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President of the University of Tokyo

Establishment of the Task Force on the Repatriation of Human Remains

Purpose

Article 1 Based on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, related government decisions, etc., the University of Tokyo hereby establishes a Task Force on the Repatriation of Human Remains (hereinafter referred to as “the Task Force”) to formulate plans for the repatriation of remains of Indigenous peoples held by the University (hereinafter referred to as “the remains”) and to communicate with communities, organizations, and individuals requesting the repatriation of the remains.

Duties

Article 2 The Task Force shall investigate and deliberate on the following matters and report its results to the President:

- (1) Organizing information on the remains held by the University;
- (2) Preparing plans for the repatriation of the remains held by the University;
- (3) Preparing plans for negotiations with communities, organizations, and individuals requesting repatriation;
- (4) Preparing plans for responding to requests regarding ceremonies and other events to be conducted upon repatriation;
- (5) Preparing plans to provide information about the remains both within and outside the University;
- (6) Other matters deemed necessary by the Task Force.

Organization

Article 3 The Task Force shall be composed of members appointed by the President.

2. The Chair and Vice Chair shall be appointed by the President.

3. When deemed necessary, the Chair may invite persons other than members to attend meetings and provide their opinions.

Duty to Cooperate

Article 4 Organizational units of the University holding the remains (meaning units listed in Chapters 3 and 4 of the University of Tokyo Rules on Basic Organizations as well as the Secondary School attached to the Faculty of Education, the University of Tokyo Hospital attached to the Faculty of Medicine, and the IMSUT Hospital attached to the Institute of Medical Science) shall cooperate with requests from the Task Force regarding the duties set forth in each item of Article 2.

Secretariat

Article 5 The secretariat of the Task Force shall be administered by the General Affairs Department of the University Headquarters, with the cooperation of related units.

Supplementary Provision

This Decision shall take effect on August 1, 2025.

The above English text is a translation of the original Japanese. For matters of interpretation and legal effect, the Japanese language version shall be definitive.