

Samten Tse Denmark

Regulations of the Association Samten Tse Charitable Society Denmark

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Name and registered address of the association

The name of the association is Samten Tse Charitable Society Denmark, synonymous with Samten Tse Denmark, and the association is registered at the address Enebærvænget 8, DK-8600 Silkeborg, Denmark.

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Description of the association

The association is a member of Samten Tse Charitable Society/ Mindrolling Charitable Society and is a voluntary non-profit association.

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Object of the association

The main object of the association is to study the spiritual and cultural heritage of the Buddhist tradition, in particular as it has been preserved in the Himalaya Region and to make this tradition accessible.

In addition to this the association aims to help enhance the public interest in this tradition and the possibility of utilizing it within the field of psychology, ecology as well as in social and charitable activities.

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Special activities

Special activities to promote the object of the association can be:

- Establishing and preserving a center for studies and meditation
- Organizing the visits of foreign teachers in Denmark
- Organizing courses, lectures, seminars, education programs and possibly exhibitions
- Establishing and preserving a library and an archives- and documentation center
- Translating and publishing texts
- Supporting members of the association materially in order to enable them to attend study programs
- Cooperating with similar associations in Denmark and abroad

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Membership

1. Any person over 15 years who can affiliate her/himself to the object of the association (cf. §3) and who can acknowledge the spiritual leadership (cf. §6) can become a member of the association.
2. The following conditions must be met in order to become a member: a written application (possibly via the website of the association), the approval of the committee and payment of the membership fee.
3. A member has the following rights:
 - Making proposals and comments, taking initiatives
 - Participating in the activities of the association and benefitting from the possibilities of studying and practicing
 - Participating in the general assembly of the association
4. A member is obliged to
 - Ensure that her/his activities within the framework of the association is in accordance with the purpose and vision of the association
 - Respect the regulations of the association
 - Pay membership fee as set by the general assembly
5. Membership can come to an end in the following ways
 - On written application to the committee of the association with a wish to leave the association
 - Through the committee's decision on account of the member's lack of payment of the membership fee or owing to activities which are not in accordance with the purpose of the association
 - In case of dissolution of the association

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The leadership of the association

1. As a consequence of the stipulation of the present association's membership of Samten Tse Charitable Society/ Mindrolling Charitable Society (cf. §2) Her Eminence Mindrolling Jetsün Khandro Rinpoche is the supreme spiritual authority of the association.
2. In order to receive Rinpoche's advice and ensure that the continuous work of the association is in accordance with the given purpose and guidelines, the committee of the association is under an obligation to present to Rinpoche, or another person appointed by her, the agendas of both board meetings and the general assembly as

well as a list of the nominated candidates for positions of trust for advance approval or veto proposals.

3. The general assembly is the superior secular authority and the day-to-day leadership is managed by the committee elected by the general assembly.
4. The annual general meeting takes place once a year called for by the chairman with at least 4 weeks' notice. The call can be by mail and/or via the website of the association, and it must imply an agenda and presentation of the accounts for the previous period.
5. The agenda of the general assembly must imply at least the following items
 - 1- Electing chairperson and rapporteur
 - 2- The committee's report
 - 3- Presentation of the accounts for approval
 - 4- Setting the membership fee
 - 5- Discussion of received proposals
 - 6- Election of the committee
 - 7- Election of an internal and/or external accountant
6. Proposals for the agenda must be received in writing by the committee at least 3 weeks before the general assembly. Approved proposals and enclosure received in advance will be accessible at the website of the association one week before the general assembly the latest.
7. The general assembly come to decisions by ordinary majority of vote and form a quorum at the attendance of at least 50 % of the members of the association. If the general assembly does not form a quorum, the chairman calls for a new general assembly to be held at least one month later. This second general assembly forms a quorum regardless of the number of participants.
The summary of the decisions will be accessible at the website of the association and will be forwarded to Rinpoche by the chairman.
Alteration of the regulations of the association must be adopted by $\frac{3}{4}$ of the members present.
8. The committee consists of 3 or 5 members elected by the general assembly for 2 years at a time. The committee lies down its own agenda. The committee's work is voluntary and unpaid.
It is the responsibility of the committee
 - To execute the decisions of the general assembly
 - To coordinate the activities of the association including keeping the member index up to date

- To inform the members of the various activities by mail or via the website of the association
 - To manage the finances of the association. The committee is authorized to possibly assign an external treasurer.
9. The chairman of the committee and possibly other members of the committee nominated by Rinpoche are authorized to make public statements on behalf of the association.

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The Finances of the Association

1. The chairman, the deputy chairman and the treasurer represent the association separately.
2. The association is liable for its obligations with the current capital. The committee and the members of the association are not in any way personally chargeable.
3. The general assembly annually elects an internal accountant. The general assembly can decide to elect an external accountant; if this is the case, he or she must be a certified public accountant.
4. The financial year follows the calendar year. At the end of the financial year a complete statement of account is drawn up according to general principals of accounting. The statement of account is signed by the committee and is certified by an accountant. The first financial year runs from the foundation of the association until December 31st 2018.

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Dissolution of the association

1. Decision about the dissolution of the association is only possible at two separate general assemblies within a month by a minimum of $\frac{3}{4}$ of the members present voting for the dissolution.
2. In case of the dissolution of the association the assets will be passed to Samten Tse Charitable Society/ Mindrolling Charitable Society, unless Rinpoche decides differently.