

Annex 1 | *National Culture Act*

(No. 2)

B.E.2489(1946)

National Culture Act*

In the name of His Majesty Kong Ananda Mahidol
Regency Council
(By the announcements of the President of the House of Representatives
Dated 4 August B.E. 2480 and 16 December B.E. 2484)
Athit Thip-apa
Pridi Phanomyong
Enacted on the 31st Day of December B.E. 2485;
Being the 9th Year of the Present Reign

According to a resolution passed by the National Assembly to amend and add the Act on the National Culture B.E. 2485;

Be it, therefore, commanded by the King, with the advice and consent of the National Assembly, that the Act be promulgated as follows:

Section 1

This Act is called “National Culture Act (No. 2), B.E. 2489 (1946).”

Section 2

This Act shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Government Gazette.

Section 3

Section 8 of the National Culture Act, B.E. 2485 shall be repealed, and shall be replaced by the following provision:

“Section 8

The National Culture Council is a political department under the command of the Prime Minister.”

Section 4

Section 11 of the National Culture Act, B.E. 2485 shall be repealed, and shall be replaced by the following provision:

“Section 11

The National Culture Council shall be divided into 5 Bureaus.

- (1) Bureau of Spiritual Culture
- (2) Bureau of Traditional Culture
- (3) Bureau of Artistic Culture
- (4) Bureau of Literary Culture
- (5) Bureau of Women’s Culture”

Section 5

Section 14 of the National Culture Act, B.E. 2485 shall be repealed, and shall be replaced by the following provision:

“Section 14

Any associations or organizations whose objectives are related to activities of the National Culture Council, no matter whether they have already been founded before, must get permission from the National Culture Council prior to applying for foundation as provided by law or for continuance. After founded or continued, they are under the control of this Council. Associations or organizations that are not allowed to continue must be dissolved and cease their operation at once.

In addition, if the National Culture Council deems it appropriate to revoke the permission given to any association or organizations, such association or organization must also be dissolved and cease their operation at once.

Section 6

Section 15 of the National Culture Act, B.E. 2485 shall be repealed, and shall be replaced by the following provision:

“Any person who violates orders of competent officials, who made orders by authorization provided by the Royal Decree Legislated under Section 6, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding on hundred Baht or to imprisonment for a terra not exceeding one month or both.”

Section 7

The following provision shall be added as Section 15 bis of the National Culture Act, B.E. 2485:

“Section 15 bis

Any person who advertises, invites, engages in managing the membership, or does anything that promotes or supports the existence of any association or organization that has not yet been granted permission, from the National Culture Council to be founded, or any association or organization whose license has been revoked, or whose operation has been discontinued, shall be liable to a fine not

exceeding two thousand Baht or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or both.”

Section 8

The Prime Minister shall have charge and control of the execution of this Act.

Countersigned by
Field Marshal P. Pibulsongkram
Prime Minister

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Regulation of the National Culture Council on the Control of Associations and Organizations

“By virtue of the power provided under No. 8 of the Prime Minister Office’s Regulations dated 16th November B.E. 2485, issued under the provision of the Act on the National Culture B.E. 2485., the National Culture Council hereby prescribes Regulations on the Control of Associations and Organizations which have objectives in relation with the activities of the National Culture Council as follow:

No. 1

Associations and organizations must not perform in any way that bring about damage to the national culture no matter directly or indirectly.

No. 2

Associations and organizations must perform in every way to conserve, promote and uphold the national culture and must try to find ways to advise members or persons in the associations or organizations to perform altogether according to the national culture.

No. 3.

Associations and organizations must assist and render cooperation to the National Culture Council in performing activities related to the national culture to the best of their ability when requested to do so.

No. 4

If it appears that a director of member does not exercise according to the national culture honestly, association or organization where such person belongs to must consider striking his or her name off the register and notify the National Culture Council very soon.

No. 5

Associations and organizations must notify the National Culture Council numbers of all types of members, clearly classifying by sex and nationality, every 12 months from the date of the foundation or continuance permission.

No. 6

Associations and Organizations must notify names of the new directors to the National Culture Council within 7 days from the date of appointment. If their names are not reported, such directors are not admitted to join the meeting in the capacity of directors.

No. 7

Associations and organizations must send the agenda of the meeting to the National Culture Council within 15 days from the date of the meeting. If the National Culture Council requires the report of the meeting, it must be sent as ordered.

No. 8

Associations and organizations must send the annual report of the activities performed to the National Culture Council every year.

No. 9

Any association and organization that organizes a general meeting or an extraordinary meeting or any meeting from any ceremony must notify the National Culture Council not less than 7 days in advance.

No. 10

Any association and organization that amends, alters or adds its regulations must notify the National Culture Council within 14 days from the date on which the general meeting of the association or organization passes the resolution.

No. 11

Secretary General of the National Culture Council or any person entrusted by the Secretary General of the National Culture Council in writing has the right to attend the meetings of director or meetings of members of associations or organizations and has the right to inspect the place of associations or organizations in appropriate time.

No. 12

When person in No. 11 visits the place of any association or organization, officials of the association or organization must welcome and render convenience properly for such person to perform his or her duty.

No. 13

If any association or organization arranges a talk, no matter whether the speaker is a member of the association or organization, at least two sets of copy of the talk must be sent to the National Culture Council within 7 days from the date of the talk.

No. 14

Any association or organization who publishes any books or magazines in the name of the association or organization must send at least 2 copies or 2 sets of such publication to the National Culture Council.

No. 15

Associations and organizations must perform according to orders of Secretary General of the National Culture Council that are issued under the provision of this Regulation. If any association or organization is not satisfied with the orders of Secretary General of the National Culture Council, it is entitled to appeal against such orders to the chairman of the National Culture Council Committee within 7 days from the date of receiving orders. The decision of the Chairman of the National Culture Council Committee shall be final.

Announce on 5th May B.E. 2486
Field Marshal P. Pibulsongkram
Chairman of the National Culture Concil Committee

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