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COLOMBO YOUNG MEN'S BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION

Ordinance AN ORDINANCE TO INCORPORATE THE YOUNG MEN'S BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION,
 No. 11 of 1927, COLOMBO
 Act
 No. 20 of 1957.

[29th September. 1927.]

Short title. 1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Young Men's Buddhist Association, Colombo, Ordinance. [§ 3,20 of 1957-]

Incorporation of the Young Men's Buddhist Association, Colombo. 2. From and after the passing of this Ordinance, the president, vice-presidents, and members of the committee of management for the time being of the Young Men's Buddhist Association, Colombo, or such and so many persons as now are members of the Young Men's Buddhist Association, Colombo, or shall hereafter be admitted members of the corporation hereby constituted, shall be and become a corporation with continuance for ever under the style and name of "The Young Men's Buddhist Association, Colombo ", 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 alter the same at their pleasure.

Objects of the Corporation. [§ 2, 20 of 1957.] 3. The objects of the corporation shall be—

- (a) to provide facilities for, and to foster, the study and the propagation of the Buddha Dhamma,
- (b) to encourage the practical observance of the Buddha Dhamma,
- (c) to promote unity and co-operation among the Buddhists,
- (d) to advance the moral, cultural, physical and social welfare of the members, and
- (e) to promote the interests of Buddhism.

Board 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 board of management consisting of the president, five vice-presidents, the honorary general secretary, and honorary treasurer respectively of the corporation and not less than seventeen other members, to be elected respectively in accordance with rules for the time being of the corporation.

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

(3) The first board of management shall consist of D. B. Jayatilaka, Esq., M.A., M.L.C., President; W. A. de Silva, Esq., J.P., M.L.C.; Dr. C. A. Hewavitarne, M.R.C.S.; D. C. Senanayake, Esq.; A. E. de Silva, Esq., B.A.; D. S. Senanayake, Esq., M.L.C., Vice-Presidents; C. Victor Perera, Esq., Honorary General Secretary; T. W. Gunawardene, Esq., J.P., Mudaliyar, Honorary Treasurer; Dr. D. B. Perera, Chas. Dias, Esq., Proctor; N. J. V. Cooray, Esq., Proctor; H. A. de Abrew, Esq.; J. D. A. Abeywickrama, Esq.; S. B. Ranasinha, Esq.; R. S. S. Gunawardana, Esq., B.A., Advocate; H. Guneratna, Esq., Mudaliyar; J. N. Jinendradasa, Esq.; R. Hewavitarne, Esq.; D. N. W. de Silva, Esq.; Thomas Rodrigo, Esq., Mudaliyar; W. E. Bastian, Esq.; V. S. Nanayakkara, Esq.; L. A. Jayasekara, Esq.; D. C. Abeygunawardana, Esq., and D. N. Hapugala, Esq.

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 board of management and of the various officers, agents, and servants of the corporation; for the procedure in the transaction of business; and otherwise generally for the management [§ 3,20 of 1957-]

Power to make rules.

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 section 7.

contributions payable to the said Young Men's Buddhist Association, Colombo, shall be paid to the said corporation for the purposes of this Ordinance.

Rules in the Schedule* to be the rules of the corporation.

6. Subject to the provisions in section 5 contained, the rules set forth in the Schedule* shall for all purposes be the rules of the 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 board 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. [3, 20 of 1957.]

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

11. 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 Ordinance 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

Procedure for amendment of rules.

7. No rule in the Schedule*, nor any rule hereafter passed at a general meeting, shall be altered, added to, amended, or cancelled, except by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at a general meeting of the association, provided that such amendment shall have been previously approved by the board of management.

12. (1) There shall be a board of governors consisting of seven persons.

Board of governors to control disposal of property of the corporation. [§ 5, 20 of 1957.]

[§ 3, 20 of 1957.]

Property vested in corporation.

8. On the coming into operation of this Ordinance all and every the property belonging to the said Young Men's Buddhist Association, Colombo, whether held in the name of the said Young Men's Buddhist Association, Colombo, or in the name or in the names of any person or persons in trust for the said Young Men's Buddhist Association, Colombo, shall be and the same are 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 purposes of this Ordinance and subject to the rules in force for the time being of the said corporation.

(2) The first members of the board of governors shall be elected at a general meeting of the corporation, and, where any vacancy occurs among the members of that board thereafter, the remaining members of that board shall fill such vacancy by electing a fit and proper person as a member of that board.

(3) No person shall be elected as a member of the board of governors if he—

- (a) is not a member of the corporation,
- (b) is not a Buddhist,
- (c) is less than forty years of age,
- (d) is a person who, having been declared an insolvent under any law in force in Sri Lanka, is an undischarged insolvent,
- (e) is of unsound mind, or

Debts due by and payable to the association.

9. All debts and liabilities of the said Young Men's Buddhist Association, Colombo, existing at the time of the coming into operation of this Ordinance shall be paid by the corporation hereby constituted, and all debts due to and subscriptions and

* Schedule omitted.—Private enactment.

(f) is a person who has been convicted by any court of an offence involving moral turpitude.

(4) A member of the board of governors shall be deemed to vacate office, if he—

- (a) is of unsound mind,
- (b) is absent from three consecutive meetings of such board without the prior permission of such board,
- (c) is a person who, having been declared an insolvent under any law in force in Sri Lanka, is an undischarged insolvent, or
- (d) is convicted by any court of an offence involving moral turpitude.

(5) A member of the board of governors may resign office by letter addressed to such board.

(6) No act of the board of management of the corporation shall be valid or effective for the purpose of transferring any rights in the property or funds of the corporation or

for creating any liability or claim against the corporation unless such act has been previously authorized by a resolution passed by a majority of the members of the board of governors present at a meeting of that board:

Provided that no such authorization shall be necessary in the case of any of the following:—

- (a) lease of any immovable property for a period not exceeding one year;
- (b) disposal of any movable property of a value not exceeding fifty thousand rupees;
- (c) any expenditure of not more than fifty thousand rupees during any financial year.

13. Nothing in this Ordinance 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 Ordinance and those claiming by, from, or under them.

Saving of the rights of the Republic and others. [§ 4, 20 of 1957.]