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GALLE MUSLIM CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

A LAW TO INCORPORATE THE GALLE MUSLIM CULTURAL ASSOCIATION.

[31st August, 1976].

1. This Law may be cited as the Galle Muslim Cultural Association Law.

2. From and after the date of commencement of this Law such and so many persons as now are members of the Galle Muslim Cultural Association, hereinafter referred to as "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 style and name of the "Galle Muslim Cultural 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 alter the same at its pleasure.

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

(a) to aim at developing a generation of men worthy of the highest traditions of Islam;

(b) to spread the virtues of Islam and its culture;

(c) to promote the cause of education generally and of adult education in particular;

(d) to arrange debates, oratorical contests, games and other activities;

(e) to maintain contacts with similar institutions in Sri Lanka and abroad, inter alia, by subscribing to magazines and periodicals, inviting delegates to participate in annual conferences and arranging lectures and discourses by prominent personalities;

(f) to foster inter-communal amity;

(g) to publish an annual journal of the Association;

(h) to initiate, assist, co-ordinate and conduct Ahadiya classes and youth activities;

(i) to disseminate information and exchange ideas regularly for the benefit of the general membership;

(j) to promote and encourage such sports, that do not contravene the noble ideals of Islam;

(k) to take all other steps that are necessary and desirable for the promotion of the above-mentioned aims and objects.

4. (1) The affairs of the Corporation shall, subject to the rules in force for the time being of the Corporation, be administered by an Executive Committee, consisting of such number of persons to be elected in accordance with the rules in force for the time being of the Corporation.

(2) The first Executive Committee of the Corporation shall be the Executive Committee of the Association holding office on the date of commencement of this Law.

5. (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
members, for the conduct of the duties of the Executive Committee 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.

6. 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 purpose of this Law.

7. The seal of the Corporation shall not be affixed to any instrument whatsoever, except in the presence of two of the members of the Executive Committee, 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.

8. The Corporation shall be capable in law to take and hold any property, movable and 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 in force for the time being of the Corporation, with full power to sell, mortgage, lease, exchange, or otherwise dispose of the same.

9. 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 persons, except such as are mentioned in this Law, and those claiming by, from, or under them.