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**PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENTS AND MEETINGS ACT  
(CHAPTER 257)**

**PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENTS AND MEETINGS  
(SPEAKERS' CORNER) (EXEMPTION)  
ORDER 2013**

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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 16 of the Public Entertainments and Meetings Act, the Minister for Home Affairs hereby makes the following Order:

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the Public Entertainments and Meetings (Speakers' Corner) (Exemption) Order 2013 and shall come into operation on 27th January 2013.

**Definitions**

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

“public speaking” means any play-reading, or recital (without any lecture, talk, address, debate, discussion or demonstration), for which a licence is required under the Act if not for this Order;

“Speakers' Corner” means the area in Hong Lim Park and delineated in the Schedule.

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**Exemption**

3.—(1) Public speaking at the Speakers' Corner by any person who is a citizen of Singapore is exempted from the provisions of the Act if the following conditions are complied with:

- (a) the person does not deal with any matter —
  - (i) which relates, directly or indirectly, to any religious belief or to religion generally; or
  - (ii) which may cause feelings of enmity, hatred, ill-will or hostility between different racial or religious groups in Singapore;
- (b) the person speaks using only any of the 4 official languages in Singapore, or any related dialect; and
- (c) no placard, banner, poster, photograph or film which contains any violent, lewd or obscene material is displayed or exhibited by the person, whether before, during or after the public speaking.

(2) A performance or an exhibition at the Speakers' Corner without any lecture, talk, address, debate, discussion or demonstration and that is organised by any person who is a citizen of Singapore is exempted from the provisions of the Act if the following conditions are complied with:

- (a) there are only citizens and permanent residents of Singapore participating in the performance or exhibition;
- (b) the organiser, or an authorised agent of the organiser, is present at all times during the performance or exhibition, as the case may be;
- (c) the performance or exhibition does not deal with any matter —
  - (i) which relates, directly or indirectly, to any religious belief or to religion generally; or
  - (ii) which may cause feelings of enmity, hatred, ill-will or hostility between different racial or religious groups in Singapore; and