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**RIDHWANIYYAH ARABIC COLLEGE
(INCORPORATION)**

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to incorporate the Ridhwaniyyah Arabic College

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Ridhwaniyyah Arabic College (Incorporation)

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE RIDHWANIYYAH ARABIC COLLEGE

WHEREAS a college known as “Ridhwaniyyah Arabic College” has heretofore been formed in Sri Lanka at No. 84, Kew Road, Colombo - 02 for the purpose of effectually carrying out and transacting all objects and matters connected with the said college, according to the rules agreed to by the Board of Management of the College:

Preamble.

AND WHEREAS the said college 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 Ridhwaniyyah Arabic College (Incorporation) Act, No. 2013.

Short title.

2. From and after the date of commencement of this Act, such and so many persons as now are members of the Ridhwaniyyah Arabic College (hereinafter referred to as the “College”) and 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 Ridhwaniyyah Arabic College” (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
Ridhwaniyyah
Arabic
College

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

General
objects of the
Corporation.

(a) to produce Islamic Theologists to lead the community under the Islamic law of “Shariaa”;

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- (b) to protect Islam;
- (c) to produce “Hafidhs” who have learnt the Holy Quran by heart;
- 5 (d) to promote and foster unity within the Islamic community and find solutions of problems of such community;
- (e) to promote the policies of “Sunnath Wal Jamaath” within the Islamic community;
- 10 (f) Learning and Teaching Islam in Arabic Language according to Al Quran and AL Hadhees;
- (g) Teaching Sinhala, Tamil, English and Urdu Language;
- 15 (h) Providing opportunity to students study Islam based on the syllabus approved by the Ministry of Education and guiding the students to G.C.E. Ordinary Level and G.C.E. Advanced Level Examinations;
- 20 (i) Organizing and Conducting a separate unit for the Social Welfare, Economic Development and Educational Improvement of Muslim Ladies;
- (j) to promote and foster the policies of the “Sunnath Wal Jamaath” based on holy propagation of “Thableekh” with the “Fikh” (concepts of the School of Thought) laws of the “Shafiee Madhhab” and the belief in “Al Ashariya”; and
- 25 (k) to do all such acts and things as are in the opinion of the Corporation connected to any of the above and beneficial to the growth of the College.

- 30 **4.** (1) The management, control and administrations of the Corporation shall subject to the other provisions of this Act be administered by a Board of Management consisting
- Management of the affairs of the Corporation.

of fifteen members elected in accordance with the rules of the Corporation from among persons who shall be leaders in the community and theologians, including the President, two Vice Presidents, two Joint Secretaries, the Treasurer, the Assistant Treasurer and Eight Committee Members. One of the Joint Secretaries shall be a teacher in the College.

(2) The first Board of the Management of the Corporation shall be Board of Management of the College holding office on the day preceding the date of commencement of this Act and which shall hold office until a new Board of Management is elected in accordance with the rules of the Corporation.

(3) The office bearers of the Corporation shall hold office for a term of one year and be eligible for re-election.

5. A committee member shall:—

Qualifications
of the
committee
members.

- 15 (a) be a person who lives within the bounds of the Islamic law of “Shariaa”;
- (b) be a person of good character and will be respected by the Islamic Community; and
- 20 (c) be a person who respects the law of “Shariaa” and the Theologians.

6. Subject to the provisions of this Act and any other written law, the Corporation shall have the power to do, perform and execute all such acts, as are necessary or desirable for the promotion of furtherance of the objects of the Corporation or any one of them, including the power to open, operate and close bank accounts, to borrow or raise any money with or without security, to receive or collect grants and donations, to invest its funds and to engage, employ and dismiss officers and servants required for the carrying out of the objects of the Corporation.

General
powers of the
Corporation.

7. (1) It shall be lawful for the Corporation from time to time at any general meeting and by the vote 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 all or any of the following matters:—

Rules of the Corporation.

- (a) the admission, resignation and expulsion of members of the Corporation;
- (b) election of office bearers;
- 10 (c) power, duties and functions of the Board of Management and the office-bearers of the Corporation;
- (d) the conduct of meetings of the Board of Management and the procedures to be followed at such meetings and the quorum of such meetings;
- 15 (e) appointment of employees of the Corporation and their duties and functions, and the code of conduct to be observed by such employees;
- 20 (f) courses of students to be conducted, syllabuses of studies, examinations and award of certificates, in so far as such rules do not conflict with the national or provincial education policy;
- (g) the administrations and management of the property of the Corporation and the custody of its funds; and
- 25 (h) generally for the management of the affairs of the Corporation and the attainment of its objects.

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

(3) Any rules made by the Corporation may be amended, altered, added to or rescinded in the manner as a rule may be made under subsection (1).

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

Debts due by and payable to the Corporation.

9. The seal of the Corporation shall not be affixed to any instrument whatsoever, except in the presence of the persons duly authorized by the Board, 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.

10. (1) The financial year of the Corporation shall be the calendar year.

Accounts of the Corporation.

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

(3) The accounts of the Corporation shall be audited by a qualified auditor.

(4) 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.

11. 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 purchase, subscription, gift, grant, testamentary disposition or

Corporation may hold property movable or immovable.

otherwise, and all such property shall be held by the Corporation for the purpose 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
5 of the same.

12. 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
10 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 rules prohibited from distributing any income or property among its members.

Property remaining on dissolution.

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

Saving of the rights of the Republic and others.

14. 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.

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