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ANURADHAPURA BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION

Act No. 11 of 1952. AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE ANURADHAPURA BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION, ANURADHAPURA.

[8th March. 1952.]

Short title. **1.** This Act may be cited as the Anuradhapura Buddhist Association, Anuradhapura, Act.

(2) All members of the corporation shall be subject to the rules in force for the time being of the corporation.

Incorporation of the Anuradhapura Buddhist Association, Anuradhapura. **2.** From and after the passing of this Act the president, vice-presidents, and members of the committee of management for the time being of the Anuradhapura Buddhist Association, Anuradhapura, and such and so many persons as now are members of the said Anuradhapura Buddhist Association, Anuradhapura, or shall hereafter be admitted members of the association are hereby constituted and shall be a corporation with perpetual succession under the style and name of "The Anuradhapura Buddhist Association, Anuradhapura" 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 their pleasure.

(3) The first committee of management shall consist of D. C. R. Gunawardene, Esq.; M. Senanayake, Esq.; G. Dahanayake, Esq.; L. H. Illangantillaka, Esq.; T. B. Weerakone, Esq.; J. Ramanayake, Esq.; E. M. C. Ekanayaka, Esq.; M. Jayasingha, Esq.; K. B. Ratnayake, Esq.; K. S. de Abrew, Esq.; H. B. Samarakoon, Esq.; T. B. Galgamuwa, Esq.; G. Wanasundara, Esq.; A. M. P. B. Tummodera, Esq.; S. Godage, Esq.; W. J. Femando, Esq.

General objects of the corporation. **3.** The general objects for which the corporation is constituted are hereby declared to be—

- (a) the study and propagation of Buddhism,
- (b) the encouragement of the practical observance of Buddhism, and
- (c) the promotion of unity and co-operation among Buddhists.

5. It shall be lawful for the corporation from time to time at any general meeting of the members, and by a majority of votes to make rules for the admission, withdrawal or expulsion of members; for the conduct of the duties of the committee of management and of the various officers, agents, and servants of the corporation; for the procedure to be observed in the transaction of business; and otherwise generally for the management of the affairs of the corporation and the accomplishment of its objects. Such rules when made may, at a like meeting, be altered, added to, amended, or rescinded subject, however, to the requirements of section 7. Power to make rules-

Committee of management. **4.** (1) The affairs of the corporation shall, subject to the rules in force for the time being of the corporation as hereinafter provided, be administered by a committee of management consisting of the president, three vice-presidents, the honorary general secretary, honorary assistant general secretary, and honorary treasurer respectively of the corporation and not less than nine other members, to be elected respectively in accordance with rules for the time being of the corporation.

6. Subject to the provisions of section 5, the rules set out in the Schedule* to this Act shall for all purposes be the rules of the corporation: Rules in the Schedule* to be the rules of the corporation.

Provided, however, that nothing in this section contained shall be construed to prevent the corporation at all times hereafter from making fresh rules, or from altering, amending, adding to, or rescinding any of the rules set out in that Schedule* or any rules hereafter made by the corporation.

* Schedule omitted.—Private enactment.

Procedure for amendment of rules.

7. No rule in the Schedule* to this Act nor any rule hereafter passed at a general meeting shall be altered, added to, amended or rescinded, except with the prior approval of the committee of management and by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at a general meeting of the corporation.

and all debts due to and subscriptions and contributions payable to the said Anuradhapura Buddhist Association, Anuradhapura, shall be paid to the said corporation for the purpose of this Act.

Property vested in corporation.

8. On the coming into operation of this Act all property belonging to the said Anuradhapura Buddhist Association, Anuradhapura, whether held in the name of the said Anuradhapura Buddhist Association, Anuradhapura, or in the name or in the names of any person or persons in trust for the said Anuradhapura Buddhist Association, Anuradhapura, is hereby vested in the corporation hereby constituted, and the same, together with all after-acquired property, both movable and immovable, and all subscriptions, contributions, donations, amounts of loan, and advances received or to be received, shall be held by the said corporation for the purpose of this Act and subject to the rules in force for the time being of the said corporation.

10. The seal of the corporation shall not be affixed to any instrument whatsoever except in the presence of two of the members of the committee of management, 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.

How the seal of the corporation is to be affixed.

11. The corporation shall be capable in law to take and hold any property, movable or immovable, which may become vested in it by virtue of any purchase, grant, gift, testamentary disposition, or otherwise, and all such property shall be held by the corporation for the purpose of this Act and subject to the rules for the time being of the said corporation, with full power to sell, mortgage, lease, exchange, or otherwise dispose of the same.

Corporation may hold property, movable and immovable.

Debts due to and payable to the association.

9. All debts and liabilities of the said Anuradhapura Buddhist Association, Anuradhapura, existing at the time of the coming into operation of this Act shall be paid by the corporation hereby constituted,

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

Saving of the rights of the Republic and others.

* Schedule omitted.—Private enactment.