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MAHANUWARA (INCORPORATION)**

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AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE NATIONAL ARTS COUNCIL,  
MAHANUWARA.

WHEREAS an Association called and known as the National Arts Council, Mahanuwara, has heretofore been established at Kandy for the purpose of effectually carrying out and transacting all matters connected with the said Association according to the rules agreed to by its members :

Preamble.

AND WHEREAS the said Association has heretofore successfully carried out and transacted the several objects and matters for which it was established and has applied to be incorporated, and it will be for the public advantage to grant the application :

BE it therefore enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as follows :—

1. This Act may be cited as the National Arts Council, Mahanuwara (Incorporation) Act, No. 5 of 1980.

Short title.

2. From and after the date of commencement of this Act, such and so many persons as now are members of the National Arts Council, Mahanuwara (hereinafter referred to as "the Association"), or shall hereafter be admitted members of the Corporation hereby constituted shall be a body corporate (hereinafter referred to as "the Corporation"), with perpetual succession, under the name and style of the "National Arts Council, Mahanuwara" and by that name shall and may sue and be sued in all courts, with full power and authority to have and use a common seal and alter the same at its pleasure.

Incorporation of the National Arts Council, Mahanuwara.

3. The general objects for which the Corporation is constituted are hereby declared to be :—

General objects of the Corporation.

- (a) the setting up of an organization for the protection, training, upliftment, evaluation and development of diverse types of arts and artistes especially in the Kandyan areas and setting up of a fully equipped Institute of Arts and Crafts ;
- (b) the taking of necessary steps for the well-being of such arts and artistes ;
- (c) the planning of programmes for the purpose of promoting unity and mutual co-operation between various schools of arts and artistes ; and

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- (d) the taking of all other steps that are necessary and desirable for the promotion of the above-mentioned aims and objects.

**Board of  
Management.**

4. (1) The affairs of the Corporation shall, subject to the rules in force for the time being of the Corporation, be administered by a Board of Management consisting of such number of persons to be elected in accordance with the rules in force for the time being of the Corporation.

(2) The first Board of Management of the Corporation shall be the members of the Board of Management of the Association holding office at the time of the coming into operation of this Act.

The first Board of Management shall consist of the following members:—

- (1) Mr. Sudath Gunasekera, Honorary President.
- (2) Mr. Dharmapriya Gunaratna, Honorary Secretary.
- (3) Mr. W. Indrapala, Honorary Chief Organizer.
- (4) Mr. O. G. Swarnasingha, Honorary Treasurer.
- (5) Ven. Dr. Pallamure Sorata, Member.
- (6) Mr. A. B. Herath, Member.
- (7) Mr. T. B. Karunaratna, Member.

**Rules of  
the  
Corporation.**

5. (1) It shall be lawful for the Corporation from time to time, at any general meeting of the members and by a majority of votes, to make rules for admission, withdrawal or expulsion of members; for the conduct of the duties of the Board of Management and of the various officers, agents and servants of the Corporation; for the procedure in the transaction of business; and otherwise generally for the management of the affairs of the Corporation and the accomplishment of its objects. Such rules when made may, at a like meeting, be altered, added to, amended or rescinded, subject however to the requirements of subsection (2).

(2) No rule of the Corporation for the time being in force, nor any rule which may hereafter be passed shall be altered, added to, amended or rescinded except by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting at a general meeting of the Corporation:

Provided, however, that such alteration, addition, amendment or rescission shall have been approved by the Board of Management.

(3) The rules of the Association in force at the time of the coming into operation of this Act, shall be deemed to be the rules of the Corporation made under this section.

(4) All members of the Corporation shall be subject to the rules in force for the time being of the Corporation.

6. All debts and liabilities of the Association existing at the time of coming into operation of this Act shall be paid by the Corporation hereby constituted and all debts due to and subscriptions and contributions payable to the Association shall be paid to the Corporation for the purposes of this Act.

Debts due  
by and  
payable to  
the  
Association.

7. The seal of the Corporation shall not be affixed to any instrument whatsoever except in the presence of two of the members of the Board of Management, who shall sign their names to the instrument in token of their presence, and such signing shall be independent of the signing of any person as a witness.

How seal  
of the  
Corporation  
is to be  
affixed.

8. The Corporation shall be able and capable in law to take and hold any property, movable or immovable, which may become vested in it by virtue of any purchase, grant, gift, testamentary disposition or otherwise and all such property shall be held by the Corporation for the purposes of this Act and subject to the rules in force for the time being of the Corporation, with full power to sell, mortgage, lease, exchange or otherwise dispose of the same.

Corporation  
may hold  
property  
movable  
and  
immovable.

9. It shall be lawful for the Corporation to raise funds for the accomplishment of its objects and for such purpose to create, execute, grant or issue any mortgages, bonds or obligations:

Borrowing  
powers.

Provided that the aggregate of the amounts which may be so raised by the Corporation shall not exceed the sum determined by the Board of Management.

10. The Corporation shall reimburse any member, officer, agent or servant of the Corporation to the extent of payments bona fide made by such member, officer, agent or servant of the Corporation, on behalf of the Corporation and for its benefit.

Reimburse-  
ment.

11. Nothing in this Act contained shall prejudice or affect the rights of the Republic, of any body politic or corporate or of any other persons, except such as are mentioned in this Act, and those claiming by, from or under them.

Saving of  
rights of  
the Republic  
and others