

# **Public Entertainments and Meetings (Speakers' Corner) (Exemption) Order**

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## **PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENTS AND MEETINGS ACT (CHAPTER 257, SECTION 16)**

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## **Citation**

1. This Order may be cited as the Public Entertainments and Meetings (Speakers' Corner) (Exemption) Order.

## Definitions

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

“designated place” means the Kreta Ayer Neighbourhood Police Post;

“public speaking” means any play-reading, recital, lecture, talk, address, debate or discussion, for which a licence is required under the Act;

“registration officer” means any police officer on duty at the designated place;

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

## Exemption

3. 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 has been registered at the designated place in accordance with paragraph 4;
- (b) the public speaking takes place —
  - (i) only on the date that is registered by the person under paragraph 4; and
  - (ii) only between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.;
- (c) 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;
- (d) the person speaks only in any of the 4 official languages in Singapore, or any related dialect; and
- (e) no sound amplification device is used during the public speaking.

## Registration

4.—(1) A citizen of Singapore who desires to be exempted under this Order shall