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ACT, No. 17 OF 2018**

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AN ACT TO MAKE PROVISIONS FOR THE ABSORPTION OF STUDENTS REGISTERED WITH THE SOUTH ASIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND MEDICINE TO THE GENERAL SIR JOHN KOTELAWALA DEFENCE UNIVERSITY ESTABLISHED UNDER THE SIR JOHN KOTELAWALA DEFENCE UNIVERSITY ACT, NO. 68 OF 1981 AS A MATTER OF NATIONAL INTEREST AND TO PROVIDE FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH OR INCIDENTAL THERETO.

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

1. This Act may be cited as the General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University (Special Provisions) Act, No. 17 of 2018 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may appoint by Order published in the *Gazette* (hereinafter referred to as the “appointed date”).

Short title and date of operation.

2. The General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University (hereinafter referred to as the “University”) shall have the power -

Absorption of students of South Asian Institute of Technology and Medicine to the University.

- (a) to absorb those students who have obtained basic qualifications from among the students who have registered with the South Asian Institute of Technology and Medicine (hereinafter referred to as the “SAITM”) between the period commencing from the fifteenth day of September Two Thousand Nine and ending in the fifteenth day of May Two Thousand Seventeen, to the University to follow the study programme leading to the award of the MBBS Degree (KDU);
- (b) to award the MBBS Degree (KDU) to students absorbed to the University under paragraph (a), who would successfully complete the study programme leading to the award of the MBBS Degree (KDU);

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- (c) to award to those students having basic qualifications and have completed the study programme leading to the award of the MBBS Degree at the SAIMT on or before the appointed date, the MBBS Degree (KDU) on such terms as may be determined by the Board of Management of the University in respect thereof; and
- (d) to decide on the criteria to be employed by the Board of Management of the University to determine the conditions subject to which the students specified in paragraphs (a) and (c) shall be awarded the MBBS Degree (KDU).

Medical Faculty  
of SAIMT cease  
to be in  
operation.

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other written law, immediately upon the completion of the absorption of students specified in section 2, the Medical Faculty of SAIMT shall cease to be eligible to award the MBBS Degree and shall cease to be in operation.

Interpretation.

4. In this Act —

“basic qualifications” mean, minimum of ‘S’ grade (simple) pass in Chemistry, Physics and Biology at the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination conducted by the Examinations Department of the Ministry of Education of Sri Lanka or an equivalent foreign qualification including equivalent qualifications of students who have offered the subjects Chemistry, Mathematics and Biology;

“MBBS Degree” means the Degree of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery.

Sinhala text to  
prevail in case  
of any  
inconsistency.

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

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