



THE COMSATS INSTITUTE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ORDINANCE, 2000



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ORDINANCE, 2000

ORDINANCE No. XXXVIII OF 2000

[12th August, 2000]

An Ordinance to provide for the establishment of the COMSATS Institute of Information Technology

WHEREAS, the Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS) has expressed the desire to establish COMSATS Institute of Information Technology;

AND WHEREAS it is in the interest of the region in general and in the interest of the country in particular to establish a center of excellence under an international organization for provision of quality education of international standard to talented students of Pakistan and other member countries of the COMSATS;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the establishment of the COMSATS Institute of Information Technology and for matters ancillary thereto or connected therewith;

AND WHEREAS the National Assembly and the Senate stand suspended in pursuance of the Proclamation of the fourteenth day of October, 1999, and the Provisional Constitution Order No. 1 of 1999;

AND WHEREAS the President is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary to take immediate action;

NOW, THEREFORE, in pursuance of the Proclamation of Emergency of the fourteenth day of October, 1999, and Provisional Constitution Order No. 1 of 1999, as well as Order No. 9 of 1999, and in exercise of all powers enabling him in that behalf, the President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan is pleased to make and promulgate the following Ordinance:—

1. Short title and commencement.—(1) This Ordinance may be called the COMSATS Institute of Information Technology Ordinance, 2000.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Definitions.—(1) In this Ordinance, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,—

(a) "Academic Council" means the Academic Council of the Institute;

(b) "Authority" means any of the Authorities of the Institute specified in section 7 ;

- (c) "Board" means the Board of Governors of the Institute constituted under section 13;
- (d) "Chancellor" means the Chancellor of the Institute;
- (e) "COMSATS" means the Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South;
- (f) "Dean" means the Dean of a Faculty;
- (g) "Department" means a Teaching Department established and maintained by the Institute;
- (h) "Director" means the Director appointed under section 16;
- (i) "Faculty" means a Faculty of the Institute;
- (j) "Institute" means the COMSATS Institute of Information Technology;
- (k) "Patron" means the Patron of the Institute;
- (l) "prescribed" means prescribed by regulations, rules or Statutes;
- (m) "Rector" means the Rector of the Institute;
- (n) "regulations", "rules" or "Statutes" means the regulations, rules or Statutes made or deemed to have been made under this Ordinance; and
- (o) "teacher" includes the Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors, Lecturers and research staff engaged by the Institute for teaching graduate classes and such other person as may be declared as teacher by the Board.

3. Establishment and incorporation of the Institute.—(1) There shall be established, in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance, an Institute to be called the COMSATS Institute of Information Technology consisting of the Patron, the Chancellor, the Board, the Rector, the Directors, and such other officers as may be prescribed.

(2) The Institute shall be a body corporate having perpetual succession and common seal, with power to acquire, hold and dispose of any property, both movable and immovable, and shall by the said name sue and be sued.

(3) The Institute shall have its principal seat at Islamabad and may set-up any number of campuses at such places as the Board may determine.

4. Powers and functions of the Institute. The Institute shall have the powers—

- (a) to provide for instruction and training in computer and information technology and to make provisions for the advancement and dissemination of knowledge in such manner as it may deem fit;

- (b) to admit and examine students;
- (c) to hold examinations and confer or award degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions on and to persons who have passed its examinations under prescribed conditions;
- (d) to confer honorary degrees or other distinctions on approved persons in the manner as may be prescribed;
- (e) to prescribe courses of studies and undertake research as it may determine;
- (f) to demand and receive such fees and other charges as it may determine;
- (g) to appoint such officers including teachers and members of the staff and prescribe terms and conditions, powers and duties of such officers and staff;
- (h) to appoint members of the various bodies and committees as the Board may determine for instructional and curricular activities and admit students of the Institute and its constituent units;
- (i) to affiliate and disaffiliate educational institutions and inspect such institutions or associate itself with other educational, training and research institutions;
- (j) to receive and manage property, grants, bequests, trusts, gifts, donations, endowments and other contributions made to the Institute and to invest them in such manner as it may deem fit;
- (k) to enter into agreements, contracts and arrangements with governments, organizations, institutions, bodies and individuals for carrying out its function and activities; and
- (l) to do all such other acts and things as may be required to further its objectives.

5. Institute open to all classes, etc. The Institute shall be open to all persons of either sex of whatever religion, race, creed, colour or domicile who are academically qualified for admission to the courses of study offered by the Institute, and no such person shall be denied the privilege on the ground only of sex, religion, creed, race, class, colour or domicile.

6. Teaching and examinations.—(1) The academic programmes of the Institute shall be conducted in the prescribed manner.

(2) The Institute shall restrict to phase-wise development of its academic programmes and having developed the necessary infrastructure it shall launch its academic programmes subsequently.

(3) The degree awarding programmes of the Institute shall conform to the approved criteria of the University Grants Commission.