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AN ACT TO AMEND THE INSTITUTE OF FUNDAMENTAL  
STUDIES, SRI LANKA ACT, NO. 55 OF 1981

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Institute of Fundamental  
Studies, Sri Lanka (Amendment) Act, No. 5 of 1997.

Short title.

2. Section 3 of the Institute of Fundamental Studies, Sri  
Lanka Act, No. 55 of 1981 (hereinafter referred to as "the  
principal enactment") is hereby amended as follows :—

Amendment  
of section 3 of  
Act No. 55 of  
1981.

- (1) by the repeal of paragraph (a) of that section and the  
substitution thereof of the following paragraph :—

"(a) initiate, promote and conduct research and  
original investigation into fundamental studies  
in general, with particular emphasis on  
mathematics, physical and chemical sciences,  
life sciences, social sciences and philosophy,  
taken in the broadest sense ; "

- (2) in paragraph (b) of that section, by the substitution,  
for the words "academic work", of the words  
"research work";

- (3) in paragraph (c) of that section, by the substitution,  
for the words "academic activities ; ", of the words  
"research activities ; ", and

- (4) in paragraph (d) of that section, by the substitution,  
for the word "Institute ;" of the following :—

"Institute, while taking care to protect and promote  
the national interest ; "

3. Section 4 of the principal enactment is hereby amended  
in paragraph (b) of that section, by the substitution, for the  
words "Professorships, Memberships," of the words "Re-  
search Professorships, Associate Research Professorships,".

Amendment  
of section 4 of  
the principal  
enactment.

Amendment  
of section 5 of  
the principal  
enactment.

4. Section 5 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the substitution, for the expression "Academic Council.", of the expression "Research Council".

Amendment  
of section 6 of  
the principal  
enactment.

5. Section 6 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows :—

(1) in subsection (1) of that section —

(a) by the insertion, immediately after paragraph (v) of that subsection, of the following paragraph :—

"(v A) the Advisor to the President on Scientific Affairs ;"; and

(b) by the substitution, in paragraph (vi) of that section, for the words "three persons", of the words "two persons";

(2) by the substitution, for the expression "Academic Council" wherever that expression occurs in that section, of the expression "Research Council".

Amendment  
of section 8 of  
the principal  
enactment.

6. Section 8 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the repeal of subsection (4) of that section, and the substitution therefore, of the following subsection :—

"(4) The Secretary shall, subject to the direction and control of the Director of the Institute, be responsible for the general administration of the Institute and the disciplinary control of the non-academic staff."

Amendment  
of section 9 of  
the principal  
enactment.

7. Section 9 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows :—

(1) by the substitution, in sub-paragraph (i) of paragraph (d) of that section, for the words "Professorships, Memberships," of the words "Research Professorships, Associate Research Professorships,";

- (2) by the substitution, for the expression "Academic Council" wherever that expression occurs in that section, of the expression "Research Council"; and
- (3) by the substitution, for the words "academic matter", wherever those words occur in that section, of the words "matter concerning research".

**8.** Section 10 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows :—

Amendment  
of section 10  
of the  
principal  
enactment.

- (1) by the repeal of subsection (1) of that section and the substitution thereof of the following subsection :—

(1) The Research Council of the Institute, (hereinafter referred to as the "Council") shall consist of the following persons :—

- (a) the Director of the Institute (*ex officio*) who shall be the Chairman of the Council;
- (b) two persons appointed by the President from among persons who have gained eminence in the field of science ;
- (c) Research Professors, Associate Research Professors, and Senior Research Fellows of the Institute ;
- (d) three members elected by the Research Fellows of the Institute from among their number ;
- (e) five representatives from the Universities in Sri Lanka, who in the opinion of the Board have excelled in fundamental research, appointed by the Board, from among persons nominated by the University Grants Commission. ' :

- (2) by the insertion, immediately after subsection (3) thereof, of the following new subsection :—

“(4) Every member of the Council, other than the Director of the Institute, Research Professors, Associate Research Professors and Senior Research Fellows of the Institute, shall hold office for a period of three years from the date of his election or appointment, as the case may be, unless he earlier vacates office by death or resignation by letter in that behalf addressed to the President.”.

Amendment  
of section 11  
of the  
principal  
enactment.

9. Section 11 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows :—

- (1) by the substitution, in paragraph (b) of that section, for the word “three”, of the word “two”;
- (2) by the substitution, in paragraph (c) of that section, for the words “Professors, Visiting Professors and Members”, of the words “Research Professors, Visiting Research\*Professors and Associate Research Professors”;
- (3) by the substitution, in paragraph (e) of that section, for the word “academic”, of the word “research”;
- and
- (4) by the substitution, in paragraph (f) of that section, for the words “Departments of Studies” of the words “Research Project Units”.

Replacement  
of Part III of  
the principal  
enactment.

10. Part III of the principal enactment (sections 12 to 18 (both inclusive)) is hereby repealed and the following Part substituted therefore :—

### **PART III**

#### **PROJECTS AND RESEARCH STAFF OF THE INSTITUTE**

Projects of the  
Institute.

12. The Institute shall consist of such Research Project Units (hereinafter referred to as “Projects”) as may be determined by the Board on the advice of the Council.

Research  
Staff of  
Projects.

13. The Research Staff of each project shall consist of the following persons :—

- (a) Research Professors ;
- (b) Visiting Research Professors ;
- (c) Associate Research Professors ;
- (d) Visiting Associate Research Professors ;
- (e) Senior Research Fellows ; and
- (f) Research Fellows.

Director may  
function as  
Research  
Professor.

14. The Director may function in addition to his other duties, as a Research Professor in a Project.

Research Staff  
of Institute.

15. The Director, the Research Professors, Associate Research Professors, Senior Research Fellows and Research Fellows of all the Projects shall together constitute the Research Staff of the Institute.

11. The heading to Part IV of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the substitution, for the word "ACADEMIC", of the word "RESEARCH".

Amendment  
of heading to  
Part IV of the  
principal  
enactment.

12. Section 19 of the principal enactment is hereby amended in subsection (1) of that section, by the substitution, for the word "Council.", of the words "Council. The term of office of the Director shall unless he is reappointed, be three years from the date of appointment."

Amendment  
of section 19  
of the  
principal  
enactment.

13. Section 20 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows :—

Amendment  
of section 20  
of the  
principal  
enactment.

- (1) in subsection (2) of that section, by the substitution, for the expression "Professor or Head of the Department", of the expression "Research Professor or Head of the Project"; and

- (2) by the substitution, for the words "Professors" and "Members", wherever those words occur in that section, of the words "Research Professors", and "Associate Research Professors", respectively.

Amendment  
of section 22  
of the  
principal  
enactment.

14. Section 22 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the substitution, for the expression "the academic staff", wherever that expression occurs in that section, of the expression "the research staff".

Amendment  
of section 27  
of the  
principal  
enactment.

15. Section 27 of the principal enactment is hereby amended in subsection (1) of that section, by the substitution for the words "Professor, Member", of the words "Research Professor, Associate Research Professor".

Amendment  
of section 35  
of the  
principal  
enactment.

16. Section 35 of the principal enactment is hereby amended in subsection (3) of that section, by the substitution, for the words "Professor, Member", of the words "Research Professor, Associate Research Professor".

Amendment  
of section 37  
of the  
principal  
enactment.

17. Section 37 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the substitution, for the words "Professor, Member", of the words "Research Professor, Associate Research Professor".

Amendment  
of section 39  
of the  
principal  
enactment.

18. Section 39 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the substitution, for the expression "academic staff", of the expression "research staff".

Sinhala text to  
prevail in case  
of inconsis-  
tency.

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

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