



ROYAL CHARTER

RECOGNISING the importance of the rule of law in promoting a fair and just society leading to the peaceful co-existence, unity, happiness and well-being of our people and the security and sovereignty of our nation;

REALISING that an effective legal fraternity of educated, well-trained and socially responsible professionals is essential to the maintenance and improvement of strong legal institutions that contribute to a vibrant democracy;

CONSCIOUS that the education of legal professionals consists of a thorough grounding in legal doctrine, advocacy skills, professional responsibility, and legislation and legislative processes, through classroom study, practical training, and other means;

ACKNOWLEDGING the utility of legal research and scholarship for the dissemination of knowledge, the critical and comparative evaluation of law and the legal order, and the advancement of learning;

NOW THEREFORE I, Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck, Druk Gyalpo, by virtue of Royal Prerogative, hereby, grant this Royal Charter for the establishment of a law school.

ARTICLE 1

ESTABLISHMENT

1. There shall be established a law school, an autonomous not-for-profit tertiary educational institution hereinafter referred to as “the law school.”
2. The law school shall be a body corporate having perpetual succession and a common seal, shall sue and be sued under its name represented by its Governing Council, and shall be able to acquire, possess, and dispose of property in its own name.
3. The State shall make adequate financial provisions for the sustainable operation of the law school.

ARTICLE 2

OBJECTIVE

The objective of the law school shall be to provide legal education, facilitate research in law and related fields, promote cultural enrichment and traditional values.



ARTICLE 3

COMPOSITION

1. The President of the law school shall be appointed by the Druk Gyalpo.
2. The law school shall have:
 - a. A Governing Council, which shall be its highest governing authority;
 - b. A Dean, who shall be its chief executive officer;
 - c. An Academic Council which shall be responsible for academic matters; and
 - d. A Registrar.
3. The Governing Council shall consist of:
 - a. the Chief Justice of Bhutan, who shall be the Chairperson;
 - b. the Attorney General;
 - c. the Secretary of the Ministry of Education;
 - d. the representative of the Jabmi Thuentshog;
 - e. the Dean;
 - f. one member of the full-time academic staff elected by simple majority vote of the Academic Council;
 - g. one student representative, elected by and from the student body by simple majority vote;
 - h. Upto three (3) other members, appointed by the President; and
 - i. the Registrar, as non-voting member secretary.
4. Consistent with the laws of the Kingdom and this Charter, the Governing Council may adopt and amend Statutes, which shall set out the powers and responsibilities of the organs and officers of the law school, and other regulations.

ARTICLE 4

POWERS AND FUNCTIONS

The law school shall exercise all powers as are necessary, conducive or incidental to the above objective, including but not limited to:



1. Administer and manage its financial, administrative, academic affairs, and the service conditions and benefits of its employees;
2. Establish the criteria for and confer legal degrees and other academic distinctions;
3. Co-operate and enter into agreements with national and foreign institutions; and
4. Receive fees, and solicit grants and other financial and material support.

ARTICLE 5

TRUST FUND

1. In order to supplement and support the activities of the law school, the Governing Council shall establish and manage the Law School Trust Fund. The Governing Council may delegate all or some of its management authority to appropriate agents or officers.
2. The Trust Fund shall be exempted from income tax, import duties and all other duties and taxes to the same extent as the law school itself.

ARTICLE 6

AMENDMENTS

This Charter may be amended only by Royal Decree.

Granted on the Third Day of the First Month of the Female Wood Sheep Year corresponding to the Twenty-First Day of February, Two Thousand and Fifteen by warrant under My Hand and Seal.

Sigme Kabangchuck .

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Druk Gyalpo