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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 “Research 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 inconsistency.

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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