

PERATURAN DAN PERLEMBAGAAN PERSEKUTUAN PELANCONGAN SARAWAK (RULES AND CONSTITUTION OF SARAWAK TOURISM FEDERATION) [STF]

1. NAME

The name of the Federation shall be known as Persekutuan Pelancongan Sarawak (Sarawak Tourism Federation) [STF] herein after referred to as the Federation.

2. REGISTERED/POSTAL ADDRESS

- (1) The registered office and address of the Federation shall be at the Sarawak Information Center, Kuching Waterfront, Main Bazaar, 93000 Kuching, Sarawak or as determined by the Annual General Assembly and upon approval by the Registrar of Societies, Sarawak.
- (2) The registered postal address of the Federation shall be P.O. Box 887, 93718 Kuching.
- (3) The registered/postal address of the Federation shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Registrar of Societies, Sarawak.

3. EMBLEM

The emblem of the Federation shall adopt the emblem of former Sarawak Tourist Association with a rectangle in shape showing in its center, a hornbill in black, white and yellow feathers with red and yellow beak resting on a branch of tree, facing east with the Federation's name in English below it.

4. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Federation shall be: -

- (1) To bring together and unite all Associations and associates from the various sectors of the tourism industry for their mutual interest and co-operation.
- (2) To promote and protect the interest of members of the Federation in particular and the interests of the tourism industry in Sarawak.
- (3) To act as consultative body and representative in all matters pertaining to issues affecting the conduct and development of the tourism industry in Sarawak.
- (4) To establish rapport and co-operation between members and the relevant authorities on matters affecting the interest of the members and the industry.
- (5) To co-ordinate the rationalization of the various plans, programmes and activities undertaken by the various sectors of the industry and by both government and private sector.
- (6) To initiate and assist in the formulation of policies concerning the promotion and development of tourism and tourism standards for the industry in Sarawak through legislation setting or safeguards.
- (7) To assist in the promotion of both domestic and international tourism and in the upgrading of tourism infrastructure and services for the benefit of both members and tourists.

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- (8) To provide for the training needs of members and assist the relevant authorities in the development of human resources and skills to meet the needs of the tourism industry in Sarawak.
- (9) To establish facilities for the training, grading and certification of tourist related personnel in furtherance of the Federation's objectives.
- (10) To initiate or operate tourist facilities as may be deemed necessary at appropriate tourist locations.
- (11) To stimulate the demand for tourism merchandise and services available in Sarawak for the benefit of members and the tourism industry.
- (12) To print, publish, sell, circulate and distribute badges, books, souvenir and publications calculated to promote directly, any of the objectives of the Federation.
- (13) To associate or affiliate with national, regional and international organization having the same objective of promoting tourism with the proviso that the laws and interests of Malaysia are not in any way jeopardized by way of any international affiliation or association.
- (14) To acquire and own land and buildings for the common use and benefits of members.
- (15) To operate, engage, invest any surplus fund in fixed deposits, government bonds and securities and in any tourism business activities as approved by the Federation at its Extra Ordinary General Assembly or Annual General Assembly for the purpose of carrying out its objectives.

5. MEMBERSHIP

There shall be 3 categories of membership: -

(1) Affiliate Members

Membership shall be opened to any registered associations which are dealing in the under mentioned sectors of tourism industry in Sarawak as specified under (4) below.

(2) Associates Members

Membership may be opened to any body corporate within Sarawak other states of the Federation of Malaysia having business directly connected with tourism in Sarawak but they shall have no right to vote or hold office in the Federation.

(3) Honorary Members

Honorary membership shall be elected by the Federation, which shall report to the General Meeting, on any person who has rendered services and contribution towards the advancement of the Federation. Such member shall have no right to vote and hold office.

(4) Approved Sectors of the Tourism Industry

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The affiliate and associate members shall have business or dealing under the following sectors: -

- a. Travel and Tour agencies,
- b. Tourism Accommodation operators/owners,
- c. Tourism attraction agencies,
- d. Tourist Guides/Park Warden Services,
- e. Food and Beverage agencies/operators,
- f. Airlines and air charters agencies,
- g. Travel media and Tourism promotion agencies,
- h. Land/Marine Transportation agencies,
- i. Handicraft and souvenir agencies,
- j. Meetings' Incentives, Conference and Exhibition organizers
- k. Tourism Educational agencies
- l. Other tourism related agencies.

6. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/ADMISSION

(1) Application

Every application for membership shall be in the form prescribed in the First Schedule hereto and shall be proposed by one member and seconded by another. The Board may in its discretion approve or reject any application without assigning any reason thereof.

(2) Admission

Every applicant whose application has been approved shall, upon payment of the prescribed entrance fees and first annual subscription, be admitted as a member of the Federation and shall be entitled to all privileges of membership. On admission as a Member of the Association, he shall be provided with a copy of the Constitution, a list of Members and Membership Certificate as prescribed in the Schedule hereto.

7. MEMBERSHIP REPRESENTATION

- (1) Affiliate Member having their registered memberships of 49 members and below shall be entitled to have one representative and with one voting right and to hold office.
- (2) Affiliate Member having their registered memberships of 50 members and above, shall be entitled to have a maximum of two representatives with two voting rights and to hold offices.
- (3) Affiliate Members must submit in writing the name of their representative or representatives together with the required information specified in Rule 9 to the Federation. He may also nominate an alternate representative in the absence of his first representative.

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8. SUBSCRIPTION

(1) Affiliate Member

The Entrance Fee for any Affiliate Member shall be Ringgit Malaysia One thousand (RM1, 000.00) and Annual Subscription Fees of Ringgit Malaysia Five hundred (RM500.00) for each representation as specified in Rule 7.

(2) Associate Member

The Entrance Fee for any Associate Member shall be Ringgit Malaysia One thousand (RM1, 000.00) and the Annual Subscription Fee of Ringgit Malaysia Five hundred (RM500.00).

(3) Subscription Fee

All subscription fees shall be payable as from the 1st day of January of each calendar year.

(4) Forfeiture of Rights

Any member failing to pay his annual subscription, which is in 3 months' arrears, shall forfeit all his rights and privileges of membership.

(5) Failure to pay Annual Subscription Fee

Any member failing to pay his annual subscription fee by the 31st day of December of the calendar year shall automatically cease to be a member.

(6) Special Subscriptions or Donations

The Federation may, for the purpose of promoting its objectives, call for special subscriptions or donations from its affiliates or members of the public.

9. REGISTER

- (1) The Honorary Secretary shall keep at the Office a Register of Members of the Federation. The Register shall contain the following particulars: -

Firms/Body of Corporate, which are Affiliate members

Affiliate Members

- (a) Membership No.
- (b) Date of Admission
- (c) Name of Association
- (d) Address of Association
- (e) Name(s) of Representative
- (f) Identity Card No. of Representative
- (g) Date of Birth of Representative
- (h) Place of Birth of Representative
- (i) Occupation of Representative
- (j) Home Address of Representative

Associate Members

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- (a) Membership No.
- (b) Date of Admission
- (c) Name of Firm/Body Corporate
- (d) Address of Firm/Body Corporate
- (e) Name of Representative
- (f) Identity Card No. of Representative
- (g) Date of Birth of Representative
- (h) Place of Birth of Representative
- (i) Occupation of Representative
- (j) Home Address of Representative

(2) All entries in the Register and amendments thereto shall be subject to the approval of the Board, and the Register shall be opened to inspection by Members during normal office hours.

10. RESIGNATION OF MEMBERS

- (1) Any member wishing to resign from the Federation shall give one month's written notice to the Honorary Secretary of his intention to do so, and upon expiration of such notice, such member shall cease to be member of the Federation. Any outstanding dues owing by such a member to the Federation shall have to be settled in full.

11. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- (1) If in the opinion of the Board of Management any member who infringes the Constitution, rules or by laws or has acted in a manner detrimental to the objectives, prestige or interest of the Federation, or who has been deregistered for business or services, the Board may demand such members to show cause or to suspend or expel such member as provided hereunder.
- (2) A member may be expelled provided that at least fourteen (14) days previous notice is given thereto in accordance with a resolution of the Board, he is given notice of the ground upon which it is proposed to expel him, and an opportunity to make answer in writing or in person before the Board and provided that after such answer or hearing of the resolution for his expulsion is confirmed by a majority of 2/3rds of the Board Members present. Such notice of intention to expel him shall operate as a suspension of all such member's right until the question of his expulsion is finally settled.
- (3) Any member expelled under Section (2) above shall have the right of appeal to a General Assembly meeting whose decision shall be final provided that the notice of appeal is lodged within thirty (30) days from the date of expulsion.

12. PATRONS

- (1) Patron or Patrons may be appointed by the Board but such Patron or Patrons shall not have voting rights and shall not be liable for subscriptions.

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13. THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

- (1) The affairs of the Federation shall be conducted by the Board consisting of not less than seven (7) elected Board members and not more than twelve (12)+ co-opted Board Members.
- (2) The Board of Management shall be elected by the representatives of affiliated members during the Annual General Assembly biennially. The representatives shall be from among the elected Executive Committee of the affiliated members.
- (3) The members of the Board elected under Section (7) below shall consist of not less than one and not more than three from each sector of the tourism industry as provided in Rule 5 above.
- (4) Candidates for election as Members of the Board shall be proposed by and seconded. The nomination shall be in writing and shall be signed by the proposing and seconding Members. The nomination shall also be signed by the candidate who shall signify his willingness to serve if elected.
- (5) A copy of the nomination certified by the Honorary Secretary-General or the Assistant Secretary-General shall be posted in the registered office of the Federation for at least three days before an election is held.
- (6) Members entitled to vote at an Annual General Assembly during an Election Year shall elect by secret ballot and simple majority from among candidates nominated for the various sectors.
- (7) The newly elected Board shall within seven (7) days elect or cause to be elected the following office bearers taking accounts the votes received by each of the elected members at the Annual General Assembly. In the event of an equality of votes, the Chairman of the Assembly shall have a casting vote under Rule 23 (2) :-

President
Deputy President
Honorary Secretary-General
Honorary Treasurer-General
Assistant Honorary Secretary-General
Assistant Honorary Treasurer-General and
Such other ordinary Board members
Chairman of Regional Committees (Ex-Official)

- (8) The elected President shall not hold office for more than two (2) consecutive terms. He may be eligible for re-election to similar office after a lapse of one term.
- (9) The Board shall have the power to co-opt at least one ex-official from each of the following government departments and agencies and such other ex-official from each of the other important government agencies from time to time and such co-opted Board members shall have no voting rights.

Federal Ministry of Culture, Arts and Tourism (MOCAT)
Ministry of Tourism (MOT)
Malaysian Tourism Promotion Board (MTPB)
Sarawak Tourism Board (STB)

- (10) The Board may at any time co-opt a maximum of twelve (12) co-opted other Board members from among members or persons with tourism expertise.

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- (11) The Board shall meet for the dispatch of the Federation's business at such place or places and time as it thinks fit. At least ½ of elected Board members personally present shall constitute a quorum.
- (12) A meeting of the Board shall be called on the requisition in writing of any four (4) of its members. The Board shall at least hold one ordinary meeting once every three (3) months. At least 3 days notice of any Board Meeting shall be given to all Board members.
- (13) Each elected Board members shall be entitled to one vote but the President at any Meeting shall have an Ordinary as well as a casting vote. Motions before the Board shall be passed if a majority of those present in person and voting shall be in favor thereof.
- (14) Any Member of the Board who without good reason is absent and without a nominee to represent him from three (3) consecutive meetings shall be deemed to have resigned his office, and the Board may appoint another Ordinary Member of the Federation in his place to serve until the next election.
- (15) In the event of a Member of the Board resigning from the Board of Management before his term of Office is completed the Board may appoint another affiliate Member of the Federation in his place to serve until the next election.

14. FUNCTION AND POWERS OF THE BOARD

- (1) The administration of the Federation shall be delegated to the Board of Management which functions as follows: -
 - (a) To carry out the resolutions of the Annual General Assembly.
 - (b) To arrange and supervise the affairs and day-to-day activities of the Federation.
 - (c) To convene Annual and Extraordinary General Assembly.
 - (d) To formulate policies and prepare programmes of activities for the approval of the Annual General Assembly.
 - (e) To interpret the Rules and Constitution of the Federation.
 - (f) To make, repeal and amend from time to time all such regulations or by-laws (not consistent with these Rules and Constitution) as they shall think expedient for the management and well being of the Federation.
 - (g) To approve or reject applications for membership.
 - (h) To expel any affiliate member.
 - (i) To deal with complaint(s) from members or other agencies.
 - (j) To appoint legal advisers.
 - (k) To invite eminent personalities from any affiliate to be the honorary advisers of the Federation.

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- (l) To approve or revoke any decisions or acts of the Committees.
 - (m) To appoint temporary Committee for the purpose of carrying out any particular assignments.
 - (n) To engage or dismiss any employee of the Federation.
- (2) The tenure of office of all members of the Board of Management shall be two (2) years term.
 - (3) The decisions of the Board of Management shall be binding on all members of the Federation unless and until countermanded by a resolution of an Annual General Assembly.

15. DUTIES OF OFFICE BEARERS

- (1) The President shall preside at all General Assembly and all Meetings of the Board and shall be responsible for the proper conduct of all such Meetings. He shall have a casting vote and shall sign the Minutes of each Meeting at the time they are approved.
- (2) The Deputy President shall deputise for the President in his absence. In the absence of the President and Deputy President, the Meeting shall elect its own President for that particular meeting.
- (3) The Honorary Secretary-General shall keep the books and records of the Federation, record Minutes of all Meetings and send out notices of Meetings or Assembly.
- (4) The Honorary Assistant Secretary-General shall assist the Honorary Secretary-General in carrying out his duties and shall act for him in his absence.
- (5) The Honorary Treasurer-General shall be responsible for the finances of the Federation. He shall keep accounts of its financial transactions and shall be responsible for their correctness and to report same at Meetings or General Assembly. He may hold petty cash advance of not exceeding Ringgit Malaysia Five Hundred (RM500.00) at any time.
- (6) The Assistant Honorary Treasurer-General shall assist the Treasurer in carrying out his duties and shall act for him in his absence.
- (7) The ordinary Board Members shall assist the Committee in carrying out its functions.

16. COMMITTEE

- (1) The Board may from time to time appoint such committees as it considers necessary for securing efficient discharge of its functions and delegate to any such committees at any time such powers and duties as it may deem expedient.
- (2) Any person may be appointed a member of any committee notwithstanding that he is not a member of the Board.
- (3) Any committee so appointed shall function in accordance with the By-Laws made by the Board from time to time and approved by a General Assembly of the Federation.

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17. ASSOCIATION STAFF

- (1) The Board shall have power to employ staff (hereinafter called the salaried staff) and determine the terms and conditions of service upon which they shall serve.
- (2) The salaried staff shall act under the general directive of the President or in his absence the Deputy President and shall be responsible only to the Board. The salaried staff may be required to attend all the Board's Meetings and General Assembly as required by the Board, and shall keep all proceedings of the Meetings as confidential.

18. FUNCTION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The supreme authority of the Federation shall be vested in the General Assembly which has function and powers as follows: -

- (1) To approve the nomination of members of the Board of Management biennially, for final election under Rule 13 (7).
- (2) To receive the reports and proposals of the Board of Management.
- (3) To receive the Honorary Treasurer-General's reports and audited accounts of the Federation.
- (4) To amend and revise the rules and constitution of the Federation.
- (5) To consider any complaints or proposals or motion from the Board of Management or the members or other agencies.
- (6) To revoke any resolutions of the Board of Management with the consent of at least two-thirds (2/3) majority of the delegates present at the General Assembly.
- (7) To dissolve the Board of Management or to remove any Board members from office and to elect new Board of Management members to succeed them for the un-expired term with the consent of at least two-thirds (2/3) majority of the delegates present at the General Assembly.
- (8) To utilize the major funds of the Federation for suitable investments.
- (9) To mortgage or sell the property of the Federation, with at least three-fourths (3/4) majority of the delegates present at the General Assembly.
- (10) To carry out any activities conducive to the attainment of the objectives of the Federation and for the benefit and welfare of the Federation and its members.
- (11) To appoint three (3) officers in accordance with Section 9(b) of the Societies Act, 1966.

19. ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- (1) Once at least in every calendar year not more than 15 months after the last Annual General Assembly, the Board shall call a General Assembly at such time and place as may be expedient.

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- (2) Should the Board fail to call an Annual General Assembly, the Honorary Secretary-General shall call such Assembly or if, the Honorary Secretary-General fails or refuses to, by the Honorary Assistant Secretary-General, in both events upon the requisition in writing of 20% of total Members.
- (3) The business of the Annual General Assembly shall be: -
 - (i) To receive the Board's report on the working of the Federation during the previous year;
 - (ii) To receive the Honorary Treasurer-General's report and the audited accounts of the Federation for the previous year;
 - (iii) To approve and to appoint biennially, the nomination of members of the Board for final election as provided in rule 13 (7) and to appoint auditors for the ensuring year; and
 - (iv) To deal with such other matters or motion as may be brought before it.

20. EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- (1) An extra-ordinary general assembly of the Federation shall be convened: -
 - (i) Whenever the Board deems it desirable, or
 - (ii) At the joint request in writing of not less that 20% of affiliate Members, stating the objects and reasons for such Assembly.
- (2) An extra-ordinary general assembly requisitioned by members shall be convened for a date within thirty (30) days of the receipts of such requisition.
- (4) The quorum and postponement of an extra-ordinary General Assembly shall be the same as those of the Annual General Assembly under Rule 19 provided that if no quorum shall be formed within thirty (30) minutes from the time appointed for the postponed Assembly an extra-ordinary General Assembly requisitioned by the affiliates shall be cancelled.

21. NOTICE OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- (1) Fourteen (14) days notice of every Annual General Assembly or seven (7) days notice for Extra-Ordinary General Assembly shall be sent to each member by post to the address given in the Register, specifying the time and place of the Assembly and the business to be transacted thereat.
- (2) The name of the delegates and their addresses and the motions, if any, shall reach the Secretariat at least seven (7) days before the Assembly.
- (3) At least three (3) days before the General Assembly, a notice of such Assembly and of the business to be transacted thereto, the report of the Board of Management, the audited balance sheet and statement of accounts shall be placed at the premises of the Federation for the perusal of the members/delegates.

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22. QUORUM AND POSTPONEMENT OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- (1) The quorum for any General Assembly shall be at least twice the number of the Board Members or one half (1/2) of the total Affiliate membership whichever is the lesser.
- (2) In the absence of a quorum the Assembly shall be postponed to a later date to be decided by the Board.
- (3) Where no quorum is present at the subsequent date decided in accordance with Section (2) above: -
 - (i) an annual General Assembly shall proceed to business provided that such Assembly shall not amend this Constitution or make decisions affecting the whole membership;
 - (ii) an extra-ordinary general Assembly requisitioned by members shall be cancelled and no extra-ordinary general Assembly shall be requisitioned for the same purpose until after a lapse of six (6) months from the date thereof.

23. VOTING

- (1) No Affiliate or nominated representative Member shall be entitled to receive notice of, or to be present, or vote at, any General Assembly if his subscription shall be in arrears.
- (2) Each Affiliate or nominated representative Member present personally or by proxy at a General Assembly shall be entitled to one vote. In the event of equality of votes the Chairman of the Assembly shall be entitled to a casting vote in addition to his own vote as a Member.

24. PROXIES

At all General Assembly of the Federation, proxy may be permitted for a Member on his behalf by other Affiliate Member, provided that the instrument appointing a proxy shall be in the form prescribed in the Third Schedule hereto. The instrument appointing the proxy shall be lodged with the Honorary Secretary or the Assistant Secretary not less than 24 hours before the time for holding the Assembly at which the Member named in such instrument proposed to vote. Each member shall not act as proxy for more than two (2) Affiliate members at any one time.

25. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

- (1) The Federation shall be financed by subscriptions from Members, and may be supplemented by donations or grants from official funds raising as well as from projects and income from other sources.
- (2) The Funds of the Federation shall be under the control of the Board of Management who shall cause accounts to be opened with Banks, established either within or outside Malaysia, into which all monies belonging to or under the control of the Federation shall be paid, and all cheques drawn on the said account shall be signed by the President or Deputy President and countersigned by the Honorary Treasurer-General or in his absence, by the Honorary Secretary-General.

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- (3) The financial year of the Federation shall commence on the first day of January and end on the 31st December in each year and at the Annual General Assembly held in each year the Board shall lay before the Members a Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account made up to 31st December then preceding. The Accounts and the Income and Expenditure Account shall be signed by the President and the Honorary Treasurer-General.
- (4) The funds of the Federation shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Federation and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend or bonus or otherwise to the person or persons who at any time are or have been members of the Federation or to any person claiming through them. But nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith or remuneration to any office-bearers or salaried staff of the Federation or to any member thereof or other person in return for any service actually rendered to the Federation.
- (5) All cheques or withdrawal notices on the Federation's account shall be signed jointly by the President (or in his absence the Deputy Chairman) and the Treasurer or in his absence by the Honorary Secretary-General. In the absence of the Honorary Secretary-General and the Honorary Treasurer-General, the Board shall appoint one of its members to sign in his place.
- (6) No expenditure exceeding Ringgit Malaysia Five Thousand (RM5, 000.00) at any one time shall be incurred without the prior sanction of the Board, and no expenditure exceeding Ringgit Malaysia One Hundred Thousand (RM100, 000.00) at any one time shall be incurred without the prior sanction of a General Assembly.
- (7) As soon as possible after the end of each financial year, a statement of income and expenditure and a balance sheet for the year shall be prepared and audited by the Auditor(s) appointed under Section. The audited accounts shall be submitted for the approval of the next annual general Assembly, and copies shall be made available at the registered office/address or place of meeting of the for the perusal of members.

26. AUDIT

- (1) One or more persons, who shall not be Office Bearers of the Federation, shall be appointed by the Annual General Assembly as Honorary Auditors.
- (2) The Auditor/Auditors shall be required to audit the accounts of the Federation for the year, and to prepare a report or certificate for the Annual General Assembly. They may also be required by the President to audit the Accounts of the Federation for any period within their tenure of office at any date, and to make a report to the Board.

27. PROPERTIES/ASSETS

- (1) The properties/assets of the Federation shall belong to the Members of the Federation, but no Member by reason of his Membership have assignable interests in any such properties or assets.
- (2) The Federation may hold properties/assets and all such properties/assets shall be registered in the name of the Federation.

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28. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

For the purpose of Section 9 (b) of the Societies Act, 1966

- (1) The Members in General Assembly shall appoint three (3) officers of the Federation for the purposes of Section 9 (b) of the Societies Act, 1966.
- (2) They shall hold office until their terms expire at the next Annual General Assembly and shall be eligible for re-election.
- (3) The officers appointed under this rule shall deal with the immovable property of the Federation in such manner as the General Assembly may direct provided that all immovable properties shall be registered in the name of the Federation.
- (4) The Members in General Assembly may at any time remove an Officer so appointed, and appoint some other Officer in his place.
- (5) An Officer may at any time resign by giving notice in writing to the Board of Management of his intention to do so.
- (6) If an Officer ceases to be a Member of the Federation he shall thereupon be deemed to have resigned and shall cease to be an Officer.
- (7) Upon the resignation of an Officer, the Members in General Assembly shall appoint a new Officer in place of such Officer.
- (8) During the temporary absence from Sarawak due to illness, death, resignation or removal an Extra-Ordinary Assembly may be convened to remove and to appoint another Officer of the Federation to act temporarily in the place of such Officer until the next General Assembly.

29. ANNUAL RETURN

The Honorary Secretary-General shall, as soon as after the holding of the annual general Assembly of the Federation, forward to the Registrar of Societies an annual return in the prescribed form.

30. AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION

This Constitution may not be altered or amended except by resolution passed at a General Assembly. Such alteration or amendments shall take effect from the date of their approval by the Registrar of Societies, Sarawak.

31. DISSOLUTION

- (1) The Federation shall not be dissolved except with the consent of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the Affiliated Members expressed in person at a General Meeting convened for the purpose.
- (2) In the event of the Federation being dissolved, all debts and liabilities legally incurred on its behalf shall be fully discharged. The manner of the disposal of any remaining funds shall be decided at the same Assembly.

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- (3) Notice of dissolution signed by the Honorary Secretary-General shall be given to the Registrar of Societies, Sarawak within fourteen (14) days of dissolution.

32. INTERPRETATION OF RULES

Between Annual General Assembly, the Board shall interpret the rules of the Federation and when necessary, determine any point on which the rules are silent.

33. SPECIAL PROVISIONS

- (1) Any person shall not hold office in the Federation or become an advisor or employee of the Federation if he/she is disqualified under Section 9A of the Societies Amended Act, 1981.
- (2) All members of the Board and every officer performing executive functions in the Federation shall be Malaysian citizens. However, non-Malaysian citizens may hold office with the prior approval of the Registrar of Societies.
- (3) Any student of university or University College shall not be admitted as a member of the Federation unless he has obtained prior written permission from the Vice-Chancellor of the university concerned.
- (4) No benefits as defined under Section 2 of the Societies Act, 1966 shall be given by the Federation to any of its affiliates and/or delegates.
- (5) Neither the Federation nor its affiliates shall engage or try to engage in any Trade Union activities as defined in the Trade Union Act, 1959.
- (6) No gambling or any other illegal activity shall be carried out at the premises of the Federation.

**PHILIP YONG
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SARAWAK TOURISM FEDERATION**

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EMBLEM

Description of the Emblem

The emblem of the Federation shall be rectangle in shape showing in its center a hornbill in black, white and yellow feathers with red and yellow beak resting on a branch of the tree facing east with the Federation's name in English below it. The word "SARAWAK" is printed in red capital letters with the array of native carvings as its background. The entire background of the emblem shall be white.

Meaning of the emblem

Sarawak nestles snugly amongst its wealth of traditions and culture as depicted by the array of native carvings. The strength of the motif also provides the support for Sarawak as she strives ahead in her endeavour to impress upon with an identity that will serve her well in tourism promotion. The hornbill, Sarawak's State bird, which overlooks Sarawak symbolically gives a beckoning call to pose a challenge of intrigue to visitors as it holds its head upright with dignity and pride.

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