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SRI LANKA**

**“MATARA SEASON” ORGANIZATION
(INCORPORATION)**

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BILL

to incorporate the “Matara Season” Organization

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AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE “MATARA SEASON”
ORGANIZATION

WHEREAS an organization called and known as the “Matara Season” Organization has heretofore been created for the purpose of effectually carrying out and transacting all objects and matters connected with the said Organization according to the rules agreed to by its members:

AND WHEREAS the said Organization 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 “Matara Season” Organization (Incorporation) Act, No. of 2021.

2. From and after the date of commencement of this Act, such and so many persons as now are members of the “Matara Season” Organization (hereinafter referred to as “the Organization”) 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 “Matara Season” Organization (hereinafter referred to as the “Corporation”) and by that name may sue and be sued and shall have full power and authority to have and use a common seal and to alter the same at its pleasure.

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

(a) to provide for displaying and evaluating skills of school children and university students and to confer awards and certificates to children with talents in order to promote thier cultural skills;

(b) to implement special training programmes which will enable the creation of a young generation who appreciate and practice values, norms and ethics;

5 (c) to conduct leadership camps and workshops for senior students of schools and universities in order to mould them for leadership and to educate them for successful living;

10 (d) to implement practical programmes for promoting physical capabilities of student population through sanitation and health programmes and sports cum physical exercise programmes;

15 (e) to organize and operate educational tours, shramadana campaigns and workshops in order to inculcate feelings on Sri Lankan heritage, environment, wildlife, population and patriotism;

(f) to extend support to services rendered by senior citizens organizations and to encourage such organizations;

20 (g) to encourage farmers engaged in traditional and export agricultural activities and to carry out various awareness programmes for them;

(h) to take action to provide required assistance and support and training to unemployed youths in order to enable them to engage in self employment activities;

25 (i) to work in collaboration with local and foreign organizations with objectives similar to those of the Corporation;

(j) to do all such other acts, matters and things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objectives of the Corporation.

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4. Subject to the provisions of this Act and any other Powers of the
written law, the Corporation shall have the power to— Corporation

- (a) open, operate and close bank accounts;
- 5 (b) borrow or raise money with or without security and
to receive or collect grants and donations;
- (c) invest any funds of the Corporation which are not
immediately required for the purpose of the
Corporation in a way that may be determined by
the Committee of Management;
- 10 (d) purchase, acquire, give on lease or hire, sell or
otherwise obtain any movable or immovable
property which may be required for the purpose of
the Corporation and which may lawfully be
15 acquired for those purposes and to deal with or
dispose of the same, as it may deem expedient with
a view to promoting the objects of the Corporation;
- (e) appoint, employ and dismiss the employees
required for the carrying out of the objects of the
Corporation and pay them such remuneration as
20 may be determined by the Corporation;
- (f) enter into, perform or carry out, whether directly
or through any officer or agent authorized in that
behalf of the Corporation, all such contracts or
25 agreements as may be necessary for the attainment
of the objects of the exercise of the powers of the
Corporation; and
- (g) appoint advisory councils, committees or sub
committees as and when necessary to carry out any
functions of the Corporation as may be determined
30 by the Committee of Management;

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 Provided that the Corporation shall obtain prior
written approval of the Department of External
Resources of the Ministry of the Minister assigned
the subject of Finance in respect of all foreign
5 grants, gifts or donations.

5. (1) The management of the affairs of the Corporation shall be subject to the rules of the Corporation, be
administered by Committee of Management consisting of
not more than six office bearers inclusive of the Chairman/
10 Managing Director, Secretary, Treasurer and such number
of members as may be provided or in rules and elected in
accordance therewith.

Management
of the affairs
of the
Corporation

 (2) No act or proceeding of the Committee of Management
shall be deemed to be invalid by reason only of the existence
15 of a vacancy among its members or any defect on the election
or nomination of a member thereof.

 (3) The first Committee of Management shall consist of
the members of the Committee of Management holding office
on the day immediately preceding the date of commencement
20 of this Act and shall continue to hold office until a new
Committee of Management is elected in accordance with
the rules made under section 6 of this Act.

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

Rules of the
Corporation

- (a) the classification of members and the admission,
withdrawal or expulsion of members;
- 30 (b) the election of the office-bearers, the resignation
from, vacation of or removal from office of office-
bearers and their powers, conduct and duties;

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- (c) the election of the members of the Committee of Management and its powers, duties and conduct and the terms of office of members of the Committee of Management;
- 5 (d) the powers, duties, functions and conduct of the officers, agents and servants of the Corporation;
- (e) the procedure to be observed at and the summoning and holding of meetings of the Committee of Management, the times, places, notices and agenda
- 10 of such meetings, the quorum thereof and the conduct of business thereat;
- (f) the administration and management of the property of the Corporation, the custody of its funds, and the maintenance and audit of its accounts; and
- 15 (g) the management of the affairs of the Corporation, and the accomplishment of its objects.

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

- 20 (3) The members of the Corporation shall be subject to the rules of the Corporation.

7. The Secretary of the Committee of Management shall keep and maintain a register containing the names of the members of the Corporation.

Register of
the Members
of the
Corporation

- 25 8. Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Corporation shall be able and capable in law to acquire and hold any property both movable and 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
- 30 by the Corporation for the purpose of this Act and subject to the rules of the Corporation made under section 6, with full power to sell, mortgage, lease, exchange or otherwise dispose of the same.

Corporation
may hold
movable and
immovable
property

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(2) The Corporation may establish a depreciation fund or a sinking fund for the purpose of rehabilitation, development or improvement of the property of the Corporation.

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

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(3) In this section, “qualified auditor” means —

- 5 (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
- 10 (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 of practice as an
Accountant, issued by the Council of such
institute.

15 **13.** (1) The Seal of the Corporation shall not be affixed Seal of the
to any instrument whatsoever except in the presence of the Corporation
President and the Secretary or two other members of the
Corporation as may be decided by the committee of
Management who shall sign their names to the instrument
20 in token of their presence and such signing shall be
independent of the signing of any person as a witness.

25 **14.** If upon the dissolution of the Corporation, there Property
remains any property whatsoever, after the satisfaction of all remaining on
debts and liabilities, such property shall not be distributed dissolution
among the members of the Corporation, but shall be given or
transferred to some other institution having objects similar
to those of the Corporation, and which is or are by its rules
prohibited from distributing any income or property among
its or their members. Such institution or institutions may be
30 determined by the members of the Committee of Management
on or before the dissolution of the Corporation.

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

Savings of
the rights of
the Republic
and others

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

Sinhala text
to prevail in
case of
inconsistency

