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AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE RANGA ART INSTITUTE

WHEREAS an Institute called and known as the “Ranga Art Institute” has therefore formed at Kahapola, Piliyandala, in Sri Lanka for the purpose of effectually carrying out and transacting all objects and matters connected with the said Association, according to the rules agreed to by its members :

Preamble.

AND WHEREAS the said Institute has heretofore successfully carried out and transacted the several objects and matters for which it was formed and has applied to be incorporated and it will be for the public advantage to grant such 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 Ranga Art Institute (Incorporation) Act, No. 11 of 2009.

Short title.

2. From and after the date of commencement of this Act, such and so many persons as now are members of the “Ranga Art Institute” (hereinafter referred to as the “Institute”) or shall hereafter be admitted as members of the Institute hereby constituted, shall be and become a body corporate (hereinafter referred to as the “Corporation”), with perpetual succession, under the name and style of the “Ranga Art Institute” and by that name 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 “Ranga Art Institute.”

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

General objects of the Corporation.

- (a) to contribute in different ways with a view to bequeathing, drumming and dancing which are our traditional cultural legacies to the future generation;

- (b) to maintain the Ranaga Institute of Art at a high standard as a Faculty of Arts and Crafts;
- (c) to formulate a five year full time non-paying course for pupils of the traditional Dancing and Drumming Arts and the production and repair of instruments;
- (d) to encourage the safeguarding of Dancing and Drumming and to implement programmes connected thereto;
- (e) to foster and protect our cultural heritage;
- (f) to make traditional arts attractive to the youth by the enrichment of the traditional drumming and dancing through new trends;
- (g) to initiate national and regional level programmes with the participation of the youth for the protection of the traditional system of arts;
- (h) to participate actively in the religious, cultural and social activities within and outside the country;
- (i) to give students the opportunity practicing in various cultural programmes;
- (j) to give students the necessary financial strength to become successfull enterprenures at the end of their courses;
- (k) to implement a special social insurance project for the upliftment of the living standards of the traditional Artists and the fostering of retired artists; and
- (l) to print, publish and distribute books, journals, leaflets, newspapers and magazines which the Corporation may consider desirable for the promotion and advancement of its objects.

4. (1) The affairs of the Corporation shall, subject to the provisions of this Act and the rules as made by the Corporation under the section 7 of the Corporation, be administered by a Administrative Council (hereinafter referred to as the “Council”) consisting of the Dean of the Institute, Deputy Dean of the Institute, Assistant Dean of the Institute, the Secretary, the Treasurer and four other members as may be elected in accordance with the rules of the Corporation.

Management of the affairs of the Corporation.

(2) The first Administrative Council of the Corporation shall consist of the members of the Board of Trustees of the Organization holding office on the day immediately preceding the date of commencement of this Act.

5. There shall be a Advisory Board which shall consist of five members appointed by the Council. The members of the Advisory Board may attend the meetings of the Council. The Board may grant advice, on various issues, but the Board shall not have power to vote.

Advisory Board.

6. Subject to the provision of this Act, and any other written law, the Corporation shall have the power—

Power of the Corporation to acquire property, invest funds, and raise loans &c.

- (a) to purchase, acquire, rent, construct and otherwise obtain lands or buildings which may be required for the purpose of the Corporation;
- (b) to borrow or raise money from the Government approved Banks and other institutions or accept aids and donations (foreign and local) for the purposes of the Corporation with the approval of the Council;
- (c) to make, draw, accept, discount, endorse, negotiate, buy, sell and issue bills of exchange, cheques, promissory notes and other negotiable instrument and to open, operate, maintain and close bank accounts;

- (d) to invest any funds not immediately required for the purpose of the Corporation, in such a manner as the Council may think fit,
- (e) to solicit and receive subscriptions, grants, donations and gifts of all kinds;
- (f) to enter into agreements or contracts with any person, company or body of persons;
- (g) to undertake, accept, execute, perform and administer any lawful trusts and conditions affecting any real or personal property;
- (h) to appoint, employ, dismiss or terminate the services of officer and servants of the Corporation and to pay them such salaries, allowances and gratuities as may be determined by the Corporation; and
- (i) to train personnel in Sri Lanka or abroad for the purpose of the Corporation.

Rules of the Corporation.

7. (1) It shall be lawful for the Corporation, from time to time, at any general meeting and by a majority of not less than two thirds of the members present and voting to make rules not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, and other written law for all or any of the following matters :—

- (a) election of the members of the Council or vacation of or removal from office as office bearers and powers, duties and conduct of the Council;
- (b) the appointment powers, duties, functions and conduct of the teachers, various officers, agents and servants of the Corporation and termination of Service and payment of salaries of them;
- (c) the procedure to be observed at and the summoning and holding of meetings of the Council, the

Corporation or any sub-committee thereof, filling of vacancies, notices and agenda of such meetings, the quorum therefore and the conduct of business thereat;

- (d) the qualifications and disqualifications for membership in the Institute and the Corporation; and
- (e) the administration and management of the property of the Corporation and the accomplishment of the objects of the Corporation.

(2) The rules of the Institute in force on the day preceding the date of commencement of this Act shall insofar as they are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act or any other written law be deemed to be the rules of the Corporation and may be amended, altered, added to or rescinded at a like meeting and in like manner as a rules made under subsection (1) of this section.

(3) The members of the Corporation shall be subject to the Rules of the Corporation.

8. (1) The Corporation shall have its own fund and the financial year shall be from 1st January to 31st of December of the same year.

Fund of the
Corporation.

(2) All moneys received by way of gifts, bequests, donations, subscriptions, contribution fees or grants for and on account of the Corporation shall be deposited in a bank approved by the Council to the credit of the Corporation.

(3) The accounts of the Corporation shall be audited at least once in every year qualified auditor appointed 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 of any

other Institute established by law, possesses a certificate to practice as an Accountant, issued by the Council of such Institute ; or

- (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 to practice as an Accountant, issued by the Council of such Institute.

How the seal of the Corporation is to be affixed.

9. The seal of the Corporation shall not be affixed to any instrument whatsoever, except in the presence of the Dean of the Institute and the Secretary or such other person duly authorized by the Council 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.

Saving of the rights of the Republic and others.

10. Nothing in this Act contained shall prejudice or affect the rights of the Republic or of any body politic or corporate of any other person.

Sinhala text to prevail in case of inconsistency.

11. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and the Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail.

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