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AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE BUDDHIST CULTURAL CENTRE OF
NEDIMALA, DEHIWALA

WHEREAS a Centre called and known as the “Buddhist Cultural Centre of Nedimala, Dehiwala” has heretofore been formed in Nedimala, Dehiwala, for the purpose of effectually carrying out and transacting all objects and matters connected with the said Centre according to the rules agreed to by its members :

Preamble.

AND WHEREAS the said Centre has heretofore successfully carried out and transacted several objects and matters for which it was established and has applied to be incorporated, and it will be for the public advantage to grant the application :

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Buddhist Cultural Centre of Nedimala, Dehiwala (Incorporation) Act, No. 30 of 2008

Short title.

2. From and after the date of commencement of this Act, such and so many persons as presently are members of the Buddhist Cultural Centre of Nedimala, Dehiwala ((hereinafter referred to as the “Centre”) 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 “Buddhist Cultural Centre of Nedimala, Dehiwala”, and by that name may sue and be sued with full power and authority to have and use a common seal and to alter the same at its pleasure.

Incorporation of the Buddhist Cultural Centre of Nedimala, Dehiwala.

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

General objects of the Corporation.

- (a) to take steps to build up a virtuous and disciplined Buddhist Community through the distribution of books and magazines among them ;

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- (b) to provide necessary facilities to Buddhists to practise methods of meditation ;
- (c) to collect all books on Buddhism and magazines published worldwide and to make arrangements for easy access to such books and magazines among Buddhists ;
- (d) to print ancient literature on Buddhism which are presently out of print and to translate such literature into other languages ;
- (e) to expand the existing branches of the Centre for the benefit of Buddhists ;
- (f) to establish a printing press for the sole purpose of printing books on Buddhism ;
- (g) to launch a distance learning course of study in Buddhism especially for the convenience of Buddhists who wish to acquire a further knowledge of Buddhism ;
- (h) to re-print the Buddha Jayanthi Tripitaka Volume ;
- (i) to establish and maintain pre-schools for the Buddhist children of low income groups ;
- (j) to provide books, magazines and educational instruments necessary for the development of educational and cultural activities of students of low income Buddhist families to pursue their education from the primary to the university level and to give them financial aid and award scholarships ;
- (k) to render assistance necessary and award scholarships for the educational and cultural pursuits and investigative research activities of Buddhist university students ;

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- (l) to provide necessary facilities and assistance for foreign scholars to pursue research in Buddhism and Buddhist culture ;
- (m) to establish a well equipped Buddhist Information and Publication Centre and a Sales Centre of Books on Buddhism ;
- (n) to develop a friendly and cordial relationship between the Centre and social workers, intellectuals and philanthropists and also with similar welfare societies, organizations and foundations existing in other countries ;
- (o) to print, publish and distribute books, journals, bulletins, newspapers and magazines considered suitable by the Corporation for the promotion and development of the above objectives of the Corporation ;

4. (1) The affairs of the Corporation shall subject to the other provisions of this Act and the rules of the Corporation, made under section 7, be administered by a Board of Management (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") consisting of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Chief Secretary, Assistant Secretaries, the Treasurer and five other members elected in accordance with such rules of the Corporation.

Management of the affairs of the Corporation.

(2) The first Board of the Corporation shall consist of the members of the Board of the Centre, holding office on the day preceding the date of commencement of this Act.

5. (1) The Board shall cause to be kept, a register of members in which every person on the day preceding the date of commencement of this Act is a member of the Centre and every person thereafter duly admitted as a member of the Corporation shall have his name inscribed.

Register of Membership.

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(2) The register shall contain the following particulars :-

- (a) the name, address and occupation of each member of the Corporation ;
- (b) the date on which the name of the member was inscribed in the register ;
- (c) the date on which any person ceased to be a member.

Powers of the Corporation.

6. Subject to the provisions of this Act and any other written law, the Corporation shall have the power-

- (a) to purchase, acquire, rent, construct and otherwise obtain lands or buildings which may be required for the purposes of the Corporation ;
- (b) to borrow or raise money from the Government approved Banks and other institutions for the purposes of the Corporation ;
- (c) to make, draw, accept, discount, endorse, negotiate, buy, sell and issue bills of exchange, cheques, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments and to open, operate, maintain and close bank accounts ;
- (d) to invest any funds not immediately required for the purposes of the Corporation, in such a manner as the Board may think fit ;
- (e) to solicit and receive subscriptions, grants, donations or gifts of all kinds ;
- (f) to enter into agreements or contracts with any person, company or body of persons ;
- (g) to undertake, accept, execute, perform and administer any lawful trusts and conditions affecting movable or immovable property ;

- (h) to appoint, employ, dismiss or terminate the services of officers and servants of the Corporation and to pay them such salaries, allowances and gratuities as may be determined by the Corporation ; and
- (i) to train personnel in Sri Lanka or abroad for the purpose of the Corporation.

7. (1) It shall be lawful for the Corporation from time to time at any meeting of the Corporation and by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting to make rules not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act or any other written law, for the following matters :-

Rules of the Corporation.

- (a) classification of membership, fee payable by each class of member, their admission, withdrawal, removal or resignation ;
- (b) election of the Board or vacation of or removal from office of office bearers and assigning their powers, duties and conduct ;
- (c) appointment, employment and dismissal of various officers, agents and servants of the Corporation and assigning their powers, duties, functions and conduct and the payment of remuneration to them ;
- (d) the procedure to be observed at the summoning and holding of meetings of the Board, Corporation or any sub-committee thereof, filling of vacancies, notices and agenda of such meetings, the quorum therefor and the conduct of business thereat,
- (e) the qualifications and disqualifications for membership in the Board and the Corporation ;
- (f) the administration and management of the property of the Corporation ;
- (g) generally for the management of the officers of the Corporation and the accomplishment of the objects.

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

Fund of the Corporation.

8. (1) The Corporation shall have its own Fund.

(2) All moneys received by way of gifts, bequests, donations, subscriptions, contributions, fees or grants for and on account of the Corporation shall be deposited in one or more bank approved by the Board to the credit of the Corporation.

(3) There shall be paid out of the Fund all sums of money as are required to defray any expenditure incurred by the Corporation in the exercise, performance and discharge of its powers, duties and functions under the Act.

Debts due by and payable to the Centre.

9. All debts and liabilities of the Centre existing on the day preceding the date of commencement of this Act shall be paid and discharged by the Corporation hereby constituted and all debts due to, subscriptions and contributions payable to the Centre on that day shall be paid to the Corporation for the purpose of this Act.

Financial year.

10. The financial year of the Corporation shall be the calendar year.

Accounts and audit.

11 (1) The Corporation shall cause proper accounts to be kept of all moneys received and expended by the Corporation.

(2) The Annual Final Accounts of the Corporation shall be examined and audited every year by the Auditor of the Corporation and the report shall be submitted at the annual General meeting.

Property remaining on dissolution.

12. If upon the dissolution of the Corporation there remains after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, such property shall not be distributed among the members of the Corporation but shall be given or

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transferred to some other association or associations having objects, similar to the objects of the Corporation, and which is, or are by the rules thereof prohibited from distributing any income or profit among its or their members. Such association or associations shall be determined by the members of the Corporation at or immediately before the time of dissolution of the Corporation.

13. The Seal of the Corporation shall be in the custody of the Chairman and shall not be affixed to any instrument whatsoever, except in the presence of the Chairman and the Secretary 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.

Seal of the Corporation.

14. Nothing in this Act contained shall prejudice or affect the rights of the Republic or any body politic or corporate.

Saving of the rights of the Republic and others.

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

Sinhala text to prevail in case of inconsistency.

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