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### AN ACT

### RECOGNIZING SINGAPORE SCHOOL MANILA GREEN CAMPUS AS AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION OF INTERNATIONAL CHARACTER, GRANTING CERTAIN PREROGATIVES CONDUCTIVE TO ITS DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in  
Congress assembled:*

1           SECTION 1. Singapore School Manila (SSM) Green Campus, herein referred to as the  
2 School, is hereby declared an educational institution of international character authorized to  
3 operate educational programs that primarily and principally adhere to universally accepted and  
4 recognized educational policies.

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6           SEC. 2. "SSM Green Campus, Inc." shall be the registered name of the School, and  
7 shall be governed by a Board of Directors, herein referred to as the Board, elected in accordance  
8 with its corporate character.

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10          SEC. 3. To enable the School to continue carrying out its educational program, improve  
11 its standard of instruction, and meet the special needs of the foreign temporary resident  
12 community for quality education, it shall:

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14          (a) Accept applicants for admission, regardless of nationality, in accordance with its own  
15 eligibility standards and rules for admission, and grade placement: *Provided*, That no single alien  
16 nationality shall consist more than one third of the entire student population in a given school  
17 year, as stated in the records of the School, except in case of dependents of foreign diplomatic  
18 personnel or other foreign temporary residents, as may be provided by law;

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20          (b) Whenever necessary to carry out its objectives, have the right to obtain leases on real  
21 properties, acquire personal properties, tangible or intangible, or any interests in such properties  
22 other than real, by purchase, lease, barter, donation, gift or otherwise, and dispose of, mortgage  
23 or encumber them for the benefit of the School concerned, subject to the limitations provided  
24 by law;

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26          (c) Be managed and administered by a Head of School who is a Filipino citizen, and  
27 who possesses the qualifications prescribed by the Board;

1 (d) Upon consultation with the Secretary of Education, determine its own curriculum  
2 and teach whatever language or languages it may deem proper and determine the amount of fees  
3 and assessments which may be reasonably imposed upon its pupils and students, to maintain or  
4 confirm to the School's standards of education;

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6 (e) Maintain the international standards of education compatible with those obtained in  
7 similar schools of generally recognized standing;

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9 (f) Employ its own teaching and management personnel selected by the Board either  
10 locally or abroad, from the Philippines or other countries or nationalities, such foreign personnel  
11 being exempt from otherwise applicable laws and regulations attending their employment,  
12 except laws that have been or will be enacted for the protection of employees: *Provided*, That  
13 such exemption shall not extend to their liability for income taxes, unless otherwise provided by  
14 a bilateral agreement: *Provided, further*, That the School shall give priority in hiring locally  
15 qualified teaching and management personnel;

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17 (g) Promote international friendship, goodwill and understanding among members of the  
18 foreign community and citizens of the Philippines; and

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20 (h) Not to teach anything derogatory to the prestige and well-being of the Philippines  
21 and its people, nor those which will subvert its institutions and government.

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23 SEC. 4. Notwithstanding the recognition and prerogatives under this Act, the School shall  
24 be under supervision and regulation of the Department of Education (DepEd) and shall adhere  
25 to the basic laws and the rules and regulations of the DepEd governing international or foreign  
26 schools.

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28 SEC. 5. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Education  
29 shall, in consultation with the members of the Board of the School, issue the rules and regulations  
30 implementing the provisions of this Act.

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32 SEC. 6. If any clause, sentence, paragraph or part of this Act is subsequently declared  
33 unconstitutional, the validity of the remaining provisions hereof shall remain in full force  
34 and effect.

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36 SEC. 7. Notwithstanding the non-issuance of the rules and regulations under Section 5  
37 herein, this Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or  
38 in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,