Attachment 1

**Orchid Awards Rules**

**Chapter I**

**General Principles**

**Article 1** The Orchid Awards (hereinafter referred to as “the Awards”) are established by China International Communications Group (CICG), with a view to implementing the Global Civilization Initiative, promoting the common values of humanity of peace, development, fairness, justice, democracy and freedom, consolidating the cultural foundation for building a global community of shared future, and facilitating exchanges and mutual learning among civilizations**.**

**Article 2** The Awards cover cultural sectors and are awarded to foreign nationals (or organizations) worldwide that have been committed to the promotion of Chinese culture, and have made significant contributions to promoting exchanges and mutual learning among civilizations.

**Article 3** The Awards select winners with international prestige and valuable contributions from the general public guided by the principles of professionalism, credibility, fairness and openness.

**Article 4** Award winners are selected annually.

**Chapter II**

 **Categories and Quotas**

**Article 5** The Awards take into consideration achievements, contributions and international prestige, and are awarded in three categories, namely Lifetime Honorary Award, Outstanding Achievement Award and Friendship Envoy Award.

**Article 6** The Awards will be presented to 10 award winners.

**Chapter III**

 **Organizers and Expert Committee**

**Article 7** CICG, the awarding organization, is responsible for organizing the selection and commendation, including formulating selection rules and measures, establishing an expert committee for selection (hereinafter “Expert Committee”), and releasing selection announcements.

**Article 8** The Expert Committee shall be responsible for selection. Its members shall be selected from an expert pool of Chinese and foreign professionals, and adjusted dynamically.

**Article 9** The Orchid Awards Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) shall be responsible for administrative work involved in selection and commendation. The Secretariat is located at China Center for International Communication Development (CCICD) under CICG.

**Chapter IV**

**Participation**

**Article 10** Foreign nationals (or organizations) can participate through either recommendation by others or self-recommendation.

**Article 11** All participation documents should be submitted to the Secretariat.

**Chapter V**

**Procedures**

**Article 12** The winners are selected through four steps, namely preliminary selection, secondary selection, final selection and disclosure for public scrutiny.

**Article 13** The list of winners will be disclosed for public scrutiny after approval by CICG.

**Chapter VI**

 **Rewards**

**Article 14** Certificates, trophies and cash awards are presented to winners by CICG.

**Article 15** The list of award winners shall be announced at an awarding ceremony.

**Chapter VII**

 **Supplementary Provisions**

**Article 16** Should an Expert Committee member or his/her close relative apply for the Awards, that member shall be recused from that year’s selection to avoid potential bias.

**Article 17** If a winner ceases to be qualified to enjoy the honor, the award can be revoked by CICG through public announcement.

**Article 18** CICG retains rights and interests related to the name and logo of the Awards.

**Article 19** CICG reserves the right to final interpretation of the rules.