

Constitution (Section 1-5)

1. NAME

This Society shall be known as the 'SINGAPORE BANGLADESH SOCIETY', the abbreviation of which shall be 'SBS', and hereafter referred as the 'Society'.

2. PLACE OF BUSINESS

Its place of business shall be at 88 Owen Road, #01-02, Singapore 218901 or such other address as may subsequently be decided upon by the Council and approved by the Registrar of Societies. The Society shall carry out its activities only in places and premises which have the prior written approval from the relevant authorities, where necessary.

3. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the SOCIETY shall be

3.1 to promote mutual understanding and friendship between the people of Singapore and Bangladesh.

3.2 to promote, develop and present Bangladesh and Singaporean culture and tradition amongst its members.

3.3 to promote social, cultural, recreational and welfare activities amongst the members and their families and the broader Community.

3.4 to promote and maintain brotherly and cordial relations with all communities in Singapore.

3.5 to hold the celebrations of occasions of national importance to Bangladesh and Singapore.

3.6 To undertake any other socio-cultural, welfare activities which are of interest to Bangladesh & Singapore.

3.7 to cooperate with any organisation whose objectives are similar to those of the Society.

3. MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Society is open to all Bangladeshis, Singaporeans and Residents in Singapore, irrespective of race, religion, sex and creed. Members shall be at least eighteen years of age.

4.1 Categories of members shall be as follows :-

4.1.1 Ordinary Members: Singaporean and Permanent Residents holding Bangladeshi Passport and Employment Pass holders holding Bangladeshi Passport. On renunciation of Citizenship,

cancellation of Permanent Resident status or Employment Pass, leaving Singapore for more than five years; a member shall submit resignation as per clause 4.3.

4.1.2 Associate Member: Other Bangladeshis and non-Singaporeans residing in Singapore.

4.1.3 Honorary Member: The Honorary Membership may be conferred to deserving persons to be decided by the Council.

4.1.4 Life Member: Any Ordinary member is eligible to apply for a life membership on payment of at least \$200/- once.

4.1.5 Life Associate Member: Any Associate Member is eligible to apply for a life associate membership on payment of at least \$ 200/- once.

4.1.6 Chief Adviser: The High Commissioner of the People's Republic of Bangladesh in Singapore shall be the Chief Adviser of the Society.

4.2 A new member must be proposed and seconded by existing members whose subscriptions are up to date as per the current financial year. Applicants photograph and photocopy of Singapore I/C or Passport would have to be furnished along with the prescribed application form of the Society duly filled in. New membership must be approved by the Council with a simple majority. Upon approval and payment of dues, membership card and a copy of the Society's constitution will be provided.

4.3 A member intending to resign must give one month's notice in writing to the General Secretary of his decision to resign and clear all arrear dues.

4.4 A member, who resigns of his own accord or is dismissed or expelled, shall cease to be a member of the Society.

4.5 If any member i.e. an Ordinary, Life or Associate Member violates the rules and regulations of the Society or if his/her conduct in and out of the Society shall in the opinion of the Council be injurious to the objectives, image and interests of the Society, the Council shall, after thorough enquiry and notice given, be empowered to recommend such member to resign. If such member so recommended shall not resign within fourteen (14) days from the date of notice of such recommendation, the Council shall have the power to call a Special General Meeting (SGM) for the purpose of voting on the expulsion of such member. A vote of three-fourths of the members voting at such meeting shall be sufficient to expel such member from the society and no appeal shall be allowed from such determination to any other meeting. The Council at their discretion may re-admit any member who has resigned of his own accord provided he complies with the provisions of rules 4.2 and 5.1.

4.6 If a Member i.e. Ordinary, Life or Associate Member is convicted by a competent tribunal of felony, embezzlement, larceny, misdemeanour or other offence which in the opinion of the Council renders him unfit to be a member, the Council shall have the right to the removal of his name from the Roll thereby expelling him from the Society.

4.7 Only Ordinary Members and Life Members who are above 21 years of age shall have the right to vote and to hold office in the Society.

5. ENTRANCE FEES, SUBSCRIPTIONS AND OTHER DUES

5.1 An entrance fee of S\$5/- along with the annual subscription in full for the calendar year is payable within two weeks of election to membership in default of which membership may be cancelled by order of the Council.

5.2 Annual subscription for ordinary members is S\$20/ and Associate Member is \$10/-payable in advance in one instalment by the 31st January. Subscriptions once paid are not refundable.

5.3 The rate of annual subscriptions may only be varied by a general meeting of the members.

5.4 Any special subscriptions for particular purposes may be raised from members as and when determined by the Council.

5.5 A member, whose subscription is in arrears for three months, shall be served by the Treasurer with a notice requesting him to pay such arrears within one month of issue of notice.

5.6 Should such arrears remain unpaid for one month after the service of such notice, the name of the defaulting member shall, subject to the approval of the Council, be removed from the list of membership.

5.7 The “financial year” of the Society shall commence on the 1st January and end on the 31st December of the same calendar year.