acquisition of Membership):

Individuals or groups who wish to join the SGEC must make an application for membership to the Board of

Directors with the membership application form stipulated separately. Upon the approval by the Board of Directors, individuals or groups applied may become the Members respectively.

Article 8 (Enrollment Fee and Membership Fee):

Section 1: Full Members must pay Enrollment Fee and Full Membership Fee stipulated in the General Meeting of Members separately.

Section 2: Supporting Members must pay Supportive Membership Fee stipulated in the General Meeting of Members separately.

Article 9 (Voluntary Withdrawal):

Members may withdraw at any time by submitting a withdrawal notice stipulated by the Board of Directors separately.

Article 10 (Expulsion):

In case any of the following apply to a Member, the SGEC may expel such member by the resolution of the General Meeting of Members in accordance with Article 16 of these Statutes:

(1) Violation of the Articles of these statutes or other rules,
(2) Engagement in actions causing damage to the reputation of the SGEC or contrary to the objectives of the SGEC, and
(3) Existence of legitimate reasons for expulsion of membership status other than those in the preceding two items.

Article 11 (Loss of Membership):

Other than those in Article 9 and 10, Members shall lose their membership in case of any of the followings:

(1) In case membership fees are in arrears for two years or more in succession,
(2) Consensus of all Full Members,
(3) Death, in case the Member is a human being, and
(4) The SGEC is dissolved

Article 12 (Member Rights and Obligations associated with loss of Membership):

Section 1: In case of Article 9, 10 and 11, Members shall lose their rights and shall be exempted from their obligations as Members of the SGEC. In this connection, Full Members shall lose their position of "members" as stipulated under the Incorporated Associations Act. However, non-fulfillment of obligations as Members of the SGEC shall not be exempted.

Section 2: In case of Article 9, 10 and 11, Enrollment Fees, Membership Fees and other donations once paid shall not be refunded for any reason whatsoever.

Article 13 (Member List):

Section 1: The SGEC shall draft a list of members which states the name and address of its members

and shall maintain such list at its principal office.

Section 2: Notifications and demands made to members by the SGEC shall be sent to the address of such members stated in the list of members or to a different place notified by such member.

Chapter 3: General Meeting of Members

Article 14 (Types of General Meeting of Members):

Types of General Meeting of Members of the SGEC shall be two types, i.e. Regular General Meeting of Members and Extraordinary General Meeting of Members.

Article 15 (Composition):

Section 1: The General Meeting of Members shall consist of all Full Members.

Section 2: Each Full Member shall possess one vote at General Meeting of Members.

Article 16 (Authority):

The General Meeting of Members shall make resolutions on the following matters:

(1) Qualification for Membership as well as the amount of enrollment fee and Membership fee
(2) Expulsion of Members
(3) Election and dismissal of Officers and Accounting Auditors
(4) Determination of the amount or the provision of remuneration of Officers and Accounting Auditors
(5) Financial statements and business report of each business year
(6) Amendment of the Statutes of the SGEC
(7) Dissolution
(8) Matters put forward to the General Meeting of Members by the Board of Directors meetings
(9) Matters other than those in the preceding items which are stipulated in the Incorporated Associations Act and in these Status.

Article 17 (Convenient):

A regular General Meeting of Members shall be convened once in every business year within three months from the end of each business year. Extraordinary General Meeting of Members may, if necessary, be convened at any time.

Article 18 (Convocation):

Section 1: General Meeting of Members shall be convened by the President in accordance with the resolution of the Board of Directors, unless stipulated otherwise by laws and regulations. In case of the President has an accident or in case of difficulty, Vice-President or Executive Directors shall, in accordance with the order pre-determined by the Board of Directors, convene General Meeting of Members.

Section 2: Full Members constituting more than one-tenth of the total number of Full Members may jointly demand the President to convene General Meetings of Members, indicating in writing the reason for

convocation and the matters which are the objectives of the General Meeting of Members.

Article 19 (Chairperson):

The Chairperson of the General Meeting of Members shall be served by the President. In case of the President has an accident or in case of difficulty, Vice-President or Executive Directors shall, in accordance with the order pre-determined by the Board of Directors, serve as the Chairperson of the General Meeting of Members.

Article 20 (Resolutions):

Section 1: Resolutions of the General Meeting of Members shall be passed with a majority of Full Members in attendance and a majority of voting rights of such Full Members in attendance, unless stipulated otherwise in these Statutes or by laws and regulations.

Section 2: Notwithstanding the stipulations of the preceding Section, resolutions on the following matters must be passed with a majority of Full Members in attendance and with a two-thirds majority of the voting rights of all Full Members:

(1) Expulsion of members
(2) Dismissal of Auditors
(3) Amendments to the Statutes of the SGEC
(4) Dissolution
(5) Matters other than those listed in the preceding items which are stipulated in laws and regulations

Article 21 (Proxy):

A Full Member, who is not able to attend the General Meeting of Members, may entrust his/her voting right to another Full Member as a Proxy. In such event, such Full Member or proxy must submit a document certifying the proxy right to the SGEC.

Article 22 (Waiver of Resolution and Reporting)

Section 1: When agreed by all Regular Members either in writing or digitally with respect to particular proposal at the General Meeting by Directors or Regular Members, such agreement can qualify as a resolution at the General Meeting with respect to said proposals.

Section 2: When agreed by all Regular Members either in writing or digitally with respect to Director's omission of particular reporting to General Meeting, such communication may qualify as the report conducted at the General Meeting.

Article 23 (Meeting Minutes):

Section 1: The proceedings of the General Meeting of Members shall be recorded in the meeting minutes drafted in accordance with laws and regulations.

Section 2: The Chairperson and two signers of meeting minutes elected by the General Meeting of Members shall sign and affix their seals to the meeting minutes stipulated in the preceding Section.

Chapter 4: Officers

Article 24 (Appointment of Officers):

Section 1: The SGEC shall appoint the following officers to the SGEC:

(1) Directors: minimum of three and maximum of 25 persons.

(2) Auditors: minimum of one and maximum of two persons.

Section 2: One of the Directors shall be the Representative Director and the Representative Director shall serve as the President. A maximum of four Directors other than the President may be the Vice-Presidents and a maximum of one Director other than the President may be the Executive Director.

Article 25 (Election of Officers):

Section 1: Directors and Auditors shall be elected by a resolution of the General Meeting of Members.

Section 2: The President, Vice-Presidents, and Executive Director shall be appointed among Directors by a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Section 3: Auditors may not simultaneously hold the post of Director or employee of the SGEC.

Section 4: No more than one third of the total number of Directors shall be constituted by one Director and his/her spouse or relatives within the third degree of kinship or a person with other special relations. Same rule shall be applied for Auditors.

Article 26 (Rights and Obligations of Directors):

Section 1: The president shall represent the SGEC and manage its operations.

Section 2: The Vice-Presidents shall assist the President.

Section 3: The Executive Director shall execute the operations of the SGEC.

Article 27 (Rights and Obligations of Auditors):

Section1: Auditors shall audit the execution of duties by Directors and, as stipulated by laws and regulations, to draft audit reports.

Section 2: Auditors may request a report on activities from Directors or employees or review the status of operations and finances of the SGEC at any time.

Article 28 (Terms of Office of Officers):

Section 1: The term of office of Directors shall be until the conclusion of the regular General Meeting of Members regarding the final business year which ends within two years from their election.

Section 2: The term of office of Auditors shall be until the conclusion of the regular General Meeting of Members regarding the final business year which ends within two years from their election.

Section 3: The term of officers elected as replacement for officers shall be until the expiration of the term of office of the predecessors.

Section 4: In case the number of Directors or Auditors is less than that stipulated in Article 24, Section 1, Section 2, and Section 3 hereof, officers who have retired due to the expiration of their term of office or due

to resignation shall continue to have the rights and obligations of officers until the newly elected officers assume office.

Article 29 (Removal of Officers):

Officers and Auditors may be removed from office by resolution of the General Meeting of Members. However, resolutions on removal of Auditors must be passed with a majority of Full Members in attendance and with a two-thirds majority of the voting rights of all Full Members.

Article 30 (Remuneration):

Section 1: The remuneration of Directors and Auditors shall be gratuitous. However, Officers of full-time Directors and Auditors may be paid remuneration and compensation based upon the resolution of the General Meeting of Members in line with the guidelines of remuneration and compensation stipulated by the resolution of the General Meeting of Members.

Section 2: Directors and Auditors may be paid their expenses associated with their obligations.

Article 31 (Partial Exemption of Officers from Liability for Losses):

When a Director or Auditor is liable for losses in accordance with the stipulations of in Article 111, paragraph 1 of the Incorporated Associations Act, the SGEC may exempt the Officer in question from such liability up to the amount obtained by deducting the amount of minimum liability stipulated in laws and regulations by the resolution of the Board of Directors, where it is recognized to meet necessary requirements stipulated in laws and regulations.

Article 32 (Appointment of Honorary Chairperson and Advisors):

Section 1: The SGEC may retain an Honorary Chairperson and a few Advisors.

Section 2: Honorary Chairperson and Advisors shall be appointed among the Members with a fixed term by the Board of Directors.

Section 3: The remuneration of Honorary Chairperson and Advisors shall be gratuitous. However, Honorary Chairperson and Advisors may be paid their expenses associated with their obligations.

Article 33 (Obligations of Honorary Chairperson and Advisors):

Honorary Chairperson and Advisors shall respond to consultations from, and may present their opinions to, the Chairperson.

Chapter 5: Board of Directors

Article 34 (Establishment of Board of Directors):

The Board of Directors shall consist of all Directors.

Article4 35 (Authority):

The Board of Directors shall perform the following duties as well as otherwise stipulated in these Statutes:

(1) Date and venue of the General Meeting of Members as well as matters put forward to the General Meeting of Members
(2) Matters related to adoption, amendment and abolition of rules and regulations under the Statutes of the SGEC
(3) Make decisions on execution of business activities of the SGEC in addition to the matters stipulated in the preceding articles
(4) Audit the execution of duties by Directors
(5) Election and dismissal of the President, Vice-Presidents and Executive Directors.

Article 36 (Types and Convene of the Board of Directors):

Section 1: Types of the Board of Directors shall be Regular meetings and Extraordinary meetings.

Section 2: Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be convened twice a year.

Section 3: Extraordinary meetings of the Board of Directors shall be convened when it is recognized to meet one of the followings.

(1) The President recognizes necessary
(2) When a Director other than the President or an Auditor demands the President to convene a meeting, indicating in writing the objective of the meeting.

Article 37 (Convocation):

Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be convened by the President. In case of the President has an accident or in case of difficulty, Vice-President or Executive Directors shall, in accordance with the order pre-determined by the Board of Directors, serve the duty of the President.

Article 38 (Chairperson):

Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be chaired by the President. In case of the President has an accident or in case of difficulty, Vice-President or Executive Directors shall, in accordance with the order pre-determined by the Board of Directors, serve the duty of the President.

Article 39 (Resolutions):

Resolutions of the Board of Directors shall be passed by the majority of Directors in attendance, given that a majority of Directors who may participate in the voting are attendance, unless otherwise stipulated differently in the Statutes of the SGEC.

Article 40 (Waiver of Resolution and Reporting)

Section 1: When agreed by all Directors, who may participate in the voting, either in writing or digitally with respect to particular proposal at the Board of Directors by Directors, such agreement can qualify as a resolution at the Board of Directors with respect to said proposals. In case of Auditor has an objection on said proposals, such agreement shall be failed.

Section 2: When agreed by all Directors and Auditors with respect to Director or Auditor's omission of

particular reporting to the Board of Directors, such communication may qualify as the report conducted at the Board of Directors.

Article 41 (Meeting Minutes):

The proceedings of the meeting of the Board of Directors shall be recorded in the meeting minutes as prescribed in laws and regulations. The President and Auditors must sign and affix their seals to the meeting minutes.

Chapter 6: Funds

Article 42 (Contribution of Funds)

The SGEC is allowed to solicit contribution of funds, in accordance with the stipulations of in Article 131of the Incorporated Associations Act, from the Members or the third party.

Article 43 (Right of Contributor)

The funds contributed shall not be returned until the date agreed with the contributors.

Article 45 (Procedures for Returning Funds)

Procedures for returning the funds to the contributors shall be done by the rules determined by the Board of Directors after passing the resolution on the total amount of the returning funds by the general Meeting of Members.

Chapter 7: Accounting

Article 46 (Business Year):

The business year of the SGEC shall be from 1st April each year until 31st March of the following year.

Article 47 (Business Activities Plan and Budget of Income and Expenditure):

Section 1: The President must, by the day before the start of each business year, draft a business activities plan and budget of income and expenditure and gain the consent of the Board of Directors. Such plan and budget must be reported at the General Meeting of Members. The same also shall apply to their amendments.

Section 2: Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding Section, under an unavoidable circumstance of budget shall not be approved before the date of commencement of that business year, the Chairperson may execute an temporary budget in line with the previous business year, with a resolution by the Board of Directors, until the date of the budget of that business year approved at the General Meeting of Members.

Section 3: The temporary budget for this term of the previous paragraph shall be included in the newly approved budget of the preceding Section.

Article 48 (Business Report and Settlement of Accounts):

Section 1: The President shall, after the end of each business year, draft financial statements as the following items. Such statements shall, after undergoing an audit by Auditors, be approved by the Board of Directors. Item (1) and (2) hereof shall be reported at the General Meeting of Members and item (3) to (5) hereof shall be approved by the General Meeting of Members.

(1) Business report
(2) Accompanying statement with item (1) above
(3) Balance sheet
(4) Statement of changes in net assets
(5) Accompanying statement with item (3) and (4) above

Section 2: In addition to documents listed in the preceding Section, Audit reports shall be kept at the principal office for five years.

Chapter 8: Amendment of Articles of Statutes and Dissolution

Article 49 (Amendment of Articles of Statutes of the SGEC):

The Article of these Statutes may be amended by resolution of the General Meeting of Members with a majority of Full Members in attendance and with a two-thirds majority of the voting rights of all Full Members.

Article 50 (Dissolution):

The SGEC may be dissolved by resolution of the General Meeting of Members with a majority of Full Members in attendance and with a two-thirds majority of the voting rights of all Full Members or by other grounds stipulated by the Incorporated Associations Act.

Article 51 (Ownership of Residual Assets):

Section 1: Residual assets possessed by the SGEC upon its liquidation shall be donated to corporations listed in Article 5, paragraph 17 of the Incorporated Associations Act or a national or local public body by resolution of the General Meeting of Members.

Section 2: The SGEC shall not distribute surplus funds.

Chapter 9: Councilors Committee

Article 52 (Councilors Committee)

Section 1: The Councilors Committee shall be established to deliberate matters relating to operation of forest management certification and forest products chain of custody certification.

Section 2: The Councilors Committee shall respond to consultations from the Chairperson and deliberate the matters consulted, and shall present their opinions to the Board of Directors.

Section 3: Councilors shall be appointed among intellectual or academic experts by the Board of Directors.

Section 4: The number of Councilors shall be minimum of ten and maximum of 20 persons and the term of office of Councilors shall be two years. One of Councilors shall be the Chairperson of the Councilors Committee and another one shall serve as a deputy chairperson.

Section 5: The remuneration of Councilors shall be gratuitous. However, Councilors may be paid their expenses associated with their obligations.

Section 6: Meetings of the Councilors Committee shall be convened by the President.

Section 7: With reference to section 2 above, the Councilors Committee shall present their opinions in writing with the following items to the Board of Directors.

(1) Date and venue of the meeting of the Councilors Committee related
(2) List of the Councilors participated in the meeting
(3) Content of opinions

Chapter 10: Secretariat

Article 53 (Secretariat):

Section 1: A Secretariat shall be established to handle the administrative affairs of the SGEC.

Section 2: The Secretariat shall retain a Chief Secretary and Secretariat staff necessary.

Section 3: A Chief Secretary and senior staffs of the Secretariat shall be appointed by the Chairperson with approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 4: Administrative and operational rules required for the Secretariat shall be determined by the Chairperson with approval of the Board of Directors.

Chapter 11: Disclosure and Protection of Personal Information and

Article 54 (Information Disclosure):

The SGEC shall make available publicly its activities, organization, financial conditions and other items in order to promote its fair and open activities.

Article 55 (Protection of Personal Information):

The SGEC shall make any and all efforts to protect personal information that has been obtained through its operation.

Article 56 (Handling Complaints):

Those who have received disadvantages from operation of forest management certification and forest products chain of custody certification can claim their complaints to the SGEC. The procedures to handle such complaints shall be determined by the Board of Directors separately.

Chapter 12: Supplementary Articles

Article 57 (Delegation):

In addition to those provided under these Statutes, the Board of Directors is authorized to determine any matters necessary to manage the SGEC's operations.

Article 58 (First Business Year):

The first fiscal year of the SGEC shall commence on the date of inception and end on 31st March 2012.

Article 59 (Founding Members):

Name and address of Founding Members are as follows:

Satohiko Sasaki
4-27-11 Kyodo, Setagaya-ku,
Tokyo, Japan

Hisao Yamada
3-18-8-601, Iwaidokita, Komae-shi,
Tokyo, Japan

Kiyoo Nakagawa
8-19-19, Fujiwara, Funabashi-shi,
Chiba, Japan

Article 60 (Officers at the inception):

Name of Founding Officers are as follows (address is omitted):

Founding Director:	Satohiko Sasaki
Founding Director:	Hisao Yamada
Founding Director:	Kiyoo Nakagawa
Founding Auditor:	Kenji Uchiyama

Article 61 (Governing Law):

Unless otherwise provided under these Statutes, the SGEC shall be subject to the Incorporated Associations Act and other laws and regulations.

For the purpose of incorporating the Sustainable Green Ecosystem Council, these Statutes were prepared, and signed and affixed their seals by the Founding Members hereby.

Date: 22nd November 2011

Founding Members (Name and address of three Founding Members are omitted)

The General Meeting of Members, on 3rd February 2014, has decided to amend the Article 3 (Objectives) of these Statutes.

(Annex 8)

Operation Rules of Forest Management Certification and Forest Products Chain of Custody Certification by Sustainable Green Ecosystem Council (SGEC)

Chapter 1: General Rules

Article 1 (General Rules):

Operational rules of forest management certification and forest products chain of custody certification by Sustainable Green Ecosystem Council (SGEC) stipulated in Article 3, Section 2(1) in the Statutes shall be provided herein.

Article 2 (SGEC logo):

Section 1: SGEC shall decide its logos and labels as in the attachment.

Section 2: Valid certificate holders can use the SGEC logos and labels in accordance with the detailed regulations stipulated separately.

Chapter 2: Certification Principles, Indicators and Guidelines

Article 3 (Certification Principles, Indicators and Guidelines)

Section 1: When the certification principles, indicators and guidelines are formulated or amended, prior to the resolutions of the Board of Directors stipulated in Chapter 5 in the Statutes, the President stipulated in Article 24, Section 2 in the Statutes shall conduct the following procedures in the context of fairness, equity and openness. Such Principles, Indicators and Guidelines shall be reviewed in every five years as needed.

(1) Councilors Committee stipulated in Chapter 9 in the Statutes shall be convened for hearing their opinions

(2) Hearing from a wide range of stakeholders

(3) Hearing from various fields and groups through putting the draft documents in public hearing procedures with a certain duration stipulated by the Board of Directors

Section 2: When the President conducts the procedures in the preceding section, the measures in regard the opinions shall be reported to the Board of Directors and the General Meeting of Members.

Chapter 3: Forest Management Certification

Article 4 (Forest Management Certificate)

Section 1: The certification bodies stipulated in Chapter 3 in the Statutes shall produce the forest

management certificate evaluation report when the certificate bodies conduct the forest management certificate evaluation based upon the certification principles, indicators and guidelines.

Section 2: In case of the application will meet the requirement under the certification principles, indicators and guidelines, the certification bodies shall issue the certificate document to the applicant and report to the SGEC.

Section 3: Upon the report in the preceding section, the SGEC shall make the public notice of the forest management certificate concerned.

Section 4: The forest owners/managers, who have the forest management certificate issued in Section 2 above, are not requested to get the chain of custody certificate in case of production and sale of the certified products within the forest concerned as stipulated in Chapter 1 in Article 13 of these operational rules.

Article 5 (Types of Forest Management Certificate)

Section 1: Based upon the size and status of forest management, the forest management certificate shall be conducted by the following categories:

(1) Individual certification

Individual certification shall be the forest management certificate in the certified area by a single forest owner/manager.

(2) Group certification

Group certification shall be the forest management certificate in the certified area by a number of forest owners/managers under one certificate. The requirements for group certification shall be stipulated separately.

Article 6 (Term of validity of the FM certificate and its renewal)

Section 1: The certificate document in Section 2, Article 4 and the public notice concerned in Section 3, Article 4 of these operation rules shall remain effective for five years. Those forest owners/managers wish to renew those certificate shall apply the renewal evaluation. Since the term of validity of the forest management certification shall be fixed one, the term of validity of the area additionally certified shall remain same as the area initially certified.

Section 2: The renewal procedures shall be same as Article 4 of these operation rules.

Article 7 (Regular evaluation)

Section 1: The forest owners/managers shall have an annual regular evaluation on the status of the certified forest management by the certification body which issues the certificate. If the forest owners/managers ask other certification body for regular evaluation, new forest management certificate in Article 4 of these operation rules shall be issued by the certification body who will conduct a regular evaluation.

Section 2: The certification body shall report the result of regular evaluation to the SGEC.

Article 8 (Cancellation of Forest Management Certificate)

Section 1: The certification body shall cancel the forest management certificate in case of the following evidences have been confirmed:

(1) Corrective measures, in Section 1of Article 4, Section 1 of Article 6 or the preceding article, are not taken

(2) Serious violation against these operational rules are confirmed

(3) Considerable divergence from other forest management principles are found

Section 2: In case of cancellation of forest management certificate, the certification body concerned shall inform it to the forest owner/manager as well as report to the SGEC.

Section 3: Once the SGEC receive the report in the preceding section, the SGEC shall delete the public notice of the forest management certificate concerned. In this case, registration fee for the public notice of the forest management certificate in Article 9 and license fee for the usage of logos for the sale of certified products in Section 4 of Article 4 of these operational rules shall not be refunded.

Article 9 (Registration Fee for the Public Notice of the Forest Management Certificate)

Section 1: The forest owner/manager, when the public notice has been made in Section 3 of Article 4 and Section 2 of Article 6, shall pay the registration fee, which is stipulated separately, for the public notice of the forest management certificate to the SGEC via the certification body concerned.

Chapter 4: Certified Products and Chain of Custody

Article 10 (Certified Products)

Section 1: The certified products shall be the products, which are produced from the certified forest, under the category in Article 13, treated by the CoC organization in Article 11 and labeled by the SGEC logos in Section 1 of Article 2 throughout the whole process of production, processing and trading.

Article 11 (Chain of Custody Certification)

Section 1: The certification bodies shall produce the chain of custody certificate evaluation report when the certificate bodies conduct the CoC certificate evaluation based upon the certification principles, indicators and guidelines.

Section 2: In case of the application will meet the requirement under the certification principles, indicators and guidelines, the certification bodies shall issue the certificate document to the applicant and report to the SGEC.

Section 3: Upon the report in the preceding section, the SGEC shall make the public notice of the forest management certificate concerned.

Article 12 (Term of validity of the CoC certificate and its renewal)

Section 1: The certificate document in Section 2, Article 11 and the public notice concerned in Section 3, Article 11 of these operation rules shall remain effective for five years. Those CoC organizations wish to renew those certificates shall apply the renewal evaluation. Since the term of validity of the integrated CoC

certification in Section 3, Article 13 shall be fixed one, the term of validity of the CoC organization additionally certified shall remain same as the integrated CoC organization initially certified.

Section 2: The renewal procedures shall be same as Article 11 of these operation rules.

Article 13 (Category of business certified in the CoC organization and its certification)

Section 1: Category of business certified in the CoC organization shall be the whole category related to harvest, processing, trade and construction of products produced from the certified forest.

Section 2: The CoC organization can acquire CoC certificate at the same time in a multiple categories in the preceding section.

Section 3: Organized group of the organizations, who are the CoC organizations dealing one or multiple categories in Section 1, can acquire CoC certificate as an integrated CoC organization.

Article 14 (Regular evaluation)

Section 1: The CoC organizations shall have an annual regular evaluation on the status of the certified products by the certification body which issues the certificate. If the CoC organizations ask other certification body for regular evaluation, new CoC certificate in Article 11 of these operation rules shall be issued by the certification body who will conduct a regular evaluation.

Section 2: The certification body shall report the result of regular evaluation to the SGEC.

Article 15 (Suspension of handling CoC certified products)

Section 1: In case that the CoC organization intend to suspend its handling of the CoC certified products, the CoC organization can offer it to the certification body which issues the certificate.

Section 2: The certification body concerned, upon the offer, can conduct its evaluation in documents through the regular evaluation in the preceding article.

Section 3: In case that the CoC organization in the preceding section intend to extend its suspension by another one year, the certified body can admit to do so. In this case, the certification body concerned shall cancel the CoC certificate of the CoC organization concerned and report to the SGEC. Upon receiving the report, the SGEC shall delete the public notice of the CoC certificate concerned.

Section 4: In case that the CoC organization in the preceding section, after termination of suspension period concerned, intend to resume to handle the CoC certified products, the certification body, after conducting regular evaluation, can remove the suspension of the CoC certificate of the CoC organization within the term of validity of such certificate in Section 1, Article 12.

Section 5: In case that the measures in the preceding section have taken, the certification body shall report it to the SGEC. The SGEC shall make the public notice of the CoC certificate concerned again.

Article 16 (Cancellation of CoC Certificate)

Section 1: The certification body shall cancel the CoC certificate of the CoC organization in case of the following evidences have been confirmed:

(1) Corrective measures, in Article 11, Article 12 or Article 14, are not taken

(2) Serious violation against these operational rules are confirmed

(3) Anti-social evidences are found in certified products

(4) Considerable divergence from other CoC principles are found

Section 2: In case of cancellation of the CoC certificate, the certification body concerned shall inform it to the CoC organization as well as report to the SGEC.

Section 3: Once the SGEC receive the report in the preceding section, the SGEC shall delete the public notice of the CoC certificate concerned. In this case, registration fee for the public notice of the CoC certificate and license fee for the usage of logos for the sale of certified products in Article 17 of these operational rules shall not be refunded.

Article 17 (Registration Fee for the Public Notice of the CoC Certificate and License Fee for the Usage of Logos)

Section 1: The CoC organization, when the public notice has been made in Section 3 of Article 11and Section 2 of Article 12, shall pay the registration fee, which is stipulated separately, for the public notice of the CoC certificate to the SGEC via the certification body concerned. The CoC organization and the forest owner/manager who produce and sell the certified products in Section 4 of Article 4 shall pay the license fee, which is stipulated separately, for the usage of the logos to the SGEC via the certification body concerned.

Chapter 5: Certification body

Article 18 (Type of Certification Body)

Section 1: The certification bodies are classified into the organization which conducts forest management certification, the organization which conducts chain of custody certification and the organization which conducts both categories.

Article 19 (Requirements of Public Notice for Certification Body)

Section 1: The SGEC shall make the public notice as a certification body, upon the request, which shall satisfy both one of the following requirements and the requirements stipulated in section 2 of this article:

(1) An organization which has knowledge and experiences on the SGEC certification program and documented certification evaluation procedures according the international standard on conformity assessment

(2) An organization which have been acknowledged, by the accreditation body which is a member of mutual recognition of IAF, that its conformity assessment is in conformity with the scope of SGEC certification.

Section 2: In addition to the requirement in the preceding section, the certification body shall satisfy the following requirement:

(1) Certification body for forest management certification

a） Ample knowledge and technical skills of forest management as well as economic, social and natural environment

b） Technical skills for properly applying the principles and requirements of SGEC forest management certification

c） Knowledge on rules and regulations related to forest and forestry

(2) Certification body for CoC certification

a） Ample knowledge of forest management and harvest, processing, trade and construction of products produced.

b） Management skills for applying the principles and requirements of SGEC CoC certification in production, processing and trade sites

c） Knowledge on rules and regulations related to forest products

Article 20 (Application for Public Notice)

Section 1: Those applying for the public notice for certification body shall submit the application with the following items to the SGEC:

(1) Name and address of organization and representative

(2) Outline of the structure and activities of the organization

(3) Structure of audit and evaluation

(4) Qualification of auditors and these holding status

(5) Requirements in the preceding article

Section 2: The following documents shall be attached with the application in the preceding section.

(1) Statutes of the organization

(2) Certificate by accreditation body or audit and evaluation procedures

(3) Recent accounting documents

(4) Recent business plans and balance sheets

(5) Others

Section 3: When the SGEC receives the application in section 1, through getting Councilors Committee's decision and Board of Directors' approval, the SGEC shall inform the result to the applicant organization. The approved organization shall be put for the public notice.

Article 21 (Renewal of Public Notice)

Section 1: The validity of the public notice in the preceding article shall remain five years. That certification body who intend to continue its public notice shall take necessary procedures for renewal.

Section 2: The procedures for renewal shall be same as in the preceding article.

Article 22 (Fee for Public Notice of Certification Body)

Section 1: The certification body put in the public notice in Section 3, Article 20 shall pay the fee of certification body public notice, stipulated separately, to the SGEC.

Section 2: The certification body which has been renewed in the preceding article shall take same procedures in the preceding section.

Article 23 (Withdrawal of Public Notice of Certification body)

Section 1: Once the SGEC becomes clear that certification body is conducting a serious violation of the law, through getting Councilors Committee's decision and Board of Directors' approval, the SGEC shall withdraw the public notice of the certification body concerned. In this case, the fee for public notice of certification body concerned shall not be refunded.

Chapter 6: Certification Management Committee

Article 24 (Certification Management Committee)

Section 1: For studying and discussing the status of management of certification system, the President, upon the approval of the Board of Directors, shall establish Certification Committee.

Section 2: The Certification Management Committee shall study and discuss the matters in the preceding section, and shall present their opinions to the President.

Section 3: The Committee members shall be appointed among intellectual or academic experts, upon the approval of the Board of Directors, by the President.

Section 4: The number of the Committee members shall be minimum of three and maximum of seven and term of the members shall be two years. One of the members shall be the Chairperson and another one shall serve as a deputy chairperson.

Section 5: The Certification Management Committee shall present their opinions to the President in writing with the following items:

(1) Date and venue of the meeting of the Certification Management Committee
(2) List of the members participated in the meeting
(3) Content of opinions

Article 25 (Expert Committee)

Section 1: For studying the special items related to management of certification system, the President may establish the Expert Committee.

Section 2: The Expert Committee, upon consultations from the President, shall present their opinions.

Section 3: The members of the Expert Committee shall be appointed among intellectual or academic experts by the President.

Chapter 7: Complaints and Correction Measures

Article 26 (Complaints)

Section 1: Those who have received disadvantages from SGEC certification system can claim their complaints to the SGEC.

Article 27 (Correction Measures)

Section 1: Auditors stipulated in Article 24 of the Statutes shall receive the opinions of the Board of

Directors, draft the correction measures, then notify the President to ensure that any appropriate corrective measures are taken.

Section 2: Once notification in the preceding section is made, the President shall notify the complainant about the corrective measures.

Section 3: Once the measures in the preceding section is taken, the President shall report it to the Board of Directors, Auditors as well as General Meeting of Members.

Supplementary article 1

This Operational Rules shall be come into force on the date decided by the Board of Directors not exceeding six months after the date decided by the General Meeting of Members on 14th December 2011 which is the inception of the SGEC as stipulated under the Act on General Incorporated Associations and General Incorporated Foundations.

However, up until this Operational Rules come into force, the former operational rules and guidelines of SGEC shall remain effective. In this connection, validity of the relevant certificates and/or registration shall also remain effective as stipulated in the former operational rules and guidelines of SGEC up until this Operational Rules has come into force.

Supplementary article 2

The Board of Directors, on 14th December 2011, has decided that this Operational Rules shall be come into force on 1st April 2012.

Supplementary article 3

The Board of Directors, on 29th May 2012, has decided to amend this Operational Rules.

Supplementary article 4

The Board of Directors, on 25th December 2013, has decided to amend this Operational Rules.

Supplementary article 5

The Board of Directors, on 28th March 2014, has decided to amend this Operational Rules.

(Annex 9)

List of members of Board of Directors of SGEC as of 2013			
1	Tomohide Akiyama	(Former) Japan Forestry Association	Honorary Chairman of Board of Directors
2	Satohiko Sasaki	Japan International Forestry Promotion & Cooperation Center	Chairman of Board of Directors
3	Yukichi Konohira	Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology (Professor Emeritus)	Vice- Chairman of Board of Directors
4	Naoto Maeda	Japan Forestry Association	Vice- Chairman of Board of Directors
5	Haruyoshi Iwasaki	Japanese Federation of Forest and Wood Workers Union	Director
6	Shigeki Iwata	National Federation of Forest Owners' Co-operative Associations	Director
7	Michiko Ooki	Consumer Science Center	Director
8	Itsuhito Ohnuki	(Former) The Japan Forestry Association	Director
9	Tokiharu Okazaki	Fairwood Partners	Director
10	Tatsuya Kajiya	National Land Afforestation Promotion Organization	Director
11	Kiyoshi Kamikawa	Japan Paper Association	Director
12	Susumu Kawakita	Japan Plywood Manufacturers' Association	Director
13	Hideo Sakai	The University of Tokyo	Director
14	Kazuhito Shiga	University of Tsukuba	Director
15	Hisao Sudo	Forest Culture Association	Director
16	Kiyoo Nakagawa	Sustainable Green Ecosystem Council(SGEC)	Director(Chief Secretary)
17	Hideki Nose	Wooden Home Builders Association of Japan	Director
18	Shoichiro Bando	Japan Federation of Wood-industry Associations	Director
19	Michio Hirose	OISCA International .Japan	Director
20	Hisao Yamada	Sustainable Green Ecosystem Council(SGEC)	Executive Director
21	Kenji Uchiyama	The Forestry Mechanization Society	Auditor
22	Hiroshi Hagiwara	Japan Forest Foundation	Auditor

(Annex 10)

List of members of Councilors of SGEC as of 2013			
1	Mitsuhiro Minowa	The Japan Forestry Association	Chairperson
2	Hiroshi Jyodo	Forestry and Forest Products Research Institute	Deputy Chairperson
3	Nobutoshi Akao	Japan Committee for IUCN	
4	Akira Amano	Architect	
5	Naoto Ando	The University of Tokyo (Professor Emeritus)	
6	Motoaki Ookuma	The University of Tokyo (Professor Emeritus)	
7	Yoshikazu Kano	Japan University of Economics	
8	Akira Kinugawa	Forest Management Association of Japan	
9	Katsuhisa Kohroki	University of Tsukuba	
10	Yuki Sakamoto	Global Environmental Forum	

11	Takeharu Shumiya	The Nature Conservation Society of Japan	
12	Masao Haga	Tokyo College of Environment	
13	Seiji Hayama	Wild Bird Society of Japan	
14	Yasushi Hibi	Conservation International Japan	
15	Takashi Fujiwara	The Woodmiles Forum	
16	Kenichi Mizuno	TVE Japan	
17	Mutsuko Yamagata	Morimori Network	

(Annex 11)

List of Full Members as of 2013	
1	Japan Forestry Association
2	Japan Forest Conservation Association
3	Japan Forest Road Association
4	Zenkoku-kokuyurin-zorinseisangyo-renrakukyogikai(Japan National Forest Contractors Association)
5	Japan Plywood Manufacturers' Association
6	National Federation of Forest Owners' Co-operative Associations
7	Japan Wood Market Federation (JWMF)
8	The Japan Forestry Association
9	Suigenrin-zorin-kyogikai-rengokai(Association of Contractors of Water Conservation Forest Development)
10	Japan International Forestry Promotion & Cooperation Center
11	The Japan Forestry Association
12	Japan Lumber Inspection & Research Association
13	Japan Forestry Civil Engineering Co. Ltd.
14	Japan Laminated Wood Products Association
15	Japan Federation of Wood-industry Associations
16	Japan Overseas Forestry Consultants Association
17	The Forestry Mechanization Society
18	Wooden Home Builders Association of Japan
19	Japan Paper Association
20	Forest Technology Consultants Council
21	Japanese Federation of Forest and Wood Workers Union

Documents required for the application processing

- ☑ A document confirming the organization's official registration as a legal entity (attached in Annex 6 above)
- ☑ A list of the organization's members (if applicable) (listed in Annex 11 above)
- ☑ Organization's statutes (in English, or its English translation verified by a qualified professional translation) (attached in Annex 7 above)

III. Commitment:

I hereby confirm that:

- I have read the PEFC Council's rules and regulations and accept them,
- the organization has amongst its objectives the implementation of the PEFC scheme within its country and is committed to follow all PEFC Council rules and regulations applicable to the organizations,
- the data included in this application can be provided by the PEFC Council to a third party without the organization's consent,
- the data included in this application are complete and truthful.

Signature of applicant's representative

Satohiko Sasaki
Chairman of Board of Directors
SGEC
(given in Section I)