

**Bylaw of the**  
**“Sino-Eco CAL Hanxi Yang Ecology Fund”**  
**(Adopted February 10, 2010)**

**Article 1: Name**

The name of this fund should be “Sino-Eco CAL Hanxi Yang Ecology Fund”. The abbreviated form of this name is “YEF” or the Fund.

**Article 2: Purpose**

**2.1.** The Fund is established in the celebration of Professor Hanxi Yang’s momentous achievements in ecology. As a pioneer in plant ecology and mathematic ecology, Professor Yang is a well-respected scholar, professor and ecologist in China and the world. Professor Yang served as vice-president of the International Committee of Man and the Biosphere and is Senior Academia of the Chinese Academy of Sciences. We are celebrating his accomplishments, contribution, and commitment in ecology for more than 60 years. In the same way, we are also encouraging more ecologists to dedicate their talents and excellent research to the advancement of ecology in China.

**2.2.** The Fund was initiated and financially sponsored by Chinese Academic Link International Association (CAL), a group of Chinese overseas scientists and professionals who are dedicated to promote academic exchange between China and overseas.

**2.3.** The Fund is managed by Sino-Ecologists Overseas Association (Sino-Eco) for the commitment to ecological research, education and management in China.

**2.4.** The Fund shall be awarded biannually to one distinguished individual who has made outstanding contributions to one or more areas of ecology in China. The award recipient will be determined by the Sino-Eco Award Committee (see below).

**Article 3: Fund Initiators and Donors**

**3.1.** This fund is initiated by the Chinese Academic Link International Association (CAL) with the donation of US\$8,000 dollars and other organizations and individuals with their donations in the year of 2010. All of them will be recognized as the initiators of the Fund.

**3.2.** All the donors shall be recognized and credited either via Sino-Eco web site, or Fund’s newsletter and annual meeting of the Ecological Society of China (ESC) and Sino-Ecologists Association Overseas (Sino-Eco).

**3.3.** The Fund shall be resided with Sino-Eco located in the USA. Sino-Eco shall set up a banking account for the Fund and be responsible for the accounting and continue with yearly efforts to call for donation and expand the Fund with the members, organizations and individuals.

**Article 4: The Management**

**4.1.** Sino-Eco shall manage the Fund and collaborate with CAL and Ecological Society of China (ESC) to select the award recipient defined by Article 2.4. A seven-member Award

Committee, consisting of The President of Sino-Eco, President of CAL and five other senior members of Sino-Eco, shall be responsible for determination of the award recipients. The president of Sino-Eco shall act as the general manager, responsible for all necessary activities identifying the best candidates, from whom one individual shall be awarded with the Fund.

**4.2.** A Fund bank account shall be established by the Sino-Eco Treasurer, under the supervision of the Sino-Eco Executive Committee.

**4.3.** Sino-Eco shall continue with yearly efforts to call for donation and expand the Fund with the members, organizations and individuals.

**4.4.** The Sino-Eco Executive Committee shall oversight the entire process of the award candidate selection and issue a final approval.

**4.5.** The final award recipient shall be announced by Sino-Eco at the ESC biannual conference.

**4.6.** The Award Committee shall design standardized forms for its members to select candidates.

### **Article 5: Award Selection Procedure**

**5.1.** Each award candidate shall be nominated by at least three ecological professionals.

**5.2.** Sino-Eco shall form a Reviewing Committee with ten professional reviewer for reviewing all the candidates' paper or abstract. Each reviewer will rank the best candidate for 3 points, the second best for 2 points, the third for 1 point, and the rest for 0 point. Then each reviewer should provide the evaluation to the reviewing committee.

**5.3.** A nominee should not be a member of professional reviewing committee.

**5.4.** The reviewing committee will summarize up the evaluation from those 10 professionals for each award. The highest points will be the winner for the specific award.

**5.5.** In case there are two or more candidates with the same highest points, the 10-professional and the Sino-Eco President (a total of 11) should vote for the winner.

**5.6.** The Award Committee, together with the Executive Committee, shall evaluate the candidate selected by the Reviewing Committee, and give the final approval. The Award Committee shall prepare a plaque, together with the monetary award of US\$500.00. The award should be presented to the winner at the biannual meeting of the Ecological Society of China.

**5.7.** The award should be documented and announced in ESC and Sino-ECO Newsletter and their web sites.

### **Article 6: Banking Account Management**

**6.1.** All the money donated by organizations and individuals shall be established as an independent banking account by Sino-Eco for donations.

**6.2.** The treasurers of Sino-Eco shall be responsible for the legal and safety of the accounts.

**6.3.** The annual report of the accounts shall be presented to the Sino-Eco Award Committee.

**6.4.** Each year, the award amount shall be determined by the Sino-Eco Award Committee.

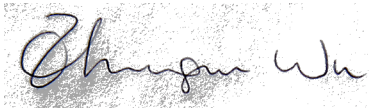
**Article 7: The Revision of This Bylaw**

7.1. The Bylaw may be revised by the proposal from the Sino-Eco Award Committee and approval by the members of Sino-Eco by a 2/3 of the majority votes.

7.2. The Fund may not be used by means or for purposes other than defined in this bylaw.

7.3. The Fund may not be dissolved.

**Approved By:**



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Dr. Zhongren Wu, President of International Association for Chinese Academic Link (CAL)



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Dr. Ge Sun, President of Sino-Ecologists Association Overseas (Sino-Eco)

**Signed Date:** February 10, 2010