

CHAPTER 414

CHILAW BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION

Law No. 22 of 1978. A LAW TO INCORPORATE THE CHILAW BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION.

[22nd June, 1978]

Short title. 1. This Law may be cited as the Chilaw Buddhist Association (Incorporation) Law.

Incorporation of the Chilaw Buddhist Association. 2. From and after the date of the commencement of this Law, the President, Vice-Presidents and members of the Committee of Management for the time being of the Chilaw Buddhist Association (hereinafter referred to as "the Association") and such and so many persons as now are members of the Association or shall hereafter be admitted members of the Corporation hereby constituted, shall be a body corporate (hereinafter referred to as "the Corporation") with perpetual succession under the name and style of "The Chilaw Buddhist Association" and by that name shall and may sue and be sued in all courts with full power and authority to have and use a common seal and to change and alter the same at its pleasure.

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

- (a) to encourage members to adjust their ways of life in accordance with Buddhist principles and also to encourage and set examples for others to achieve that end;
- (b) to envisage ways and means for the proper observance and propagation of Buddhism and Buddhist education;
- (c) to engage in social and general welfare activities;
- (d) to promote mutual compassion, morality and harmony among Buddhists;

(e) to promote the physical, mental and social progress of members;

(f) to secure, safeguard and promote the rights of Buddhists; and

(g) to promote harmony and co-existence with people of other religious beliefs.

4. The Corporation shall have the power to do, perform and execute all such acts, matters, and things whatsoever, as are necessary or desirable for the promotion or 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 moneys with or without security, to receive or collect grants and donations, to invest its funds, and to engage, employ and dismiss personnel required for the carrying out of the objects of the Corporation. General powers of the Corporation.

5. (1) The affairs of the Corporation shall, subject to the rules in force for the time being of the Corporation, be administered by a Committee of Management consisting of the office-bearers and such number of other persons elected in accordance with the rules in force for the time being of the Corporation. Committee of Management.

(2) The first Committee of Management of the Corporation shall consist of the office-bearers and the other members of the Committee of Management of the Association holding office on the date of commencement of this Law.

6. (1) 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 Rules of the Corporation.

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 followed 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 cancelled, subject however to the requirements of subsection (2).

(2) No rule of the Corporation for the time being in force nor any rule which may hereafter be passed shall be altered, added to, amended or cancelled, except by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting at a general meeting of the Corporation.

(3) The rules of the Association in force on the date of the commencement of this Law shall be deemed to be the rules of the Corporation made under this section.

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

Debts due by and payable to the Association.

7. All debts and liabilities of the Association existing at the time of the coming into operation of this Law shall be

paid by the Corporation hereby constituted, and all debts due to and subscriptions and contributions payable to the Association, shall be paid to the Corporation for the purposes of this Law.

8. The Corporation shall be able and 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 purposes of this Law 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.

9. The seal of the Corporation shall not be affixed to any instrument whatsoever except in the presence of the President and either one of the Joint-Secretaries or the Treasurer, 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.

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

Saving of the rights of the Republic and others.