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SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF
SRI LANKA**

**THIDORA-THEATRE INSTITUTE FOR DISABILITY
ORIENTED RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY
(INCORPORATION)**

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BILL

**to incorporate the Thidora-Theatre Institute for Disability Oriented
Research and Advocacy**

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AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE THIDORA-THEATRE INSTITUTE FOR
DISABILITY ORIENTED RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY

WHEREAS an Association called and known as the Preamble.
“Thidora-Theatre Institute for Disability Oriented Research
and Advocacy” has been formed for the purpose of effectually
carrying out and transacting all objects and matters connected
5 with the said Association according to the rules agreed to by
its members :

AND WHEREAS the said Association has heretofore
successfully carried out and transacted the several objects
and matters for which it was formed and has applied to be
10 incorporated, and it will be for the public advantage to grant
such 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 Thidora-Theatre Short title.
15 Institute for Disability Oriented Research and Advocacy
(Incorporation) Act, No. of 2015.

2. From and after the date of commencement of this Incorporation
Act, such and so many persons as are now members of the of the
“Thidora-Theatre Institute for Disability Oriented Research Thidora-
20 and Advocacy” (hereinafter referred to as “the Institution”) Theatre
and such other persons as shall hereinafter be admitted Institute for
as members of the Corporation hereby constituted shall Disability
be a body corporate with perpetual succession, under the Oriented
name and style of “Thidora-Theatre Institute for Research and
25 Disability Oriented Research and Advocacy” (hereinafter Advocacy.
referred to as “the Corporation”) and by that name may
sue and be sued in all courts, with full power and authority to
have and to use a common seal and to alter the same at its
will and pleasure.

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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 promote and enhance the creativity of the disabled and disadvantaged in Sri Lanka and to facilitate their integration into the Sri Lankan society ;

(b) to promote the self respect for the disabled and disadvantage amongst the Sri Lankan society ;

10 (c) to act against discriminations against the disabled and disadvantaged in Sri Lanka and to intervene in drafting and implementing laws for their protection ; and

15 (d) to collaborate with other organizations having similar objectives to those of the Corporation whether in Sri Lanka or abroad.

4. (1) The management, control and administration of the affairs of the Corporation shall, subject to the provisions of this Act and of the rules of the Corporation, administered by a Board of Management consisting of such number of office bearers as may be provided for in such rules and elected in accordance therewith.

Management
of the affairs
of the
Corporation.

(2) The founder member of the Institution Mr. Rohana Deva Perera shall be the Chairman of the Board of Directors for life.

25 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 of the objects of the Corporation or any one of them, and
30 subject to the rules of Corporation, to open, operate and close bank accounts, to borrow or raise money with or without security, to receive or collect grants and donations, to invest

General
powers of
the
Corporation.

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its funds and to engage, employ and dismiss, officers and servants are required for the purpose of achieving the objects of the Corporation.

5 **6.** (1) The financial year of the Corporation shall be 01st April to 31st March. Audit of accounts.

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

10 (3) The accounts of the Corporation shall be audited annually by a qualified auditor appointed by the Corporation.

(4) In this section “qualified auditor” means—

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

20 (ii) a firm of Accountants each of the resident partners of which, being a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountant 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.

25 **7.** (1) It shall be lawful for the Corporation from time to time at any general meeting of the Corporation and by the votes 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 admission, withdrawal or expulsion of members, the election of the office-bearers for the conduct of the duties of the office-bearers, agents, officers and servants of the Corporation, for the procedure to be followed in the transaction of business by the Corporation Rules of the Corporation.

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and the 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,
5 amended or rescinded.

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

8. The money and property of the Corporation however derived shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objectives as set forth herein and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, loan, bonus, or otherwise, by way of profit to the members of the Corporation.

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Application of income and property of the Corporation.

9. The Corporation shall be able and capable in law, to acquire 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 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.

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Corporation may hold property movable or immovable.

10. All debts and liabilities of the Institution existing on the day preceding the date of commencement of this Act, shall be paid by the Corporation, and all debts due to subscriptions, fees and contributions payable to the Association on that day, shall be paid to the Corporation for the purposes of this Act.

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Debts due by and payable to the Corporation.

11. The seal of the Corporation shall be in the custody of the Corporation and it shall not be affixed to any instrument whatsoever, except in the presence of the Chairman and one of the two Directors appointed by 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.

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Seal of the Corporation.

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12. If upon the winding up or 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 institution or institutions having objects similar to those of the Corporation and which is or are by its or their prohibited from distributing any income or property among its or their members.
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13. Nothing in this Act contained shall prejudice or affect the rights of the Republic or of any body politic or corporate.
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14. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail.
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- Property remaining on the dissolution of the Corporation.
- Saving of the rights of the Republic and others.
- Sinhala text to prevail in case of inconsistency.

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