

# **Institute of Southeast Asian Studies Bill**

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**Bill No. 10/1968**

*Read the first time on 9th May 1968.*

An Act to provide for the establishment of the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies and for matters connected therewith.

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows: —

**Short title**

1. This Act may be cited as the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies Act, 1968.

**Interpretation**

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“Board” means the Board of Trustees of the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies constituted under the provisions of section 4 of this Act;

“Chairman” means the Chairman of the Board appointed under section 4 of this Act;

“Director” means the Director of the Institute appointed under section 12 of this

Act;

“regulations” means regulations made by the Executive Committee under the provisions of section 14 of this Act.

### **Establishment of the Institute**

3. For the promotion of research on Southeast Asia and on all matters appertaining to Southeast Asia, there shall be established an Institute to be styled “the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies” (hereinafter in this Act referred to as “the Institute”).

### **Constitution of the Board of Trustees**

4.—(1) There shall be constituted a Board to be known as “the Board of Trustees of the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies”, which shall be a body corporate having perpetual succession and a common seal and which may sue and be sued in its corporate name.

(2) The Board shall consist of a Chairman and a Deputy Chairman to be appointed by the President and twenty-one other members appointed as follows: —

- (a) four persons to be appointed by the President;
- (b) four persons, one each to be appointed by the Singapore International Chamber of Commerce, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, the Indian Chamber of Commerce and the Malay Chamber of Commerce, respectively;
- (c) two persons, one each to be appointed by the Lee Foundation and the Shaw Foundation, respectively;
- (d) five persons to be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Singapore;
- (e) three persons to be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor of the Nanyang University; and
- (f) three persons to be appointed by the President from among persons nominated by such professional bodies and organisations as the President may consult.

(3) The Director shall be an *ex-officio* member of the Board.

(4) The Chairman, the Deputy Chairman, and other members appointed by the President under subsection (2) of this section shall, unless the President otherwise directs, hold office for a period of up to three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment:

Provided that the President may at any time revoke such appointment.

(5) The members appointed, otherwise than by the President, under subsection (2) of this section shall, unless the President otherwise directs, hold office for a period of three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment:

Provided that the person or body appointing such member may at any time revoke such appointment.

(6) Any member of the Board may resign from the Board by giving notice in writing to that effect addressed to the Chairman and as from the date of receipt by the Chairman of such notice such member shall cease to be a member.

(7) If the Chairman is absent from any meeting of the Board, the Deputy Chairman shall act as Chairman of the meeting.

(8) The Board may grant leave of absence to any member of the Board.

(9) Any member absenting himself from four consecutive meetings of the Board without having obtained leave of absence from the Board shall be considered as having resigned from the Board.

(10) If a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Board by death, resignation, revocation of appointment or otherwise the vacancy shall be filled by the authority by whom the member in respect of whom the vacancy occurs was appointed, save that any person so appointed shall hold office for so long as the member in whose place he is appointed would have held office.

(11) The Board shall meet at least once a year.

## **Powers of the Board**

5. The Board shall have power —

- (a) to receive and approve the annual report and accounts of the Institute;
- (b) to approve the budget and research programme of the Institute;
- (c) to set up endowment funds and other funds for a specific purpose or purposes; and
- (d) generally to do all such matters and things as may be incidental to or consequential upon the exercise of its powers or the discharge of its functions under this Act.

## **Quorum**

6.—(1) Every question before the Board at any meeting shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the members present.

(2) Seven members of the Board shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

(3) The chairman at any meeting shall have an original vote and, in the case of an equality of votes, shall have a casting vote.

### **Secretary of the Board**

7.—(1) The Executive Secretary of the Institute shall be the Secretary of the Board, and shall attend all meetings thereof unless excused for good cause by the Chairman.

(2) In the absence of the Secretary, the Chairman may appoint a suitable person to act as clerk for a particular meeting.

### **Power of the Board to enter into contracts and to hold property**

8.—(1) The Board may enter into such contracts as may be necessary or expedient for carrying into effect the provisions of this Act.

(2) The Board may acquire and hold such movable or immovable property as may be necessary or expedient for carrying into effect the provisions of this Act and for the same purposes may sell, lease, mortgage, or otherwise alienate or dispose of any property so acquired.

### **Power of the Board to borrow and invest**

9.—(1) The Board may borrow at interest on the security of any movable or immovable property of the Board, such monies as it may from time to time think it necessary or expedient.

(2) The Board may invest the funds of the Board in such manner and to such extent as it may think it necessary or expedient.

(3) The Board may do all or any thing incidental or appertaining to a body corporate.

### **Use of common seal**

10. The common seal of the Board shall be in the custody of the Director. It shall not be affixed to any instrument except in the presence of the Chairman or a member of the Board designated by the Chairman and the Director or a member of the Executive Committee designated by the Director, and not until the Chairman or the member of the Board and the Director or the member of the Executive Committee have signed their names to such instrument in token of their presence.

### **Grants-in-aid and accounts of the Institute**