

# PARLIAMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

## ROSHAN RANASINGHE JANASAHANA FOUNDATION (INCORPORATION)

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to incorporate the Roshan Ranasinghe Janasahana Foundation

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### AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE ROSHAN RANASINGHE JANASAHANA FOUNDATION

WHEREAS an Association called and known as the "Roshan Preamble. Ranasinghe Janasahana Foundation" has heretofore been formed at No. 829/1/B, Hospital Junction, Polonnaruwa of Polonnaruwa District in Sri Lanka for the purpose of effectually carrying out and transacting all objects and matters connected with the said Foundation according to the rules agreed to by its members:

AND WHEREAS the said Association has heretofore successfully carried out and transacted the several objects 10 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:—

- 15 1. This Act may be cited as the Roshan Ranasinghe Short title. Janasahana Foundation (Incorporation) Act, No.
- 2. From and after the date of commencement of this Incorporation Act, such and so many persons as now are members of the Roshan "Roshan Ranasinghe Janasahana Foundation" (hereinafter Ranasinghe 20 referred to as "Foundation") or shall hereafter be admitted Janasahana as 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 "Roshan Ranasinghe Janasahana Foundation" 25 and by that name may sue and be sued with full power and authority to have and use a common seal and alter the same at its pleasure.

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

General objects of the Corporation.

- (a) implementing diverse programmers for the propagation of Buddhism, Catholicism, Hinduism and Islam among the people and extending as much support as possible for their promotion and establishing societies and organizations with the participation of the devotees of such religious centers with a view to building a virtuous and peaceful society valuing time honored customs and rituals;
  - (b) to encourage farmers engaged in traditional and export agricultural activities and to carry out various awareness programs for them;
- 15 (c) providing relief and welfare services in natural disasters, distress and unexpected incidents;

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- (d) to assist families of workers, farmers and such other persons which have become indigent due to loss of employment, illness, disability, death or other cause;
- (e) to provide or arrange to provide vocational training and assistance to disadvantaged young persons to engage in self-employment or to secure other employment;
- 25 (f) to assist and actively encourage students of lowerincome families or students who have lost one or more parents or students who have faced any such unjustice, to pursue higher education;
- (g) to implement programmers in relation to child 30 health, adult health, disease control, clinics, exercises, sport, medical aid with a view to ensure welfare of community;

- (h) to establish pre-schools, parks, play grounds, community centers to develop mental and physical growth of children;
- (i) creating training opportunities for the youths in 5 the fields such as technical, construction, information technology, computer and mobile communications that have a good demand in the employment markets and registering them after completion of training and directing them towards 10 potential local and overseas employment opportunities;
  - (j) to engage in any industry or trade or any export or import business and to aid or assist persons to commence and operate agricultural, industrial and commercial ventures and to undertake training programmers and extention of services and to organize propaganda activities relating to the transfer of technology;
- (k) to provide wheelchairs, crutches and spectacles etc, 20 for the poor and destitute;

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- (1) setting up welfare insurance schemes for the members of the Foundation;
- (m) to do all other things necessary or expedient for the carrying out of the objects of the Corporation; and
- 25 (n) to liaise and co-ordinate with other local of foreign institutions which have similar objects.
- 4. (1) The affairs of the Corporation shall, subject to the Management other provisions of this Act and the rules in force for the time of the affairs being of the Corporation be administered by a Board of Corporation. 30 Directors consisting of Chairman and Secretary, Treasurer and another eleven members elected in accordance with such rules.

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- (2) The founder member of the Foundation, Mr. Roshan Ranasinghe shall be the Chairman of the Board of Directors for life and thereafter, a family member of the person who was holding office as the Chairman shall become the next Chairman of the Board of Directors.
- (3) The first Board of the Corporation shall consist of the members of the Board of Administration of the Foundation holding office on the day immediately preceding the date of commencement of this Act.
- 10 (4) A member of the Board of Directors other than the Chairman shall unless he vacates his office earlier by death or resignation, hold office for a period of four years. When due to death or resignation a vacancy occurs in the Board of Directors a new member shall be appointed to fill such 15 vacancy and such new member shall hold office for a period of four years.
- 5. Subject to the provisions of this Act and any other General written law, the Corporation shall have the power to do, perform and execute all such acts, matters and things 20 whatsoever as are necessary or desirable for the promotion or furtherance of the objects of the Corporation or any one of them, including the power to acquire and hold property movable, to open, operate and close bank accounts, to borrow or raise moneys with or without security, accept and collect 25 grants and donations, invest moneys of the Corporations to erect any building or structures 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.

powers of the Corporation.

30 **6.** (1) It shall be lawful for the Corporation, from time to Rules of the time, at any general meeting and by a majority of not less Corporation. than two-thirds of the members present and voting, to make rules, not inconsistant with the provisions of this Act or any other written law, for all or any of the following matters—

35 (a) classification of membership, admission, withdrawal, expulsion or resignation of members and membership fees payable;

- (b) procedure to be observed for the summoning and holding of meetings of the Corporation and of the Board of Directors, the quorum for such meetings and the exercise and performance of their powers and duties;
- (c) the appointment, power, duties and functions of the various officers, agents and servants of the Corporation;
- (d) qualification required to become a member of the 10 Corporation and of the Board of Directors; and

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- (e) the administration and management of property of the Corporation.
- (2) Any rule made by the Corporation may be amended, altered, added to or rescinded at a like meeting and in like 15 manner as a rule made under subsection (1).
  - (3) Every member of the Corporation shall be subject to the rules of the Corporation.
- 7. All debts and liabilities of the Foundation existing Debts due by on the day preceding the date of commencement of this Act, and payable 20 shall be paid by the Corporation hereby constituted and all debts due to, subscriptions and contributions payable to the Foundation on that day shall be paid to the Corporation for the purposes of this Act.

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8. (1) The Corporation shall have its own fund and all Fund of the 25 moneys heretofore or hereafter be received by way of gifts, Corporation. bequest, donation, subscription, contribution, fees or grants for and on account of the Corporation shall be deposited to the credit of the Corporation in one or more Banks as the Board of Directors shall determine.

30 (2) There shall be paid out of the fund, all sums of money required to defray any expenditure incurred by the Corporation in the exercise, performance and discharge of its power, duties and function under this Act.

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9. The Corporation shall be able and capable in law, to Corporation acquire and hold any property, movable and immovable may hold which may become vested in it by virtue of any purchase, movable and minimovable property movable and grant, lease, gift, testamentary disposition or otherwise and immovable. 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.

10. No member of the Corporation of the Corporation Limitation of 10 shall for the purpose of discharging the debts and liabilities liabilities of of the Corporation or for any other purpose, be liable to make any contribution exceeding the among of such membership fees as may be due from him to the Corporation.

11. If upon the dissolution of the Corporation, there Property 15 remains after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities any remaining on property whatsoever, such property shall not be distributed among the members of the Corporation, but shall be given or transferred to some other institution or institutions having objects similar to those of the Corporation and which, is or 20 are by its or their rules prohibited from distributing any income or property among their members. Such institution or institutions may be determined by the Board of Directors on or before the dissolution of the Corporation.

dissolution.

12. (1) The Board of Directors of the Corporation shall Audit and 25 cause proper accounts to be kept of all moneys received and accounts of expended by the Corporation.

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- (2) The financial year of the Corporation shall be the calendar year.
- (3) The accounts of the Corporation shall be examined 30 and audited at least once in every year by an auditor or auditors appointed by the Board of Directors.
  - 13. The seal of the Corporation shall not be affixed to Seal of the any instrument whatsoever except in the presence of Corporation. Chairman of the Corporation and one member of the Board

of Directors such number of person as may be provided for in the rules in force for the time being of the Corporation, who shall sign their names to the instrument in token of their presence and such signing shall be independent of 5 signing of any person as a witness.

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

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

case of inconsistency.

