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**PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL**

**Government Notifications**

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**THE UNIVERSITIES ACT, No. 16 OF 1978**

**Order under Section 24A (1)**

BY virtue of the powers vested in me by Sub section (1) of Section 24A of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, I, Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, in consultation with the University Grants Commission, do by this Order —

- (1) establish with effect from 01st September, 2005 a centre for higher learning for the purpose of providing, promoting and developing higher education in Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences ; and
- (2) assign to such centre the name and style of “the National Centre for Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences.”

CHANDRIKA BANDARANAIKE KUMARATUNGA,  
President.

Colombo.  
10th October, 2005.

**THE UNIVERSITIES ACT, No. 16 OF 1978**

ORDINANCE made by the University Grants Commission under Section 24A, read with Section 18 of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978.

Secretary,  
University Grants Commission.

Colombo'  
22nd September, 2005.

**ORDINANCE**

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the National Centre for Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences Ordinance No. 02 of 2005, and shall come into operation on 01st September, 2005.

2. This Ordinance shall apply to the National Centre for Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences (hereinafter referred to as the "Centre") established by Order dated 10.10.2005 made by the President under Section 24A of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978. (hereinafter referred to as the "Act")

3. Upon the above Order made under Section 24A, coming into force, the Centre shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and the name and style assigned to it by that Order with full power and authority to have and use a common seal and to alter the same at its pleasure and may sue and besued in such name.

4. The objects of the Centre shall be—

- (1) to encourage and nurture reflective thinking and innovative ideas, and to support research characterized by creativity and originality, at a national level and especially within the University System, in fields falling within the scope of the Centre ;
- (2) to contribute to the building of national capacity to absorb new knowledge and advanced ideas ;
- (3) to provide opportunities for post-graduate studies and training, at levels comparable with those offered in their respective fields by similar centres of learning and research reputed internationally, under the guidance and supervision of academics and other specialists from national and foreign universities and from outside the University System ;
- (4) to contribute to the generation of human-resources and the development of academic and professional specialization in all fields falling within the scope of the Centre ;
- (5) to cater for the interest and capabilities of the emerging academic and professional communities in fields falling within the scope of the Centre.

5. Subject to the provisions of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 and any other written law, the Centre shall have the following powers and functions—

- (1) to appoint Fellows and Senior Fellows, who will be members of the Centre and who will serve in an honorary capacity to advise and assist the Centre in carrying out its objects ;

- (2) to have the Senior Fellows, who will be collectively referred to as the College of Senior Fellows meet from time to time to interact and collectively exercise their advisory and academic functions ;
- (3) to appoint, from time to time, research fellows and research scholars, supported by research grants, to undertake research programmes ;
- (4) to provide programmes of study including postgraduate courses in any approved branches of learning and to select and admit candidates to those courses ;
- (5) to conduct examinations ;
- (6) to award degrees, diplomas and other academic distinctions to persons who have pursued approved programmes of study in the Centre and passed the examinations of the Centre prescribed by by-laws ;
- (7) to co-operate in exchanging teachers, students and scholars with other Universities or Institutions in or outside Sri Lanka ;
- (8) to confer honorary degrees and other academic distinctions on persons recommended by the Council of Management of the Centre and approved by the Council of Regents ;
- (9) to enforce discipline and provide for the welfare of Senior Fellows, fellows research students and employees of the Centre ;
- (10) to charge any fee in accordance with any regulation or by-law providing for by the same ;
- (11) to formulate a corporate plan setting out the objects, strategies and an action plan for such specific period as shall be determined by the University Grants Commission (hereinafter referred to as the "Commission") ;
- (12) to conduct training programmes and orientation programmes for the employees of the Centre ; and
- (13) to do such other things as may be necessary to carry out the objects of the Centre.

6. The authorities of the Centre shall be :—

- (a) the Council of Regents ;
- (b) the Council of Management ;
- (c) the Academic Syndicate and Boards of Study.

7. (1) The Council of Regents shall be the principal policy making body and the governing authority of the Centre.

(2) The Council of Regents shall consist of :—

- (a) The Head of State ;
- (b) Chairman of the Commission ;
- (c) Chairman of the Council of Management ;
- (d) Director,

- (e) Dean, Director or Rector of any Faculty, including Faculties of Graduate Studies, Campuses or Institutes which the principal or major academic discipline comes within the fields of Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences, Law and Education ;
- (f) Four Vice Chancellors nominated by the Committee of Vice Chancellors and Directors, who are not members of the Council of Regents under other subparagraphs of this paragraph, rotated among Universities every three years ;
- (g) Four members nominated by the Council of Management from amongst persons of eminence in the fields of Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences, Law, Education or related fields ;
- (h) Four members appointed by the Commission from amongst persons of eminence in the fields of Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences, Law, Education or related fields ;
- (i) Four members nominated by the 'College of Senior Fellows' from amongst persons of eminence in the fields of Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences, Law, Education or related fields, provided however, the first four members specified herein are appointed by the University Grants Commission for a period of three years or until the 'College of Senior Fellows' has been duly constituted within a period not earlier than two years from the first meeting of the Council of Regents, whichever occurs earlier.

(3) The Head of State shall be the Chairman of the Council of Regents, who shall preside at all meetings of the Council of Regents. If the Head of State is unable to preside at a meeting, the members present shall elect a member from amongst themselves to preside at such meeting.

(4) Subject to the provisions of sub-paragraph (5) any appointed or nominated member of the Council of Regents shall, unless he vacates office earlier, hold office for a term of three years from the date of his appointment or nomination and shall unless removed from office, be eligible for re-appointment or re-nomination ;

Where an appointed or nominated member vacates his office prior to the expiry of his term, his successor shall unless he vacates his office earlier, hold office for the un-expired part of the term of office of the member whom he succeeds.

(5) Any appointed or nominated member of the Council of Regents may resign from his office by letter addressed to the Director of the Centre with a copy to the body that nominated such member.

(6) If an appointed or nominated member of the Council of Regents, for any reason, absents himself from three consecutive meetings of the Council of Regents he shall be deemed to have vacated office as a member of the Council of Regents and the appointing or nominating body shall appoint or nominate as the case may be, another person in place of the member who vacated office.

(7) The appointed and nominated members of the Council of Regents shall be entitled to any remuneration or allowance as approved by the Commission.

(8) The quorum for a meeting of the Council of Regents shall be one third of its total membership.

(9) The Council of Regents may meet whenever necessary, provided however that it shall meet at least twice each calendar year.

(10) The Chairman of the Council of Regents shall, whenever he thinks that it is necessary or within one week from the receipt by him of a written request in that behalf from not less than one-third of the total membership of the Council of Regents, convene a special meeting of the Council of Regents.

8. Registrar of the Centre shall be the Secretary to the Council of Regents.

9. Subject to the provisions of this Ordinance, the Council of Regents shall exercise, discharge and perform the powers, duties and functions conferred or imposed on, or assigned to the Centre.

10. Without prejudice to the generality of the powers conferred upon it by paragraph 5, the Council shall exercise, discharge and perform the following powers, duties and functions :-

- (a) to select a Court of Arms and common seal of the Centre and alter them at its pleasure ;
- (b) to confer honorary degrees or other academic distinctions on persons recommended by the Council of Management ;
- (c) to make policy decisions and by-laws on any matter in respect of which by-laws are authorized to be made ;
- (d) to exercise all other powers of the Centre in relation to the attainment of the objects of the Centre, the exercise of which is not otherwise provided for in this Ordinance or any other Instrument ;
- (e) to pass any resolution in relation to any academic, financial or administrative matter in consultation with the Council of Management ;

11. (1) The Council of Management shall be the administrative and academic authority of the Centre.

(2) The First Council of Management shall be appointed by the Commission and shall function as the Interim Council of Management for a period of one year from the date of this Ordinance or till such time as the Council of Management is established as specified in paragraph 11(3).

(3) The Council of Management shall consist of—

- (i) the Director ;
- (ii) the Dean, the Director or the Rector of any Faculty, including Faculties of Graduate Studies, Campus or Institute, the principal academic discipline of which comes within the field of Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences, Law and Education ;
- (iii) the Chairman of each Board of Study of the Centre ;
- (iv) four members appointed by the Commission from amongst persons of eminence in related fields.

(4) The Chairman of the Council of Management shall be appointed by the Commission from amongst persons of eminence in any field of the Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences, Law and Education.

(5) Every appointed member shall hold office for a period of three years from the date of his appointment.

Where an appointed member retires or resigns or otherwise vacates office by reason of illness or absence from Sri Lanka and unable to attend three consecutive meetings of the Council of Management, another person shall be appointed in his place for the unexpired part of the term of office of the member whom he succeeds.

(6) The quorum for a meeting of the Council of Management shall be one-fourth of its total membership.