

## **Code of Ethics of The Japan Wood Research Society**

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(Preamble)

The purpose of The Japan Wood Research Society (hereinafter referred to as the "Society") is to promote academic and scientific technologies related to wood and other forest products and to contribute to the sustainable development of society. Members of the Society agree with this purpose, acknowledge their own mission and responsibilities in society, recognize that self-sustaining behavior in accordance with their conscience and common sense is essential for achieving the purpose, and pledge to comply with the Code of Ethics set forth below.

### 1. Responsibilities as scientists and engineers

Members are responsible for ensuring the quality of their own expertise and skills and are further responsible for contributing to the health and welfare of humankind, the safety and well-being of society, and the sustainability of the global environment by making use of their expertise, skills, and experience.

### 2. Conduct as scientists and engineers

Members are aware that the autonomy of science and technology rests on the trust and mandate of society, and always judge and act honestly and in good faith. Members also make their best efforts to scientifically show the accuracy and legitimacy of the knowledge generated by scientific research and technological development, and actively participate in the mutual evaluations of scientists and engineers with respect to forest products and related areas.

### 3. Self-improvement

Members endeavor to improve their own expertise, abilities, and art; to understand the relationship between science and technology and the social and natural environment from a broad perspective; and to always demonstrate their best judgment and attitude.

### 4. Disclosure and explanation of information

Members disclose the significance and role of their own research and actively explain it. Members evaluate the possible impacts and possible changes that their research may bring about for humankind, society, and the environment, and publish the results in a neutral and objective manner. Members also endeavor to establish constructive dialogue with society.

### 5. Research activities

Members act in good faith in accordance with the spirit of this Code in the course of activities, such as formulating, planning, applying, implementing, and reporting their own research. Members thoroughly preserve records of study and investigation data and handle them in a strict manner, and do not commit or take part in fraudulent acts such as forgery, falsification, or misappropriation.

### 6. Improvement of the research environment

Members are aware that it is also their important responsibility to establish and maintain a fair environment that enables them to conduct responsible research and to prevent fraud and actively work to improve the quality of the research environment of academic societies, their organizations, and other scientific

communities. Furthermore, in order to achieve this goal, members make efforts to gain the understanding and cooperation of society.

7. Compliance with laws and regulations

Members comply with laws and regulations and related rules in conducting research, using research funds, etc.

8. Consideration for research subjects, etc.

Members respect the personality and human rights of collaborators in research and give consideration to their welfare. For animals, etc., members handle them in a sincere manner. In addition, members are responsible for maintaining the confidentiality of personal information obtained in the course of their duties and other information.

9. Relationships with others

Members appropriately criticize the achievements of others, humbly listen to criticism of their own research at the same time, and exchange opinions in a sincere manner. Members rightly evaluate the performance, such as intellectual achievements, of others and respect their honor and intellectual property rights.

10. Exclusion of discrimination

Members do not discriminate against individuals on the basis of race, sex, position, ideology, religion, etc. in research, education, and academic society activities but fairly respond to individuals based on scientific methods and respect individual freedom and personality.

11. Conflicts of interest

Members pay sufficient attention to conflicts of interest between individuals and organizations, or between different organizations, in their own research, review, evaluation, judgment, etc., and appropriately respond to them while considering the public nature thereof.