

CODE

SPNH

"Society for the Preservation and Promotion of Naga Heritage"

Preamble

In the Northeast of India and its adjacent regions a cultural heritage has survived which is almost entirely unknown to the Western world. This cultural heritage, however, is highly endangered through political upheavals in the region and impoverishment of the population. The ethnic groups living there are mainly summarised under the umbrella term "Naga". At present there still is a strong cultural identity among the various Naga-groups. The Society aims at researching on this culture and to document and preserve its unique religious, linguistic and artistic expressions. On top of that the aims of the society include an improvement of the people's living standards, medical care situation and education, while aiming at promoting the traditional cultural heritage of the Naga people.

§ 1 Name, seat and financial year

1. The society carries the name

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According to the resolution of its members on 19-08-2003 it shall be registered according to German law (BGB) with the register of societies, and after registration will carry the supplement "e.V." – German for registered society.

2. The seat of the society is Frankfurt am Main, Germany.

3. Financial year is the calendar year.

§ 2 Aims of the Society

1. Aim of the society is the moral and financial support of scientific research and preservation

of the cultural heritage of the ethnic groups in Northeast-India and its adjacent regions, especially of the peoples summarised under the umbrella term "Naga", as well as measures that aim at the improvement of their circumstances of life, their education and serve the communication between different cultures.

Support and promotion of

- Measures for the scientific research about the culture of these ethnic groups, including especially the research about religion, languages, song and dance and the building of musical instruments, as well as architecture and crafts

- Social projects in the fields of medical care, education, learning and professional training

- Projects aiming at the preservation of existing architectural structures

- Projects aiming at the cultural exchange between members of the ethnic groups in Northeast-India and creators of culture in Western societies

through the acquisition and supply of measures intended for the realisation of tax-favourable purposes of another body or for the realisation of tax-favourable purposes of a legal body (§58 No. 1AO)

2. The implementation of

- Projects and measures aiming at the scientific research about the culture of these ethnic groups, including especially the research about religion, languages, song and dance and the building of musical instruments, as well as architecture and crafts (e.g. through fieldwork expeditions for the cause of collection of data under inclusion of the local people; analysis of data in co-operation with scientists from various disciplines of research (e.g. anthropology, sociology, musical sciences, religious sciences, medicine); establishment of an archive open to all interested individuals for the sake of transfer of knowledge, exchange of ideas and co-operation between the various disciplines of research; organisation of symposia, conferences and congresses)

- Social projects in the fields of medical care, education, learning and professional training (e.g. acquisition and distribution of vaccines or medicines, assistance in the organisation of vaccinations and essential medical preventive measures in co-operation with the local administration and under inclusion of the local people still versed in the traditional healing practices; Increased integration of knowledge about the people's own cultural history into the local curricula; development of respective teaching material in co-operation with the local institutions; Creation of incentives for people still engaged in traditional cultural practices (e.g. weaving, wood-carving, brass-smithy) to continue the execution of their crafts, and thus creating incentives for younger people to continue these crafts).

3. For the fulfilment of the aims defined in the code, appropriate measures shall be raised through contributions, donations, subsidies and other allowances.

4. The society merely serves aims beneficial to the public in the sense of the section "tax-favourable aims" of the act of levies in the appropriate version.

5. The society acts selflessly, it does not strive for personal economic aims in the first place.

6. Means of the society may only be used for the aims defined in the code. The members of the society in their capacity as members do not receive any benefactions from the society's means.

7. No person may benefit from expenditures which are alien to the society's code or which are disproportionately high.

§ 3 Membership

1. Any legal or natural person may become member of the society, who is ready to promote and support the aims and purposes of the society.

2. Membership becomes extinct through cancellation, death, exclusion, extinction of a legal persons' capacity of rights or discontinuation of the society's existence.

3. Any resignation has to be handed in with the Board of Directors in writing. It is only permissible at the end of the financial year heeding a 3-month term.

4. An exclusion of a member who has seriously violated the society's interests may be carried out of important reason by the Board of Directors. The member may oppose the Board of Directors' decision. Such an opposition is decided by the Assembly of Members.

§ 4 Patrons

Next to the members the society also accepts patrons that support the aims of the society through single or regular donations.

§ 5 Means of the society

1. The society's means are produced from membership subscriptions, subsidies and donations.

2. The society levies a membership subscription from its members, the amount of which is decided by the Assembly of Members.

§ 6 Organs of the society

Organs of the society are the Assembly of Members and the Board of Directors.

§ 7 Assembly of members

1. An ordinary assembly of the members is called by the Board of Directors at least once a year. An extraordinary meeting of the members is called together if necessary for the society's interest or if at least a quarter of the members asks for it in writing by stating the reasons and goals of the meeting.

2. The Assembly of Members is called together in writing by the Board of Directors at least 14 days before the meeting stating the items of the agenda.

3. Decisions of the Assembly of Members need single majority, with exception of decisions concerning the change of the code and the termination of the society. These need a 3/4 majority of the members present in the meeting.

4. Tasks of the Assembly of Members especially are:

- a) Election of the Board of Directors
- b) Reception of the Board of Directors' and the treasurer's annual reports
- c) Dispensation of the Board of Directors
- d) Determination of the subscription rate
- e) Decision about the choice of projects to be supported, respectively the determination of projects being supported
- f) Decisions about proposals of the Board of Directors and the Assembly of Members
- g) Decisions about the termination of the society.

5. The decisions of the Assembly of Members are to be put down in writing and to be signed by the clerk. The protocol is sent to the members.

§ 8 Board of Directors

1. The Board of Directors consists of at least 3 members who are elected by the Assembly of Members for 4 years. They remain in office till new elections. Re-election is possible. If one member of the Board of Directors resigns, the others have the right to determine a substitute until the next assembly of the members.

2. The First chairman is elected by the Assembly of Members.

3. The First chairman and his substitute are members of the Board of directors in the sense of the § 26 BGB. Both have the power of single representation.

Internally it is agreed that the substitute chairman may use his power of single representation only in the case of the First chairman's absence. The case of absence does not have to be proven. In special cases the First chairman may assign other people to represent the society.

4. The Board of Directors gets together if at least half of the Board of Directors' members calls for it. The Board of Directors is capable of decision if at least half of the Board of Directors' members are present. The Board of Directors decides with a majority of votes. In the case of equal votes the vote of the first chairman decides, if he is absent the vote of his substitute decides.

§ 9 Termination of the society

1. The termination of the society may only be decided by 3/4 of the votes of the present members in a meeting especially assembled for this purpose. In case of termination of the society or in case of cease of the tax-favourable aims the society's capital is handed over to a legal person of public law or another tax-favoured body with the aim of direct and exclusive cultural promotion.

Frankfurt am Main, 19-08-2003

Signed by the founding members as follows:

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