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**THE FEDERATION OF PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETIES
OF SRI LANKA (INCORPORATION)**

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to incorporate the Federation of Photographic Societies of Sri Lanka

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*The Federation of Photographic Societies
of Sri Lanka (Incorporation)*

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE FEDERATION OF PHOTOGRAPHIC
SOCIETIES OF SRI LANKA

WHEREAS a Federation called and known as the “The Federation of Photographic Societies of Sri Lanka” has heretofore been formed in Sri Lanka for the purpose of effectually carrying out its objects and transacting all matters connected with the said Federation according to the rules agreed to by its members:

Preamble.

AND WHEREAS the said Federation 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 expedient to grant the said 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 The Federation of Photographic Societies of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Act, No. of 2013.

Short title.

2. From and after the date of commencement of this Act, such and so many person as are now members of The Federation of Photographic Societies of Sri Lanka (hereinafter referred to as the “Federation”) or shall hereafter be admitted as members of the Corporation hereby constituted, shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession, under the name and style of The “Federation of Photographic Societies of Sri Lanka” (hereinafter referred to as “the Corporation”) and by that name may sue and be sued, with full power and authority to have and use a common seal and to alter the same at its pleasure.

Incorporation of the Federation of Photographic Societies of Sri Lanka.

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

General
objects of the
Corporation.

- (a) to popularize the art of photography as an artistic and technical media;
- 5 (b) to avail an oppoutunity in order to learn the photographic art theoretically and practically free of charge and to obtain any other professional qualification in the field of photography;
- 10 (c) to facilitate the school students to learn the photographic art free of charge as an aesthetic subject;
- (d) to take action in order to keep the photographic art alive, and to safeguard the common rights of the members of the societies;
- 15 (e) to publish any useful publication under the sponsorship of the federation with the view of promoting the field;
- (f) to popularize the same among the photographic societies so established; and
- 20 (g) to develop co-operation among the photographic societies internally and internationally in order to achieve the above objectivies; to educate how to protect environment and to prepare for the future; and to develop co-operation and friendship among
- 25 the societies.

4. (1) The management, control and administration of the Corporation shall, subject to the provision of this Act, and the rules in force for the time being of the Corporation, vested in a Board of Directors (hereinafter referred to as the

30 “Board”) consisting of the office bearers and such other persons as may be provided for in such rules and elected in accordance therewith.

Management
of the affairs
of the
Corporation.

(2) The first Board of the Corporation shall consist of the members of the Board of the Federation holding office on the day preceding the date of commencement of this Act.

- 5 **5.** Subject to the provision of this Act and any other written law, the Corporation shall have the power to do, perform and execute all such acts, matters and things whatsoever as are necessary or desirable for the furtherance of its objects or any one of them, including the power to open, operate and close bank accounts, to borrow or raise
10 moneys with or without security, to receive or collect grants or donations, to invest its funds, to erect any building or structure on any land held by the Corporation, and to engage, employ and dismiss officers and servants required for the carrying out of the objects of the Corporation.
- 15 **6.** (1) It shall be lawful for the Corporation, from time to time, at any general meeting and by the votes of not less than two thirds of the members present and voting, to make rules, not inconsistent with the provision of this Act or any other written law, for all or any of the following matters:—
- 20 (a) the classification of membership, fees payable by each class of members and admission, withdrawal, expulsion or resignation of members and for the maintaining of register of members;
- 25 (b) the election of office bearers of the Board or vacation of or removal from, office and the powers, duties and functions of the office bearers;
- (c) the appointment, powers, duties and functions and conditions of the various officers, agents and servants of the Corporation;
- 30 (d) the procedure to be followed at the summoning and holding of meetings of the Board, the Corporation and any sub-committee thereof, including the quorum therefore and the conduct of business thereat;

General
Powers of the
Corporation.

Rules of the
Corporation.

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(e) the qualifications and disqualifications for members of the Board and the Corporation; and

(f) the administration and management of the property of the Corporation for the accomplishment of the objects the Corporation.

(2) The rules made by the Corporation may be amended, altered, added to or rescinded at a like meeting and in like manner as a rule made under subsection (1).

(3) The members of the Corporation shall at all time be subject to rules of the Corporation made under this section.

(4) The rules of the Federation in force on the day preceding to date of commencement of this Act, shall in so far as they are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act or any other written law, be deemed to be rules of the Corporation made under this section.

7. (1) The Corporation shall have its own Fund. All Fund of the Corporation.
moneys received by way of gift, bequest, donation, transfer, subscription, contribution or fees shall be deposited to the credit of the Corporation in one or more Banks as the Board of Management shall determine.

(2) There shall be paid out of the Fund of the Corporation, all such sums of money as may be required to defray any expenditure incurred by the Corporation in carrying out the objects of the Corporation.

8. The Corporation shall be able and capable in law, Corporation may hold property movable and immovable.
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 power to sell, mortgage, lease, exchange or otherwise dispose of the same.

9. No member of the Corporation shall, for the purpose of discharging the debts and liabilities of the Corporation or for any other purpose, be liable to make any contribution exceeding the amount of annual subscription payable by him to the Corporation.

Limitation of liability of members.

10. If upon the dissolution of the Corporation there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, such property shall not be distributed among the members of the Corporation but shall be given or transferred to some other institute or institutes having objects similar to those of the Corporation, and which is or are by the rules thereof prohibited from distributing any income or property among its or their members. Such institution or institutions shall be determined by the Board at or immediately before the dissolution of the Corporation.

Property remaining on dissolution.

11. The main objective of the federation is to give due recognition to the photographers as professionals while accepting all other aesthetics as professions within Sri Lankan territory. They shall comply to the code of ethics to be followed by the professionals.

Protecting the Professionalism.

12. (1) The financial year of the Corporation shall be the calendar year.

Accounts and Audit.

(2) The Corporation shall cause proper accounts to be kept of income and expenditure, assets and liabilities and all other transactions of the Corporation.

(3) The accounts of the Corporation shall be audited by a qualified auditor as may be determined by the Board.

In this section “qualified auditor” means—

(a) an individual who being a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka, or any other Institute established by law, possesses a certificate to practice as an Accountant issued by the Council of such Institute ; or

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- (b) a firm of Accountants each of the resident partners
of which, being a member of the Institute of
Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka or of any other
Institute established by law, possesses a certificate
5 to practice as Accountant issued by the Council of
such Institute.

13. The seal of the Corporation shall not be affixed to any instrument whatsoever, except in the presence of such
number of person as may be duly authorized by the Board
10 who shall sign their names on the instrument in token of their
presence and such signing shall be independent of the signing
of any person as a witness. Seal of the Corporation.

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

15. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall
20 prevail. Sinhala text to prevail in case of inconsistency.

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