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**STUDY CENTRE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF
TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIAL WELFARE
(INCORPORATION)**

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BILL

**to incorporate Study Centre for the Advancement of Technology
and Social Welfare (Incorporation)**

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*Study Centre for the Advancement of
Technology and Social Welfare (Incorporation)*

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE STUDY CENTRE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT
OF TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIAL WELFARE

WHEREAS a Centre called and known as the “Study Centre for the Advancement of Technology and Social Welfare” has heretofore been formed in Sri Lanka at 75C, Dutugemunu Mawatha, Dehiwala for the purpose of effectually carrying out its objects and transacting all 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 expedient to grant the said 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 Study Centre for the Advancement of Technology and Social Welfare (Incorporation) Act, No. of 2013.

Short title.

2. From and after the date of commencement of this Act, such and so many persons as now are members of the Study Centre for the Advancement of Technology and Social Welfare (hereinafter referred to as the “Centre”) or shall hereafter be admitted as members of the Corporation hereby constituted, shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession, under the name and style of the “Study Centre for the Advancement of Technology and Social Welfare” (hereinafter referred to as the “Corporation”) 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 Study Centre for the Advancement of Technology and Social Welfare.

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

- 5 (a) to initiate the establishment of favourable cultural heritage among Sri Lankans and to revive the Sri Lankan culture among the Sri Lankan community, living in other countries including Australia;
- 10 (b) to enlighten the Sri Lankans and international community residing in other countries including Australia about the Sri Lankan framework relating to the spheres of culture, economy, politics and sport;
- 15 (c) to discuss and take necessary action regarding the issues and other responsibilities which affect the Sri Lankans, living in other countries including Australia;
- 20 (d) to assist the Sri Lankans residing around the world to exchange the education, the development and the technology and maintain close ties with the Sri Lankans for the socio economic and cultural development;
- 25 (e) to organize social welfare activities for the benefit of Sri Lankans, specially the aged, youth, women and non-privileged groups and to assist the institutions and community needs in Sri Lanka, Australia and other countries;
- 30 (f) to introduce the modern technology, arts, modern management and business skills to Sri Lankans, residing in Sri Lanka, Australia and other countries, to organize educational programmes continuously and also assist in professional improvement;
- (g) to provide advices and assistance to the supply of basic needs of the Sri Lankans and students coming to Australia and other countries;

- 5 (h) to render assistance in the technical educational programmes and to introduce youth and student exchange programmes to improve manpower requirements in the technical field among the Sri Lanka, Australia and other countries;
- (i) to accept issues relating to the immigration, professional, social integrity, professional education etc. affecting the Sri Lankans living in Australia and other countries;
- 10 (j) to organize and conduct activities for the benefit of the Sri Lankans and other community through print and electronic multi-media;
- (j) to acquire property by way of gifts, purchase, lease and other means with the objective of establishing educational and library facilities in the Sri Lankan study centre for the benefit of Sri Lankans, living in Sri Lanka and outside;
- 15 (l) to provide forum for the presentation or original communications and discussions thereon;
- 20 (m) to establish and maintain data repositories; and
- (n) to do all such other acts and things as are necessary for and incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.

25 **4.** (1) The affairs of the Corporation shall, subject to the rules in force for the time being of the Corporation, be administered by the Board of Management elected in accordance with the rules of the Corporation.

Management
of the affairs
of the
Corporation.

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

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5 **5.** Subject to the provisions of this Act and any other written law, 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 furtherance
5 of its objects 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 or donations, to invest its funds, to erect any building or structure on any land held by the Corporation, and to engage,
10 employ and dismiss officers and servants required for the carrying out of the objects of the Corporation.

General
Powers of the
Corporation.

15 **6.** (1) It shall be lawful for the Corporation, from time to time at any general meeting and by the votes of not less than two thirds of the members present and voting, to make rules,
15 not inconsistent with the provision of this Act or any other written law, for the admission, withdrawal or expulsion of members, the election of the Board of Management, for the conduct of the duties of the office bearers, agents, officers and servants of the Corporation for the procedure to be
20 followed in the transaction of business by the Corporation and Board of Management and 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 and in like manner, be altered, added to,
25 amended or rescinded.

Rules of the
Corporation.

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

30 **7.** (1) The Corporation shall have its own Fund. All moneys received by way of gift, bequest, donation, transfer, subscription, contribution or fees shall be deposited to the credit of the Corporation in one or more Banks as the Board of Management shall determine.

Fund of the
Corporation.

35 (2) There shall be paid out of the Fund of the Corporation, all such sums of money as may be required to defray any expenditure incurred by the Corporation in carrying out the objects of the Corporation.

(3) The moneys and property of the Corporation whosoever derived shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects as set forth herein and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise, to any member of the Corporation.

8. (1) The financial year of the Corporation shall be the calendar year.

Accounts and
Audit.

(2) The Corporation shall cause proper accounts to be kept of income and expenditure, assets and liabilities and all other transactions of the Corporation.

(3) The accounts of the Corporation shall be audited by a qualified auditor as may be determined by the Board.

(4) In this section, "Qualified Auditor" means —

(a) an individual who being a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka, or any other institute established by law, possesses a certificate to practice as Accountant issued by the Council of such institute; or

(b) a firm of Accountants each of the resident partners of which, being a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka or of any other institute established by law, possesses a certificate to practice as an Accountant issued by the Council of such institute.

9. The seal of the Corporation shall not be affixed to any instrument whatsoever, except in the presence of the Secretary or a member of the Board as may be duly authorized by the Board and other members of the Board who shall sign

Seal of the
Corporation.

their names on the instrument in token of their presence and such signing shall be independent of the signing of any person as a witness.

5 **10.** No member of the Corporation shall, for the purpose of discharging the debts and liabilities of the Corporation or for any other purpose, be liable to make any contribution exceeding the amount of annual subscription payable by him to the Corporation. Limitation of liability of members.

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

15 **12.** The Corporation shall be able and capable in law, to take and hold any property movable or immovable which may become vested on 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 Corporation may hold property movable and immovable.
20 of this Act, and subject to the rules in force for the time being of the Corporation with full power to sell, mortgage, lease, exchange or otherwise dispose of the same.

25 **13.** If upon the dissolution of the Corporation there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, such property shall not be distributed among the members of the Corporation but shall be given or transferred to some other Foundation or Foundations having objects similar to those of the Corporation, and which is or are by the rules thereof Property remaining on dissolution.
30 prohibited from distributing any income or property among its or their members. Such Foundation or Foundations shall be determined by the Board at or immediately before the dissolution of the Corporation.

- 14.** 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 person, 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.
- 5 **15.** No person shall be liable in any suit or other legal proceeding for any act done, or purporting to be done, in good faith in pursuance of the powers conferred by or under this Act, or for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act. Indemnity for acts done in good faith.
- 10 **16.** 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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