**Participation Rules for the 17th National University Student Social Practice and Science Contest on Energy Saving and Emission Reduction (****Hong Kong, Macao, Taiwan and Overseas Group)**

**Chapter 1 General Provisions**

1. The National University Student Social Practice and Science Contest on Energy Saving and Emission Reduction (hereinafter refers to the “Energy Saving and Emission Reduction Contest”) is hosted by the Higher Education Department of the Ministry of Education of the People’s Republic of China, entrusted to be organized by the Energy Dynamics Teaching Steering Committee of Higher Education Institutions of the Ministry of Education of the People’s Republic of China, undertaken by universities and co-organized by sponsoring companies.
2. The Energy Saving and Emission Reduction Contest is an important part for global energy saving and emission reduction. The purpose of the Hong Kong, Macao, Taiwan and Overseas group contest is to promote the exchange of knowledge and ideas among global college students on energy saving and emission reduction, enhance their awareness of environmental protection, encourage scientific and technological innovation, cultivate teamwork spirit, expand cross-cultural horizons, and improve the innovative design ability, engineering practice ability and social investigation ability.
3. The Energy Saving and Emission Reduction Contest is held once a year. In principle, the application time is in June and the competition time is in August 2024.

**Chapter 2 Qualifications for Participation and Application**

1. Participating team members apply online through the given email address, and they are limited to full-time undergraduates and graduate students.
2. The submitted entries shall be declared in groups or individuals, and each group shall have no more than 7 students and no more than 2 supervisors. The entries shall reflect the independent innovation ability of students and be completed independently.
3. One of the 7 students serves as the team lead. The team lead's affiliation is regarded as the participating institution. Team members could have different affiliations and nationalities.
4. Submitted entries will be initially reviewed by the technical staff, and the approved entries are eligible for awards. The selection process includes the preliminary round and the final round. In the preliminary round, the contest committee and preliminary evaluation committee will score the entries based on the motivation, the degree of completion, the scientificity, the innovation, the advancement, and economic benefits to select the finalists. In the final round, online/offline exhibitions or presentations shall be available for the expert committee to review and other personnels to visit, and then the defense will be finalized by the expert committee.

**Chapter 3 Award**

1. There are three level awards in the Energy Saving and Emission Reduction Contest, which are one first award, two second awards and five third awards, given the certificate and bonus of 1000 USD, 500 USD and 300 USD respectively.
2. A certain number of encouragement awards shall be set, which will be determined by the contest committee after the online evaluation based on the scale of the entries in the year.
3. The finalist entries that do not participate in online/offline exhibitions or demonstrations shall be deemed to have waived the qualification for the finals and shall not participate in the selection of second awards and the above.
4. Different forms of rewards will be given to students and units that have won prizes.

**Chapter 4 Supplementary Provisions**

1. This chapter shall take effect from the day the contestants confirm the submissions of the entries. It is governed by the laws of the People's Republic of China and does not consider conflicts of laws. Participants promise to abide by the relevant laws and regulations of the People's Republic of China and the countries where they are located, and shall not publish or upload any forms of illegal information such as reactionary, pornographic, violent, terrorist, etc. Entries that violate applicable laws and regulations, or entries that the organizers believe to disrupt social order or damage public morals, will be disqualified from the competition, and the right to pursue legal responsibility is reserved.
2. A 15-day publicity period shall be set for works that have passed the preliminary examination. If an objection or complaint is received, the secretariat of the contest committee will organize an investigation and report to the contest committee for discussions. If the violation is confirmed based on the investigation, the qualification of the entries will be cancelled, and a notification will be made.
3. Matters that are not covered in these rules shall be interpreted by the Energy Saving and Emission Reduction Contest Committee.
4. These rules will take effect from the date of review and approval by the Energy Saving and Emission Reduction Contest committee, and the power of interpretation belongs to the contest committee.

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