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**“MATARA SEASON” ORGANIZATION
(INCORPORATION)**

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BILL

to incorporate the “Matara Season” Organization

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AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE “MATARA SEASON”
ORGANIZATION

5 WHEREAS an organization called and known as the “Matara Season” Organization has heretofore been created for the purpose of effectually carrying out and transacting all objects and matters connected with the said Organization according to the rules agreed to by its members:

Preamble

10 AND WHEREAS the said Organization has heretofore successfully carried out and transacted the 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 “Matara Season” Organization (Incorporation) Act, No. of 2021.

Short title

15 2. From and after the date of commencement of this Act, such and so many persons as now are members of the “Matara Season” Organization (hereinafter referred to as “the Organization”) 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 “Matara Season” Organization (hereinafter referred to as the “Corporation”) and by that name may sue and be sued and shall have full power and authority to have and use a common seal and to alter the same at its pleasure.

Incorporation of the “Matara Season” Organization

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

General objects of the Corporation

30 (a) to provide for displaying and evaluating skills of school children and university students and to confer awards and certificates to children with talents in order to promote thier cultural skills;

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- (b) to implement special training programmes which will enable the creation of a young generation who appreciate and practice values, norms and ethics;
- 5 (c) to conduct leadership camps and workshops for senior students of schools and universities in order to mould them for leadership and to educate them for successful living;
- 10 (d) to implement practical programmes for promoting physical capabilities of student population through sanitation and health programmes and sports cum physical exercise programmes;
- 15 (e) to organize and operate educational tours, shramadana campaigns and workshops in order to inculcate feelings on Sri Lankan heritage, environment, wildlife, population and patriotism;
- 20 (f) to extend support to services rendered by senior citizens organizations and to encourage such organizations;
- 25 (g) to encourage farmers engaged in traditional and export agricultural activities and to carry out various awareness programmes for them;
- (h) to take action to provide required assistance and support and training to unemployed youths in order to enable them to engage in self employment activities;
- 30 (i) to work in collaboration with local and foreign organizations with objectives similar to those of the Corporation;
- (j) to do all such other acts, matters and things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objectives of the Corporation.

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4. Subject to the provisions of this Act and any other Powers of the Corporation
written law, the Corporation shall have the power to—

- (a) open, operate and close bank accounts;
- 5 (b) borrow or raise money with or without security and
to receive or collect grants and donations;
- (c) invest any funds of the Corporation which are not
immediately required for the purpose of the
Corporation in a way that may be determined by
the Committee of Management;
- 10 (d) purchase, acquire, give on lease or hire, sell or
otherwise obtain any movable or immovable
property which may be required for the purpose of
the Corporation and which may lawfully be
15 acquired for those purposes and to deal with or
dispose of the same, as it may deem expedient with
a view to promoting the objects of the Corporation;
- (e) appoint, employ and dismiss the employees
required for the carrying out of the objects of the
Corporation and pay them such remuneration as
20 may be determined by the Corporation;
- (f) enter into, perform or carry out, whether directly
or through any officer or agent authorized in that
behalf of the Corporation, all such contracts or
agreements as may be necessary for the attainment
25 of the objects of the exercise of the powers of the
Corporation; and
- (g) appoint advisory councils, committees or sub
committees as and when necessary to carry out any
functions of the Corporation as may be determined
30 by the Committee of Management:

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 Provided that the Corporation shall obtain prior
 written approval of the Department of External
 Resources of the Ministry of the Minister assigned
5 the subject of Finance in respect of all foreign
 grants, gifts or donations.

5. (1) The management of the affairs of the Corporation Management
 shall be subject to the rules of the Corporation, be of the affairs
 administered by Committee of Management consisting of of the
 not more than six office bearers inclusive of the Chairman/ Corporation
10 Managing Director, Secretary, Treasurer and such number
 of members as may be provided or in rules and elected in
 accordance therewith.

 (2) No act or proceeding of the Committee of Management
15 shall be deemed to be invalid by reason only of the existence
 of a vacancy among its members or any defect on the election
 or nomination of a member thereof.

 (3) The first Committee of Management shall consist of
 the members of the Committee of Management holding office
 on the day immediately preceding the date of commencement
20 of this Act and shall continue to hold office until a new
 Committee of Management is elected in accordance with
 the rules made under section 6 of this Act.

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

- (a) the classification of members and the admission,
 withdrawal or expulsion of members;
- 30 (b) the election of the office-bearers, the resignation
 from, vacation of or removal from office of office-
 bearers and their powers, conduct and duties;

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- (c) the election of the members of the Committee of Management and its powers, duties and conduct and the terms of office of members of the Committee of Management;
- 5 (d) the powers, duties, functions and conduct of the officers, agents and servants of the Corporation;
- 10 (e) the procedure to be observed at and the summoning and holding of meetings of the Committee of Management, the times, places, notices and agenda of such meetings, the quorum thereof and the conduct of business thereat;
- 15 (f) the administration and management of the property of the Corporation, the custody of its funds, and the maintenance and audit of its accounts; and
- 15 (g) the management of the affairs of the Corporation, and the accomplishment of its objects.

(2) Any rule made by the Corporation may be amended, altered, added or rescinded at a like meeting and in like manner as a rule made under subsection (1).

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

7. The Secretary of the Committee of Management shall keep and maintain a register containing the names of the members of the Corporation. Register of the Members of the Corporation

25 8. Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Corporation shall be able and capable in law to acquire and hold any property both 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 Corporation may hold movable and immovable property

30 by the Corporation for the purpose of this Act and subject to the rules of the Corporation made under section 6, with full power to sell, mortgage, lease, exchange or otherwise dispose of the same.

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9. (1) The Corporation shall have its own fund and all Fund of the
moneys heretofore or hereafter to be received by way of gifts, Corporation
testamentary dispositions, grants, donations, contributions or
fees on behalf of the Corporation shall be deposited to the
5 credit of the credit of the Fund of the Corporation in one or
more banks as the Committee of Management may determine.

(2) The Corporation may establish a depreciation fund or
a sinking fund for the purpose of rehabilitation, development
or improvement of the property of the Corporation.

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

(4) The financial year of the Corporation shall be the
15 calender year.

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

11. No member of the Corporation shall for the purpose Limitation of
of discharging the debts an liabilities of the Corporation liability of
or for any other purpose, be liable to make any contribution members
25 exceeding the amount due from such member as
membership fees.

12. (1) The Corporation shall cause proper accounts to Accounts and
be kept of its income and expenditure, assets and liabilities Audits
and all other transactions of the Corporation.

30 (2) The accounts of the Corporation shall be audited by
a qualified auditor.

(3) In this section, “qualified auditor” means —

- 5 (a) an individual who, 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; or
- 10 (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 of practice as an Accountant, issued by the Council of such institute.

15 **13.** (1) The Seal of the Corporation shall not be affixed Seal of the Corporation
to any instrument whatsoever except in the presence of the President and the Secretary or two other members of the Corporation as may be decided by the committee of Management who shall sign their names to the instrument
20 in token of their presence and such signing shall be independent of the signing of any person as a witness.

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

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15. Nothing contained in this Act 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.

Savings of
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the Republic
and others

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

