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REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Act No. 13 of 2012

[L.S.]

AN ACT for the Incorporation of the National
Ramleela Council of Trinidad and Tobago and for
matters incidental thereto

[Assented to 3rd July, 2012]

WHEREAS dramatisation of scenes in the Ramayan has developed in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago which are exhibited in the communities in the festivity of Ramleela. Preamble

And whereas there has been established in Trinidad and Tobago a body known as the National Ramleela Council of Trinidad and Tobago.

And whereas it is expedient that the said Council be incorporated for the purpose of exercising the powers hereinafter set forth.

Enactment	ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as follows:
Short title	1. This Act may be cited as the National Ramleela Council (Incorporation) Act, 2012.
Incorporation	2. The National Ramleela Council (hereinafter called “the Organisation”) is hereby created as a body corporate.
Establishment and composition of the Board	3. (1) The business of the Organisation shall be executed by a Board, consisting of a minimum of five and a maximum of ten members including the President, Vice-President and Secretary. (2) Members of the Board shall be elected by an annual general meeting in accordance with rules made under section 9.
Aims and objectives	4. The aims and objects of the Organisation are to— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) promote the practice and development of dramatisation and exhibition of scenes from the Holy Ramayana; (b) propagate the practice and teaching of the dramatisation and exhibition of scenes from the Holy Ramayana; (c) promote and stage cultural, educational and social activities associated with the Ramleela festivities; (d) collaborate with any institution or body national or international having similar interests and where appropriate to seek affiliation or membership in such bodies; (e) establish Ramleela centres and arrange exhibitions, seminars and lectures relating to the tenets of the Holy Ramayana for the use and benefit of all people irrespective of nationality, origin, culture, creed, race and religion; and (f) do all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above aims and objectives.

5. The Organisation shall have the power to— Powers of the Organisation

- (a) acquire by purchase, transfer, exchange, bequest, grant, gift, conveyance, lease or otherwise, any real or personal estate or interest therein;
- (b) accept surrenders or reconveyances and to enter into contracts;
- (c) sell, exchange, demise, grant, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of and deal with all property which may for the time being be vested in it, subject to any restraint, reservation or conditions contained in the document under which it has acquired title; and
- (d) sue and be sued in its corporate name.

6. (1) The Organisation shall have the power to own Transfer or the vesting of Property real or personal property.

(2) All real or personal property of whatever nature now held by or vested in any other person for the use and benefit of the Organisation prior to the coming into force of the Act is hereby transferred to and vested in the Organisation.

(3) The Board shall be responsible for the control and management of the property referred to in subsections (1) and (2) and of the assets of the Organisation.

7. (1) The Organisation shall have a common seal and Common Seal of Organisation shall have a right to change it.

(2) Every document requiring the seal of the Organisation shall be sealed with the common seal of the Organisation in the presence of the President and Secretary (or any other person appointed for that purpose) who shall both sign the document.

(3) The signing of a document shall be *prima facie* evidence that the lawful seal of the Organisation was duly affixed.

Service of Documents
on the Organisation

8. (1) The Organisation shall at all times have a fixed address in Trinidad and Tobago, and that address and any change thereof shall be registered with the Registrar General within twenty-eight days of incorporation or change of address, as the case may be.

(2) Every document to be served on the Organisation may be served by leaving the same at, or sending the same by registered post to the registered address of the Organisation.

Power to make rules

9. The Organisation may from time to time make rules and regulations for the proper conduct of its proceedings and discharge of its duties, powers and functions with power to vary or revoke such rules and regulations.

Annual General Meeting

10. The Organisation shall have its Annual General Meeting on the first Saturday in June of each year or where it is impossible or impractical to do so on the date specified, within sixty days of the due date.

Elections

11. The Organisation shall have its elections on the first Saturday in June once in every two years or where impossible or impractical to do so on the date specified, within sixty days of the due date.

Saving of State and other
rights

12. Nothing in this Act shall affect or be deemed to affect the rights of the State or of any bodies politic or corporate or any other persons, except such as are mentioned or referred to in this Act and those claiming by, through, from or under them.

Passed in the House of Representatives this 5th day of June, 2012.

J. SAMPSON-MEIGUEL

Clerk of the House

Passed in the Senate this 8th day of June, 2012.

N. ATIBA-DILCHAN

Clerk of the Senate

Senate Amendments were agreed to by the House of Representatives on the 15th day of June, 2012.

J. SAMPSON-MEIGUEL

Clerk of the House