
**Second Session Fifth Parliament Republic of Trinidad
and Tobago**



REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Act No. 27 of 1997

[L.S.]

AN ACT for the Incorporation of the Sukyo Mahikari Association (Trinidad and Tobago) and matters incidental thereto.

[Assented to 30th August, 1997]

WHEREAS there has been established in Trinidad and Tobago, an organisation known as the Sukyo Mahikari Association (Trinidad and Tobago): ^{Preamble}

And whereas it is expedient that the said Sukyo Mahikari Association (Trinidad and Tobago) be incorporated for the purposes hereinafter set forth:

Enactment

ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as follows:—

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Sukyo Mahikari Association (Trinidad and Tobago) (Incorporation) Act, 1997.

Incorporation

2. The Sukyo Mahikari Association (Trinidad and Tobago) (in this Act referred to as “the Association”) is hereby created a body corporate.

Aims and objects

3. The aims and objects of “the Association” are—

- (a) to revere the great God, origin and creator of mankind and universe and to guide men to God by establishing centres for the practice of spiritual purification by the Light of God;
- (b) to bring men back to God’s ideas of Love, Truth and Beauty by letting mankind know of the spiritual teachings of the Founder Kotama Okada and Seishu (Koko) Okada, his successor and to help men put those teachings into practice in order to transform themselves spiritually;
- (c) to bring happiness to mankind by working on the achievement of unity between God, Man and Nature and to hold initiation courses, training lectures and seminars to inform members called Kamikumite or Yokoshi who are able to make spiritual and moral contributions to their country, workplace and family in order to realize God’s plan on earth;

- (d) to build, organise and operate centres for the purposes of attaining the objects of the Association or, schools, institutes and other places of learning and research in various fields such as the education of people who want to become missionaries of the Association, and to send those persons abroad for such training if and when necessary;
- (e) to invite missionaries appointed by the International Association to visit Trinidad and Tobago to assist in the training and guiding of its members;
- (f) to publish books, magazines and other literature to facilitate the training and education of persons in fields related to all spiritual teachings of Sukyo Mahikari;
- (g) to do all such other things as are necessary, incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above aims and objects.

4. The Association may—

Powers of the
Association

- (a) acquire by purchase, transfer, donation, exchange, devise, bequest, grant, gift, conveyance or howsoever otherwise, any real or personal property or any estate or interest therein;
- (b) accept surrenders or reconveyances and to enter into contracts;
- (c) sell, exchange, demise, mortgage or otherwise dispose of and deal with all property which may for the time being be vested in it subject to any restraint, reservation or condition contained in the document under which it has acquired title;
- (d) borrow on such terms and conditions as may be deemed expedient.

Transfer and vesting
of property

5. All real or personal property of whatever nature now held by or vested in any person for the use and benefit of the Association is hereby transferred to and vested in the Association.

Mode of execution of
documents

6. All documents requiring the seal of the Association shall be sealed with the common seal of the Association in the presence of the President and Secretary for the time being in office (or in the event of incapacity, in the presence of some other person or persons authorised for that purpose by the Association) who shall both sign every such document and such signing shall be *prima facie* evidence that the said seal was duly affixed and that the same is the lawful seal of the Association.

Service of documents

7. (1) The Association shall at all times have a fixed address in Trinidad and Tobago for the service of documents on the Association and that address and any change thereof shall be registered with the Registrar General within twenty-eight days of the date of incorporation or the change of address as the case may be.

(2) Every document to be served on the Association may be served by leaving the same at, or by sending the same by registered post, to the registered address of the Association.

(3) Failure to register the address and any change thereof is a summary offence and renders the Association liable to a fine of one hundred and twenty dollars and to a further fine of ten dollars for each day during which the offence continues after conviction thereof.

Powers to make rules

8. The Association may from time to time make rules for the proper conduct of its proceedings and discharge of its duties, powers and functions and such rules may be amended from time to time.

9. Nothing in this Act shall affect or be deemed to affect the rights of the State, or of any bodies politic or corporate or of any persons, except such as are mentioned or referred to in this Act and those claiming by, through, from or under them. ^{Saving of State and other rights}

Passed in the House of Representatives this 18th day of July, 1997.

J. SAMPSON
Clerk of the House

Passed in the Senate this 12th day of August, 1997.

N. COX
Clerk of the Senate