

Yuan Ze University Naming principles for faculty members who publish papers in academic journals and at international academic conferences and key points for the correction and handling of erroneous country name

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1. These principles and key points (hereinafter referred to as “key points”) have been specifically formulated to guide YZU’s faculty members in ensuring that the country name of the unit that they are affiliated with is correctly annotated when their papers are published in international or Chinese academic journals or when they attend international academic conferences, as well as facilitate their prompt response when they discover any instances in which our country name is annotated erroneously in the aforementioned situations. This is to prevent any diminution of our nation’s sovereignty.

The key points are prepared with reference to the National Science and Technology Council’s (NSTC) “Key Points for Rectifying and Handling Erroneous Stating of the Nation’s Name in Papers Subsidized under NSTC’s Research Projects and Published in International Journals, or When Experts and Scholars Attend International Academic Conferences,” the Ministry of Foreign Affairs’ “Principles by which Government Agencies (Institutions) or Subsidized Non-governmental Organizations Rectify and Handle Erroneous Stating of the Nation’s Name or Participation Status when Traveling Overseas to Attend International Conferences or Engaging in International Exchange Activities,” and the Ministry of Education’s (MOE) “Principles and Specifications for the Listing of Names in Academic Papers.”

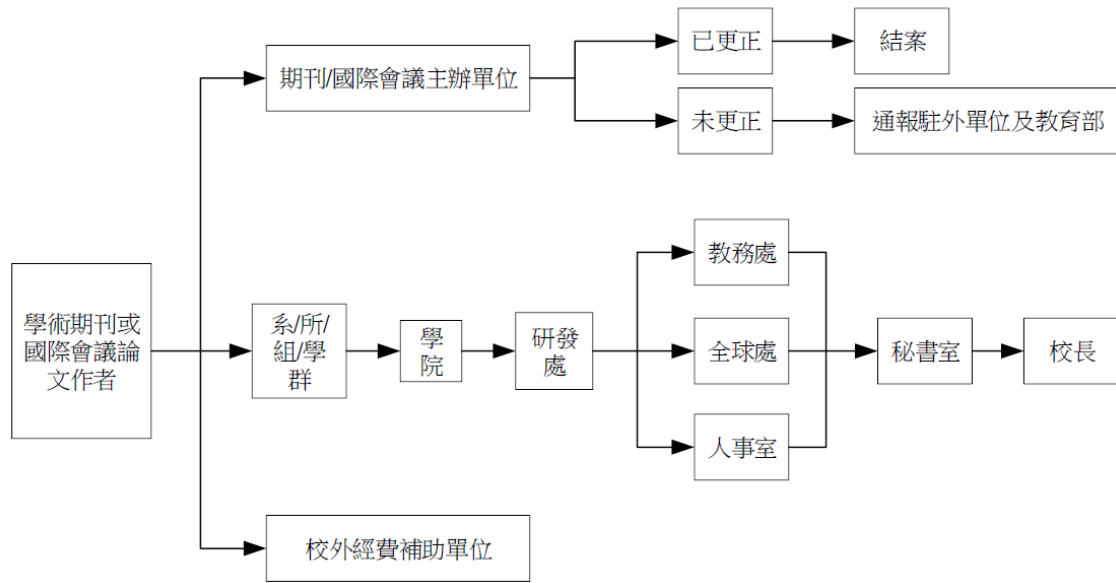
2. YZU’s faculty members shall abide by the following principles when publishing papers in academic journals or attending international academic conferences:
 - i. The country’s official name of “Republic of China” or “Republic of China (Taiwan)” shall be stated with priority to safeguard the nation’s sovereignty. Permissible alternatives include “Taiwan,” “(city name), Taiwan,” and “Taiwan, R.O.C.” in accordance with international practices.
 - ii. When parties from both sides of the strait are involved, an option is for both parties to only state the name of the city from which they hail but not the names of their countries so as to prevent the academic focus from being diffused by the current cross-strait political differences. This is on the condition that there is no diminution and that cross-strait equality prevails. However, if the other party insists on adding “China” after “Beijing,” faculty members shall insist on adding “Taiwan” after “Taipei.” In addition, the customary spelling of names in Taiwan shall be adopted. For example, the English names of Taipei, Taichung, and Kaohsiung shall not be stated as “Taibei,” “Taizhong,” and “Gaoxiong” based on hanyu pinyin.
 - iii. When the name of the country is stated erroneously (such as “China,” “Taiwan, China,” “Taiwan, Province of China,” “(city name), China,” “Chinese Taiwan”), the form of participation or name being used is not in line with the overall national interests, or the national status of our country is being disparaged, the journal papers involved shall not be recognized nor used in various ways, such as for seeking employment or promotion and application for research project, awards, and subsidies.
3. The following principles shall be abided by when YZU faculty members publish papers in academic journals or receive subsidies to attend international academic conferences and discover that the published materials have stated the name of our country erroneously:
 - i. Immediately request for a correction with the publisher of the international journal or organizer of the international academic conference:

- a. When information in the manuscript is found to have been modified without authorization during proofreading or after online publication, the initiative to lodge a protest and request a correction shall be taken immediately.
 - b. Based on academic freedom and in accordance with the consensus practiced by international academic journals, editors cannot arbitrarily alter the contents of papers—including the stated address—without the prior consent of the author concerned.
 - ii. Take the initiative to notify the relevant units:
 - a. Immediately notify the relevant units within YZU and abroad. The notification process is shown in the attachment.
 - b. If the research project number or the name of the unit providing subsidies is stated on the affected papers, those units shall be notified separately (for example, the relevant academic department of the NSTC).
 - iii. Track the response continuously:
 - a. The authors of the affected papers shall consistently review the papers' contents online to better understand the status of the information being updated on the Internet.
 - b. The authors of the affected papers shall maintain close contact with the relevant editors or organizers and provide updates on the status in real time.
4. When YZU discovers, during the process of reviewing applications for awards and subsidies, project applications, or examinations of faculty members' qualifications, that the name of the country as stated in the published materials is erroneous, the case shall be dealt with in accordance with the principles stated in Item 3 above. In the event of any improper interference or suppression, the MOE shall be notified in addition to reporting to the relevant units within YZU and abroad in accordance with the aforementioned principles.

When the error is not rectified despite the faculty member having requested the publisher of the international journal or organizer of the international academic conference to do so, resulting in the published paper remaining uncorrected or non-attendance at the international academic conference, the publication, registration, and other requisite and non-refundable fees that have been incurred in accordance with the regulations shall be reimbursed accordingly after the relevant documentary evidences have been provided.

5. Matters not covered under these key points shall be handled in accordance with the relevant laws and regulations.
6. These key points, as well as all subsequent revisions therewith, shall be duly adopted by the Administrative Council prior to implementation.

Process for the correction and handling of erroneous country name when faculty members publish papers in academic journals or at international academic conferences



Please replace the Chinese characters in the figure with the following English text:

Authors of papers published in academic journals or international conferences	Publisher of academic journal or organizer of international conferences			Error is rectified	Close the case	
				Error is not rectified	Inform the relevant units within YZU and abroad and MOE (if necessary)	
	YZU faculty/institute/research team/group	College	Office of Research and Development	Academic Affairs Office	Secretariat Office	President
				Global Affairs Office		
Personnel Office						
External unit(s) that provide subsidies for the various fees						