

Constitution of Kirat Rai Association Hong Kong Limited

Kirat Rai Association Hong Kong Limited BR No. 58919948 | Section 88 Approved
Charity Registered Office: Flat B, 9/F, King's Court, 65–75 Wai Ching Street, Yau Ma Tei,
Kowloon, Hong Kong

*Adopted by the founding members and as amended by General Meeting resolution.
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Article 1 — Name

1.1 The Association shall be known as **Kirat Rai Association Hong Kong Limited** (abbreviated “KRAHK”), and in Nepali as किरात राई एसोसिएशन हङकङ लिमिटेड.

Article 2 — Registered Office

2.1 The registered office of the Association shall be at Flat B, 9/F, King's Court, 65–75 Wai Ching Street, Yau Ma Tei, Kowloon, Hong Kong, or such other address as the Executive Committee may from time to time determine and notify to the Registrar of Companies.

Article 3 — Objects

3.1 The objects of the Association are exclusively charitable and shall be:

(a) To preserve, promote, and transmit the cultural heritage, sacred traditions, oral scriptures (Mundhum), and ancestral identity of the Kirat Rai people in Hong Kong and the wider diaspora;

(b) To maintain and protect the Chula House (the Association's sacred ceremonial centre) as a place of religious worship, cultural practice, and community gathering for the Kirat Rai community;

© To organise religious festivals, cultural events, and community programmes — including the annual Sakela Ubhauri and Sakela Udauri festivals, Raichhakule Day, and other traditional ceremonies — for the benefit of the Kirat Rai community and the general public;

(d) To provide welfare support, practical assistance, and community integration services to Kirat Rai people residing in Hong Kong, including newly arrived migrants and those facing social or economic hardship;

(e) To conduct, support, and disseminate research into the history, language, religion, and cultural practices of the Kirat Rai people;

(f) To liaise and cooperate with government departments, statutory bodies, non-governmental organisations, and overseas Kirat Rai associations in furtherance of the above objects;

(g) To do all such other lawful things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.

3.2 The income and property of the Association shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects set out in Article 3.1. No portion shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly, to any member of the Association, except as reasonable remuneration for services actually rendered to the Association.

Article 4 — Membership

4.1 Categories of Membership

The Association shall have nine categories of membership:

Category	Eligibility	Fee
Associate Member	Any person who supports the objects of the Association but does not qualify for Ordinary Membership	HK\$50 per year
Ordinary Member	Any person of Kirat Rai descent or heritage, aged 18 or above, who supports the objects of the Association	HK\$100 per year
Supporting Member	Any person who wishes to provide enhanced annual support to the Association	HK\$500 per year
Life Member	Any Ordinary or Supporting Member who pays the prescribed Life Membership fee in a single payment	HK\$5,000 (one-time)
Bronze Benefactor	Any person or organisation making a significant one-time contribution to the Association	HK\$10,000 (one-time)
Silver Benefactor	Any person or organisation making a substantial one-time contribution to the Association	HK\$25,000 (one-time)
Gold Benefactor	Any person or organisation making a major one-time contribution to the Association	HK\$50,000 (one-time)
Diamond Benefactor	Any person or organisation making an exceptional one-time contribution to the Association	HK\$100,000 (one-time)
Honorary Member	Any person elected by the Executive Committee in recognition of distinguished service to the Kirat Rai community	By invitation — Nil

4.2 Application for Membership

4.2.1 Any person wishing to become an Associate, Ordinary, Supporting, Life, Bronze Benefactor, Silver Benefactor, Gold Benefactor, or Diamond Benefactor Member shall submit a written application in the form prescribed by the Executive Committee, accompanied by the applicable membership fee. Honorary Members shall be elected by the Executive Committee and are not required to submit an application.

4.2.2 The Executive Committee shall consider all applications at its next meeting and shall have absolute discretion to admit or refuse any application without being required to give reasons.

4.2.3 Membership shall take effect from the date of written notification of approval by the Executive Committee.

4.3 Membership Fees

4.3.1 Annual membership fees shall be set by the Executive Committee and shall be payable on or before 1 January of each membership year.

4.3.2 Membership fees are non-refundable once paid, except where required by law.

4.3.3 A member whose annual fee remains unpaid for more than three months after the due date shall be deemed to have lapsed from membership. The Executive Committee may reinstate a lapsed member upon payment of all outstanding fees.

4.4 Resignation

4.4.1 A member may resign from the Association by giving one month's written notice to the General Secretary. Resignation does not entitle the member to any refund of fees paid.

4.5 Expulsion and Suspension

4.5.1 The Executive Committee may, by a resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of all its members, suspend or expel any member who:

- (a) has acted in a manner prejudicial to the interests or reputation of the Association;
- (b) has wilfully breached this Constitution, the By-laws, or the Code of Conduct of the Association;
- © has been convicted of a criminal offence that the Executive Committee considers brings the Association into disrepute.

4.5.2 Before any resolution to suspend or expel is passed, the member concerned shall be given at least fourteen days' written notice of the proposed action and the grounds therefor, and shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to make written representations to the Executive Committee.

4.5.3 A member who has been expelled may appeal to a General Meeting within thirty days of receiving written notice of expulsion. The decision of the General Meeting shall

be final.

Article 5 — Executive Committee

5.1 Composition

5.1.1 The affairs of the Association shall be managed by an Executive Committee consisting of the following elected officers:

- President
- Vice-President
- General Secretary
- Secretary
- Co-Secretary
- Treasurer
- Co-Treasurer
- Up to eight (8) additional Committee Members

5.1.2 All Executive Committee members must be Ordinary or Life Members of the Association and must be at least 18 years of age.

5.2 Election and Term of Office

5.2.1 Executive Committee members shall be elected by Ordinary and Life Members at the Annual General Meeting by simple majority vote.

5.2.2 The term of office shall be three years. Committee members may stand for re-election but no person shall hold the same office for more than three consecutive terms.

5.2.3 In the event of a casual vacancy, the Executive Committee may co-opt a replacement member to serve until the next Annual General Meeting.

5.3 Powers of the Executive Committee

5.3.1 Subject to the provisions of this Constitution and any resolution of a General Meeting, the Executive Committee shall have full power to manage and administer the affairs of the Association, including the power to:

(a) open and operate bank accounts in the name of the Association;

(b) enter into contracts on behalf of the Association;

© appoint sub-committees, working groups, and paid staff;

(d) set and amend membership fees;

(e) make, amend, and repeal By-laws and the Code of Conduct, provided that no By-law or Code of Conduct provision shall be inconsistent with this Constitution.

5.4 Meetings of the Executive Committee

5.4.1 The Executive Committee shall meet at least four times per year. Meetings may be held in person or by video conference.

5.4.2 A quorum shall consist of a majority of the then-current Executive Committee members.

5.4.3 Decisions shall be made by simple majority. In the event of an equality of votes, the President shall have a casting vote.

5.4.4 Minutes of all Executive Committee meetings shall be recorded by the General Secretary and confirmed at the following meeting.

5.5 Removal from Office

5.5.1 An Executive Committee member may be removed from office by a resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of members present and voting at a General Meeting, provided that at least fourteen days' written notice of the proposed resolution has been given to all members.

Article 6 – General Meetings

6.1 Annual General Meeting

6.1.1 The Association shall hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM) within six months of the end of each financial year.

6.1.2 The business of the AGM shall include: receiving the Annual Report and audited financial statements; electing Executive Committee members (in election years); setting membership fees for the coming year; and transacting any other business of which due notice has been given.

6.1.3 At least twenty-one days' written notice of the AGM shall be given to all members.

6.2 Extraordinary General Meetings

6.2.1 An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) may be convened at any time by the Executive Committee, or shall be convened within thirty days upon receipt of a written requisition signed by not fewer than twenty per cent of Ordinary and Life Members.

6.2.2 At least fourteen days' written notice of an EGM shall be given to all members, stating the business to be transacted.

6.3 Quorum and Voting

6.3.1 A quorum for a General Meeting shall be twenty per cent of Ordinary and Life Members, or fifteen members, whichever is the lesser.

6.3.2 Each Ordinary and Life Member shall have one vote. Honorary and Associate Members may attend General Meetings but shall not vote.

6.3.3 Decisions shall be made by simple majority of members present and voting, except where this Constitution expressly requires a special majority.

6.3.4 Proxy voting is permitted. A member may appoint another member as proxy by written notice delivered to the General Secretary not less than forty-eight hours before the meeting.

Article 7 – Finance

7.1 The financial year of the Association shall run from 1 April to 31 March.

7.2 The Treasurer shall maintain proper books of account and shall prepare annual financial statements for audit.

7.3 The Association shall appoint an independent auditor at each AGM. The auditor shall audit the annual financial statements and report thereon to the members.

7.4 All funds of the Association shall be held in accounts in the name of the Association with a licensed bank in Hong Kong. Withdrawals above HK\$5,000 shall require the signatures of any two of: the President, Vice-President, and Treasurer.

7.5 No part of the income or property of the Association shall be paid to or applied for the benefit of any member, except as reasonable remuneration for services actually rendered.

7.6 On a winding-up or dissolution of the Association, any surplus assets remaining after the satisfaction of all liabilities shall not be distributed to members but shall be transferred to one or more charitable organisations with similar objects, as determined by a General Meeting.

Article 8 – Amendments to the Constitution

8.1 This Constitution may be amended only by a special resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of members present and voting at a General Meeting, provided that at least twenty-one days' written notice of the proposed amendment has been given to all members.

8.2 No amendment shall be made that would cause the Association to cease to qualify as a charitable institution under the Inland Revenue Ordinance (Cap. 112) or that would be inconsistent with the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622).
