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AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE SRI LANKA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION.

WHEREAS an Association called and known as "The Sri Lanka Historical Association" was formed in 1990, 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 Association, has heretofore successfully carried out and transacted the several objects and matters for which it was formed.

AND WHEREAS the said Association has applied to be incorporated and it will be for the public advantage that such application shall be granted;

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 Sri Lanka Historical Association (Incorporation) Act, No. 26 of 1998.

Short title.

2. From and after the commencement of this Act, such and so many persons as now are members of the Sri Lanka Historical Association (hereinafter referred to as the "Association") 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 Sri Lanka Historical Association" (hereinafter referred to as "the Corporation") 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
Sri Lanka
Historical
Association.

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

General objects of
the Corporation.

(a) to initiate and promote research into historical studies with special reference to the history of Sri Lanka;

- (b) to make comparative and evaluative studies of the history and civilizations of Sri Lanka;
- (c) to establish a library and provide other services and to print, publish and sell, books, journals, memories, monographs and periodicals in fulfilment of the objects of the Corporation;
- (d) to establish friendly relations with organizations devoted to the study of history and especially the study of Asian cultures and civilizations, in Sri Lanka and abroad;
- (e) to arrange, organise, and promote, exhibitions, lecture programmes, conferences, seminars, work-shops, educational tours and other activities, in furtherance of the objects of the Corporation;
- (f) to send delegates to seminars on topics pertaining to the objects of the Corporation, conducted in Sri Lanka or in foreign countries;
- (g) to adopt measures to collaborate with local and foreign organizations having similar objects;
- (h) to assist members, officers and servants of the Corporation who are engaged in pursuits directed towards the accomplishment of the objects of the Corporation through scholarships or awards;
- (i) to collect funds for the conduct of the affairs of the Corporation;
- (j) to do all such other acts and things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objects of the Corporation.

Management of
the affairs of the
Corporation.

4. (1) The affairs of the Corporation shall, subject to the rules in force for the time being of the Corporation be administered by a Council consisting of the President, Vice Presidents and other office bearers elected by the Corporation.

(2) The first Council of the Corporation shall be the Council of the Association holding office on the day preceding the date of commencement of this Act.

5. The Council of the Corporation shall cause to be kept a register of members in which shall be entered the name of every person who, or institution which, at the date of the commencement of this Act is a member of the Corporation and of every person or institution thereafter duly admitted as a member of the Corporation.

Register of
members.

6. (1) It shall be lawful for the Corporation, from time to time, at any general meeting of the members and by the votes of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting, to make rules, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act or any other written law, for admission, withdrawal or expulsion of members and the election of office bearers and the Council, for the conduct of the duties of the Council of the Corporation and of the officers, trustees, agents and servants of the Corporation, for the procedure to be followed in the transaction of business by the Council of the Corporation and otherwise generally, for the management of the affairs of the Corporation and the accomplishment of its objects.

Rules of the
Corporation.

(2) The members of the Corporation shall be subject to the rules of the Corporation.

7. The Council of the Corporation shall cause proper books of accounts to be kept of all income and expenditure of the Corporation. The accounts of the Corporation shall be audited by a qualified auditor or auditors.

Accounts of
the
Corporation.

8. All debts and liabilities of the Association existing on the day preceding the date of the commencement of this Act shall be paid by the Corporation hereby constituted and all debts due to, and subscriptions and contributions payable to, the Association on that day shall be paid, for the purpose of this Act, to the Corporation.

Debts due by
and payable
to the
Association.

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

Corporation may
hold property
movable or
immovable.

(2) The Corporation shall have the power, from time to time, to mortgage, sell, grant, convey, devise, assign, exchange or otherwise dispose of any such property and to invest its funds in such manner as may be necessary or expedient as determined by the Council of the Corporation, for the furtherance of its objects.

Powers of the
Corporation.

10. It shall be lawful for the Corporation to—

- (a) Purchase, acquire, rent, construct and otherwise obtain, lands and buildings which may be required for the purpose of the Corporation;
- (b) invest any funds not immediately required for the purpose of the Corporation in such manner as the Council of the Corporation may think fit and from time to time vary and transfer any such investments;
- (c) raise or borrow money for the purpose of the Corporation on any security or otherwise and to secure or discharge any debt or obligation of the Corporation in such manner as may be thought fit by the Council of the Corporation;
- (d) solicit, raise or receive subscriptions, grants, donations and gifts of all kinds for the purposes of the Corporation;
- (e) establish, and maintain, a library of books, journals, pamphlets, manuscripts and documents on subjects relating to the objects of the Corporation;
- (f) establish, and maintain, funds for specific purposes;
- (g) appoint, dismiss, or terminate the services of, officers and servants of the Corporation, and pay them such salaries, allowances, bonuses and gratuities as may from time to time be determined by the Council of the Corporation.

- (h) establish or contribute to, any fund or scheme for the grant of gratuities, pensions, allowances or other benefits to officers or servants, past and present, of the Corporation, or to the dependants of such officers and servants;
- (i) enter into any contract with any person, or body of persons, whether corporate or unincorporate, or any Government department or local authority, for promoting the objects of the Corporation; and
- (j) to do all other things necessary or expedient for the proper and effective carrying out of the objects of the Corporation.

11. The seal of the Corporation shall not be affixed to any instrument whatsoever except in the presence of two members of the Council of the Corporation who shall sign their names to 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.

12. 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 such membership fees as may be due from such member to the Corporation.

Limitation of
Liability of
members.

13. 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 institution or institutions 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 members. Such institution or institutions shall be determined by the members of the Corporation at or immediately before the times of the dissolution of the Corporation.

Property
remaining on
dissolution.

Saving of the rights of the Republic and others.

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

Sinhala text to prevail in case of inconsistency.

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

