

**CONSTITUTION****PERSATUAN GRADUAN DAYAK SARAWAK (PGDS) (SARAWAK DAYAK GRADUATES ASSOCIATION)(SDGA)****CLAUSE 1 NAME**

1. The Association shall be known as

**PERSATUAN GRADUAN DAYAK SARAWAK (PGDS) (SARAWAK DAYAK GRADUATES ASSOCIATION)(SDGA)**

Hereinafter referred to as "the Association".

2. Meaning of name :
3. Level : **Negeri**

**CLAUSE 2 ADDRESS**

1. The registered address is

**3RD FLOOR, LOT 16, PANOVEL COMMERCIAL CENTRE, JALAN SIMPANG TIGA,**

**93300 KUCHING, SARAWAK**

or at such other place as may from time to time be decided by the Committee; and the postal address is

**3RD FLOOR, LOT 16, PANOVEL COMMERCIAL CENTRE, JALAN SIMPANG TIGA,**

**93300 KUCHING, SARAWAK**

2. The registered and postal addresses shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Registrar of Societies.

**CLAUSE 3 OBJECTIVE**

The objectives of the Society shall be :

- 1) To cultivate and advance a learning culture among members of the Society in the area of education, socioeconomic, technology and spiritual development;
- 2) To promote mutual understanding among members of the Society, and maintain goodwill and harmonious co-existence with all races in Malaysia;
- 3) To provide a means and forum for members of the Society to participate constructively in nation building through inter-cultural exchange programs between the Society

and other races in Malaysia;

- 4) To collaborate with other societies in Malaysia, having similar objectives in promoting sport activities and encourage proactive dialogues for enhancing greater inter ethnic co-operation, instill religious tolerance and establishes mutual respect to safeguard the dignity of all races in Malaysia;
- 5) To publish and distribute books, journals, magazines, newsletters, bulletins and other forms of print and electronic publications for the purpose of advancing the objectives of the Society; in accordance with the laws of Malaysia;
- 6) To undertake research and development activities for the purpose of socioeconomic, educational and cultural advancement of the Dayak community;
- 7) To organize course, seminar, conferences, workshops, dialogues and training for the benefit of all members of the Society and the Dayak community at large;
- 8) To set up trust funds, bursarial fund, or any form of funds for the purposes of providing assistance to all members of Society, as agreed to by the Executive Committee;
- 9) To receive any form of endowment, donations, or gifts from any party, be it public or private sector, or from individuals for the running of the activities of the Society;
- 10) To engage as agreed by the Executive Committee in any legal business transactions or dealings, including owning of properties or assets, both moveable and immovable, tangible and intangible;
- 11) To own and erect buildings for the purpose of carrying out the Society's activities;
- 12) To sell, let, dispose or grant rights over all or any property of the Society, as agreed by the Executive Committee; and
- 13) To uphold the rights and interests of the members of the Society in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Constitution, the Societies Act, 1966(Act 335), and any other statutory provisions.

## CLAUSE 4 MEMBERSHIP

### (1) MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

Membership of the Association shall be open to all Dayaks who are Malaysian citizens irrespective of sex or religion but at the time of application must meet all of the following qualifications:

- (a) Not a bankrupt and above 18 years of age;
- (b) A Malaysian citizen of Dayak Origin;
- (c) A Berawan, Bidayuh, Bisaya, Bukitan, Dusun, Iban, Kedayan, Kelabit, Kayan, Kenyah, (including Sabup and Sipeng), Kajang (including Sekapan, Kejaman, Lahanan, Punan, Tanjong and Kanawit), Lugat, Lisum, Lun Bawang, Melanau, Penan, Punan Busang, Sabeng, Sian, Tagal, Tabun, Tering, Ukit, or any other

mixture of these with each other and, or any mixture of these with other races or whose parents/parent is one of the above; and

(d) Has been awarded a University or a College degree or a diploma by any institution or higher learning in or outside Malaysia;

## (2) Types Of Membership

Membership of the Association will be divided into the following categories:-

### (a) Life Members.

Application for life membership is open to any applicant who is eligible to become a member as per Clause 4(1) and who pays once in a lifetime administrative fee of RM10.00 and membership fee of RM100.00.

### (b) Associate Members

i. Any and/or all members registered and admitted into the Association prior to 2018 who does not fall within the category of Lifetime Members or Honorary Members shall be made Associate Members.

ii. Any associate member as per Clause 4 (2)(b) can apply for Life membership by paying once in a lifetime membership fee of RM80.00.

### (c) Honorary Members

Can be accorded to any individual; if the Executive Committee is satisfied that such individual can render constructive contributions to the society's advancement.

## (3) APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

(a) Every application for a membership shall be proposed and seconded by two (2) existing life members and shall be forwarded to the Secretary General who shall, at the first convenient opportunity, submit it to the Executive Committee for approval. The committee may, at its discretion, reject any application without assigning any reason for such rejection.

(b) Every applicant whose application has been approved by the Executive Committee shall, upon payment of the prescribed administrative and membership fees, be admitted as a life member of the Society and shall be entitled to all the privileges accorded by the Society.

## (4) Rights And Privileges Of Membership

(a) A Life Member shall have the right to vote and hold office in the Society.

(b) An Associate member shall have no voting right and shall not hold any office in the Association, but such member can participate actively in the Association's activities.

(c) An Honorary member shall have no voting right, but can participate actively in the Society's activities.

(d) Any member of the Association shall have the privilege of inviting their acquaintances and relatives as guest into the Association's premises.

(e) All members of the Association shall be entitled to enjoy certain benefits of Association Membership as determined by the Executive Committee from time to

time.

(5) Obligation Of Members

(a) To abide by the rules of the Society and its resolutions.

(b) To pay any donation or subscription punctually according to the provision thereof.

(c) Every member shall notify the Secretary General of his/her change of address including electronic address, failing which any letter, circular or notice sent to his/her last registered address and/or electronic address, shall be deemed to have been given to and received by such member for any purpose provided under these Constitution or rules.

(d) Any member of the Society breaking or damaging any article or property of the Society shall pay the cost of repairing or replacing it, if he is called upon to do so by the Executive Committee.

(e) No books, periodical, newspapers or any other property of the Society shall be removed from the Society without the consent of the Executive Committee or any person whom the Executive Committee has delegated such power to.

(f) Member shall be responsible for the conduct and behavior of their guests and for all expenses incurred on behalf of their guests or for any breakage or damage caused by their guests to the property of the Society.

(g) The Society shall not be liable in respect of any death of or any injury sustained by any member or his guest arising in any way whatsoever from his membership of the Society or from his use or enjoyment of the Society, its amenities, privileges or facilities or otherwise howsoever arising.

## CLAUSE 5 RESIGNATION AND TERMINATION

(1) Any member may at any time resign his/her membership by giving a notice in writing to the Secretary General at the Association's registered office. Every such notice shall, unless otherwise expressed, be deemed to take effect as from the 1st day of January next, following the receipt thereof.

(2) The Executive Committee may, if at any time it shall be of the opinion that the interest of the Society so require, in writing invite any members to withdraw from the Society within such time as is specified in such letter, and in default of such withdrawal to submit the question of his/her expulsion to an Extraordinary General Meeting to be held within six weeks after the date of such letter. The letter shall be given to the said member not less than four weeks from the date of the Extraordinary General Meeting. It shall be the duty of the Secretary General to inform the said member of the time and place of the Extraordinary General Meeting and of the nature of the complaints against him/her in sufficient time to afford him/her a proper opportunity of offering his/her explanations. At such meeting, the members shall be allowed to offer any explanation of his/her conduct verbally or in writing, and thereupon, two thirds of the members present shall vote for his/her expulsion, he/she shall thereupon cease to be a member of the Society. Provided that the voting at any such Extraordinary General Meeting shall be by ballot of

not less than five members present thereat shall do demand. It shall be in the power of the Executive Committee to exclude such member from the Society's premises until such Extraordinary General Meeting is held as required above.

(3) No person who has been expelled from the Society under clause (2) above shall at any time be re-admitted as a member.

(4) Any person shall, upon ceasing to be member of the Society, whether on account of resignation or expulsion, forfeit all rights to any claim upon the Society and its property and funds.

## CLAUSE 6 SOURCE OF INCOME

The income of the Society Association shall derive from:

1) Prescribed administrative and membership fees as per Clause 4(2) as follows :-

a. Administrative Fee: RM10.00

b. Life Membership : RM100.00 (New application as per Clause 4 (2) (a))  
RM80.00 (Application by Associate Member as per Clause 4(2)(b) (ii))

2) Any legal business transactions or dealings, including owning of properties or assets, both moveable and immovable, tangible and intangible.

## CLAUSE 7 GENERAL MEETING

### (1) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

(a) An Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held as soon as possible after the close of each financial year on a date and at a time and place to be decided by the Executive Committee, but not later than 31st March. The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be:

(i) To receive the Secretary General's reports on the working of the Executive Committees and any sub-committee during the previous year;

(ii) To receive the Treasurer General's report and the audited accounts of the Society for the previous year;

(iii) To elect biennially members of the Executive Committee and to appoint auditor or auditors for the ensuing two (2) years and

(iv) To deal with such other matters as may be put before it.

(b) A preliminary notice of the Annual General Meeting stating the date, time and place, and calling for motions for discussion and motions for amendment of the rules shall be sent by the Secretary General to all members not later than thirty days before the date fixed for the meeting, and this notice shall either be prominently displayed at the registered office/address of the Society, or be advertised in any local newspaper.

(c) Motions for discussion at the meeting must be sent to reach the Secretary General not later than fourteen days from the date of the preliminary notice.

(d) The Secretary General shall send to all members at least fourteen days before the meeting an agenda including copies of minutes and reports, motions and audited accounts of the Society for the previous year. Copies of these documents shall also be made available at the registered office/address of the Society for the perusal of members.

(e) Each registered life member present at the Annual General Meeting shall have one vote, and in the case of tie of votes, the President shall have a casting vote.

(f) There shall be no voting by proxy.

(g) Voting other than for election of Executive Committee shall be by a show of hands unless otherwise required by members present. All matters shall be decided by a simple majority.

(h) All registered members of the Society shall be eligible to attend Annual General Meeting and subject to rights accorded to each memberships, has the right to speak and vote on any matters put forward during such meeting.

(i) Election of the Executive Committee shall be decided by a simple majority of votes.

## (2) EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

(a) An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society shall be convened:

(i) Whenever the Executive Committee deems it desirable; or

(ii) At the joint request in writing of not less than one third of the members, stating the objects and reasons for such a meeting.

(b) An Extraordinary General Meeting requisitioned by members shall be convened for a date within thirty days of the receipts of such requisition.

(c) Notice and agenda for an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be forwarded by the Secretary General to all members at least fifteen (15) days before the date fixed for the meeting.

## (3) QUORUM AND POSTPONEMENT OF GENERAL MEETINGS

(a) The quorum for any General Meeting shall be at least twice the number of the Executive Committee members or one half of the total voting membership, whichever is lesser.

(b) In the absence of a quorum, the meeting shall be postponed to a later date to be decided by the Executive Committee.

(c) Where no quorum is present at the subsequent date decided in accordance with clause (b) above;

(i) An Annual General Meeting shall proceed to business provided that such meeting shall not amend these rules or make decisions affecting the whole membership.

(ii) An Extraordinary General Meeting requisitioned by members shall be cancelled and no Extraordinary General Meeting shall be requisitioned for the same purpose until after a lapse of six months from the date thereof.

## CLAUSE 8 COMMITTEE

(1) An Executive committee who shall be termed as office bearers of the Society, shall be elected biennially at the Annual General Meeting and comprise the following:

A President

A Deputy President

Three (3) Vice Presidents to be elected one each from the Iban, Bidayuh and Orang Ulu Community

A Secretary General

An Assistant Secretary General

A Treasurer General

An Assistant Treasurer General

Eleven (11) Ordinary Committee Members

(2) The President may co-opt up to a maximum of five (5) eligible member of the association into the Executive Committee if deems necessary.

(3) All members of the Executive Committee shall serve a two (2) year term of the office and shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

(4) Every officer performing executive functions in the Society shall be Malaysian citizens of Dayak origin.

(5) No member of the Executive Committee shall hold any office in any political party. Such a member shall deem not to be entitled to hold such a post in the Executive Committee upon being elected or appointed to such post in any political party.

(6) Name of the above offices shall be proposed and seconded and election will be by a simple majority vote of the voting members at the Annual General Meeting biennially. All the office bearers shall be eligible for re-election.

(7) The function of the Executive Committee is to organize and supervise the day-to-day activities of the Society and to make decisions on the matters affecting its running within the general policy laid down by the Annual General Meeting. The Committee may not act contrary to the expressed wishes of the General Meeting without prior reference to it and shall always remain subordinate to the General Meeting. It shall furnish a report to each Annual general meeting on its activities

during the previous year.

(8) The Executive Committee shall meet at least once every three months and seven days notice of each meeting shall be given to the members. The President acting alone, or not less than three (3) of its members acting together may call for the meeting of the Executive Committee to be held at any time. At least one half (1/2) of the Executive Committee Members must be present for its proceedings to be valid and constitute a quorum.

(9) Any member of the Executive Committee who fails to attend three (3) consecutive meetings of the Executive Committee without satisfactory explanation shall be deemed to have resigned from the Executive Committee.

(10) In the event of death or resignation of a member of the Executive Committee, the Executive Committee shall have power to co-opt any other member of the Society to fill the vacancy created by such events until the next Annual General Meeting.

(11) The Executive Committee shall give instructions to the Secretary General and other officers for the conduct of the affairs of the Society. It may appoint such organizers and such staff as it deem necessary. It may suspend or dismiss any organizer or member of the staff for neglect of duty, dishonesty, incompetence, refusal to carry out the decisions of the Committee, or for any other reason which it deems good and sufficient in the interest of the Society.

(12) Where any urgent matter requiring the approval of the Executive Committee arises and it is not possible to convene a meeting as herein prescribed, the Secretary General may obtain such approval by means of a circular letter. The following conditions must be fulfilled before a decision of the Executive Committee is deemed to have been obtained:

(a) The issue must be clearly set out in the circular and forwarded to all members of the Executive Committee.

(b) At least one-half (1/2) of the members of the Executive Committee must indicate whether they are in favor or against the proposal; and

(c) The decision must be made by a majority vote. Any decision obtained by the circular letter shall be reported by the Secretary General to the next Executive Meeting and recorded in the minute thereof.

(13) The Executive Committee shall have the power to appoint Sub-Committee for the furtherance of the objectives of the Society as it may deem fit and to delegate to Sub-Committee all or any of the powers so delegate and revoke all such appointments. Any Sub-Committee so appointed shall, in exercising the powers so delegated, conform to any of the rules that may, from time to time, be imposed upon it by the Executive Committee.

(14) The Executive Committee may make, repeal and alter rules which are inconsistent with these Constitutions. All rules or rescission and alterations thereof shall be posted on the notice board in the Society's premises for a fortnight, during which time any twenty (20) members may, by notice in writing to the Secretary General, require the



opinion of an Extraordinary General Meeting to be taken thereof. If no such notice is given, rules or rescission or alterations thereof shall become binding on all members.

## CLAUSE 9 DUTIES OF OFFICE BEARERS

(1) The President shall during his term of office, preside at all general meetings and all meetings of the Committee and shall be responsible for the proper conduct of all such meetings. He shall have the casting vote and shall sign the minutes of each meeting at the time they are approved.

(2) The Deputy President shall assist the President in carrying out his duties and shall deputize for the President during the latter's absence.

(a) The Vice President shall assist the President and/or Deputy President in carrying out his/her duties

(3) The Secretary General shall:

(a) Conduct the business of the Society in accordance with its rules, and shall carry out the instructions of the General Meeting and of the Executive Committee.

(b) He/she shall be responsible for conducting all correspondence and keeping all books, documents and paper except the accounts and financial records.

(c) He/she shall attend all meetings and record the proceedings.

(d) He/she shall forward to the Registrar of societies an annual Return as required under Section 14(1) of the Societies Act, 1966 (Act 335) within sixty (60) days after the Annual General Meeting or if no General Meeting is held, once in every calendar year.

(e) He/she shall keep a Membership Register containing the following particulars:

- (i) Serial Number
- (ii) Date of Admission
- (iii) Name
- (iv) Date and Place of Birth
- (v) Identity Card Numbers
- (vi) Nationality
- (vii) Occupation and Office Address
- (viii) Home Address
- (ix) Telephone Number
- (x) Email Address

(4) The Assistant Secretary General shall assist the Secretary General in carrying out his/her duties and shall act for him/her in his/her absence.

(5) The Treasurer General shall be responsible for the finances of the Society. He/she shall keep accounts of all its financial transactions and shall be responsible for their correctness.

(6) The Assistant Treasurer General shall assist the Treasurer General in carrying

out his/her duties and shall act for him/her in his/her absence.

(7) The Ordinary Committee Members shall take charge of duties allocated to them by the Executive Committee and shall assist the above officers in carrying out their duties.

## CLAUSE 10 FINANCIAL PROVISION

(1) The financial year of the Society shall commence on 1st January.

(2) The incomes and properties of the Society, and profits derived from participation in any business or investment shall be applied solely towards the furtherance promotion and execution of the objects of the Society and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend or bonus or otherwise to the person or persons who at any time are or have been members of the Society or to any person claiming through them. But nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any office bearers or servants of the Society or to any member thereof or other person in return for any service actually rendered to the Society.

(3) The Treasurer General may hold a petty cash advance not exceeding three hundred ringgit at any one time. All money in excess of this sum shall, within seven (7) days of receipt, be deposited in a bank approved by the Executive Committee. The bank account shall be in the name of the Society.

(4) All cheques and withdrawal notices on the Society's account or other forms of banking or financial instruments shall be signed jointly by the any two of the following:

(a) President

(b) Secretary General

(c) Treasurer General

(5) In the absence of the Secretary General or the Treasurer General, the Executive Committee shall appoint one of its members to sign in his/her place.

(6) No expenditure transaction, exceeding five thousand ringgit at any one time per transaction shall be incurred without prior sanction of the Executive Committee, and no expenditure transaction exceeding fifty thousand ringgit at any time per transaction shall be incurred without prior sanction of a General Meeting.

(7) As soon as possible after the end of each financial year, a statement on income and expenditure and a balance sheet for the year shall be prepared by the Treasurer General and audited by the Auditor/Auditors appointed under Clause 11. The audited accounts shall be submitted for the approval of the next Annual General Meeting, and copies shall be made available at the registered office/address of the Society for the perusal of members.

(8) The Society may raise fund for the attainment of their objectives with prior approval by the Registrar of Societies and the authority concerned.

**CLAUSE 11 AUDITORS**

(1) One or more persons, who shall not be office bearers of the Society, shall be appointed biennially at the Annual General Meeting as Auditors. He/She shall hold office for two years only and shall be reappointed.

(2) The Auditor/Auditors shall be required to audit the accounts of the Society for the year, and to prepare a report or certificate for the Annual General Meeting. He/They may also be required by the Executive Committee to audit the accounts of the Society for any period within his/their tenure of office at any date, and to make a report to the Executive Committee.

(3) The Auditor so appointed under Clause (1) may be removed from office by the Annual General Meeting on the grounds that, owing to ill health, unsoundness of mind, absence from the country or for any other reason, he is unable to perform his duties or unable to do satisfactorily. In the event of death, resignation or removal of an officer before the Annual General Meeting, the Executive Committee shall have the power to appoint Auditor to fill the vacancy.

**CLAUSE 12 PROPERTY ADMINISTRATOR / TRUSTEES**

CLAUSE 12 : Property Administrator

1) Upon being elected, the President, Deputy President, and Secretary General shall be appointed as Property Administrators for the duration of their tenure as office-bearers.

2) The Property Administrators shall deal with immovable property of the Society in such manner as provided for and in accordance with Section 9(b) of the Societies Act, 1966 (Act 335) provided that at all times any and/or all immovable property shall be registered in the name of the Association.

3) The Property Administrators shall not sell, charge, withdraw or transfer any immovable property registered under the name of the Society without prior sanction by way of Resolution at a General Meeting.

4) In the event that either the President, Deputy President, and/or Secretary General is/are unable to perform and/or carry out duties as Property Administrator due to conflict of interests and/or any other reasons not herein specified, other members of the Executive Committee shall be appointed as Property Administrators by way of Resolution at a General Meeting, provided that at all times the number of Property Administrators for the Association is fixed at three (3) office-bearers.

5) Any one of the aforementioned Property Administrators officer may be removed from office by the Annual General Meeting on the grounds that, owing to ill health, unsoundness of mind, absence from the country or for any other reason, he is unable to perform his duties or unable to do satisfactorily. In the event of the death, resignation or removal of an officer before the Annual General Meeting, the vacancy shall be filled by a General Meeting convened for the purpose.

**CLAUSE 12(A) : TRUSTEES**

1) In accordance with the Societies Act, 1966 (Act 335), the Association shall appoint at least one (1), but no more than three (3) Trustee(s) at any one time, and at all material times the appointed Trustees shall not hold office of the Secretary or Treasurer.

2) The appointed Trustees shall act as Trustees of the Association for a duration of two (2) years from the date of appointment, or for the tenure of the current elected Executive Committee, whichever is shorter.

3) The responsibilities and/or obligations of the Trustees, other than as specified in this Constitution, may be specified and/or imposed by way of Resolution at a General Meeting or by way of rules imposed by the Executive Committee as it deems fit, provided always that there shall be no conflict with the Constitution of the Association.

4) The appointed Trustees are eligible for reappointment as the Association may deem fit, provided always that no breach of these Clauses have occurred.

**CLAUSE 13 INTERPRETATION**

(1) Between Annual General Meetings, the Executive Committee shall interpret the rules of the Society and, when necessary, determine any point on which the rules are silent. Such interpretation shall be final and conclusive.

(2) Except where they are contrary to or inconsistent with the policy previously laid down by the general meeting, the decision of the Executive Committee shall be binding on all members of the Society unless and until countermanded by a resolution of the general meeting.

**CLAUSE 14 ADVISOR / PATRON**

Patrons/Advisors may be appointed by the Executive Committee to the Council of Patrons/Advisors, whose role shall be that of providing advice and guidance to the Executive Committee and members of the Society, as and when deemed necessary for the good of the Society and in the furtherance of the Society's objectives.

**CLAUSE 15 PROHIBITION**

(1) No benefits as defined under Section 2 of the Societies Act, 1966 shall be given by the Society to any of its members.

(2) Any person shall not hold office in the Society or become an advisor or employee of the Society if he is disqualified under Section 9A of the Societies Act, 1966.

(3) Neither the Society nor its members shall engage or try to engage in any Trade Union activities as defined in the Trade Union Act, 1959.

(4) No gambling or any other illegal activities shall be carried out in the premises of the Society.

(5) The registered address/premises of the Society shall not be converted into a place of worship/praying unless gazetted for such purposes.

## CLAUSE 16 AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION

This constitution may not be altered or amended except by a resolution passed at an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting. Such alterations or amendments shall be submitted to Registrar of Societies and shall take effect from the date of their approval by the Registrar of Societies.

## CLAUSE 17 DISSOLUTION

(1) The society may be voluntarily dissolved by a resolution of not less than three fifths of the total voting membership at a General Meeting convened for the purpose.

(2) In the event of the Society being dissolved as provided above, all debts and liabilities legally incurred on its behalf, shall be fully discharged and the remaining fund disposed of in such manner as may be decided upon by a General Meeting.

(3) Notice of dissolution shall be given to the Registrar of Societies within fourteen (14 days) of such dissolution.

## CLAUSE 18 FLAG, LOGO AND BADGE

### 1. Flag



#### Description

The Society's badge and flag shall consist a white background in the middle of the badge or flag, and inscribed beneath the logo shall be written the Society's motto

### 2. Logo



#### Description

Clause 18 Logo, Flag and Badge

1) The Logo, which will be used on any and/or all emblems, flags, motifs, or other forms of identity of the Association shall be made up by the following elements:

(i) Mortar Board – Universal symbol of education, and an indication of the Dayak struggle for higher learning; signified by the word 'BERILMU';

(ii) Dayak Motif (embossed onto Mortar Board) – Signifying the deep root of Dayak traditions and heritage which are inherent in the association's members;

(iii) Necktie – Signifying the journey and transition from graduates to young working professionals; this is signified by the word 'BERDISIPLIN'

(iv) Pen – Signifying knowledge & education which are the pillars of striving for excellency which is the focus of this association as well as developing a sense of obligation & discipline; this is signified by the word 'BERJASA'; and

2) The abovementioned elements shall bear the following colours, carrying the meaning(s) as mentioned below:

(i) Navy Blue (Colour Code #2A6F98) - The Navy blue background signifies a calming effect, and symbolizes the Dayaks younger generation. It also reflects the calmness, peace and harmony which the Dayaks community in Sarawak has achieved.

(ii) Royal Blue (Colour Code #3487B9) – The Royal blue color which forms the background of the logo represents the confidence and hope of the Dayaks community for the future.

(iii) Royal Yellow (Colour Code #FEDE59) - The Royal Yellow used in the logo is a color of illumination which reflects the new spirit of enlightenment that the Dayaks have achieved through education and cooperation.

(iv) Dark Grey (Colour Code #4B4B4B) – The Dark Grey colour symbolises intellect and compromise which reflects the formal, professional and sophistication of Dayak graduates.

(v) White (Colour Code #FFFFFF) - The use of white in the logo reflects the members' honesty and sincerity in assisting the community in their pursuits of excellence

3) The Logo shall be accompanied by the words "Sarawak Dayak Graduates Association" curved above it in "Bebas" font, and shall bear directly under it the acronym of the Association, "SDGA" in uppercase letters and in Georgia font. This is followed immediately by the Association's motto, "BERILMU.BERDISIPLIN.BERJASA" in Bodoni MT font.

The Association may from time to time alter the font used as it deems fit and/or necessary but shall not alter in any way or form, the words used on the logo without prior approval from the Registrar of Societies.

### 3. Badge



#### Description

The Society's badge and flag shall consist a white background in the middle of the badge or flag, and inscribed beneath the logo shall be written the Society's motto

## CLAUSE 19 THE SOCIETY'S MOTTO AND SLOGAN

(1) The motto of the Society shall be "Committed to Community Excellence" which shall be inscribed in the Society's badge and flag.

(2) The slogan of the Society shall be "BERDISIPLIN, BERILMU, BERJASA" and the slogan shall be inscribed in the Society's logo.

**CLAUSE 20 DIVISIONAL LIAISON COMMITTEE**

(1) In a Division where there are not less than seven (7) members, the Association may establish a Divisional Liaison Committee which shall be appointed by eligible member in the respective Division. The liaison Committee shall have a Chairman, a Secretary and not less than five (5) other members.

(2) The first meeting shall be called either by the Secretary General or President of the Society, and thereafter by the Secretary or Chairman of the Liaison Committee. a copy of the minutes of meeting shall be forwarded to the Secretary General and President of the Society.

(3) The duties and functions of the Liaison Committee are generally to coordinate the activities of the Society in the Division.

(4) Any activities held in the Division shall have the prior sanction of the President of the Society and upon the completion of the activity a report shall be made to the President. No activity shall be held if it transgresses any policy laid down by the Executive Committee or the General meeting of the Society.

(5) No press releases touching on the Policy matters shall be made without the sanction of the President of the Society.

(6) The Liaison Committee shall not collect funds nor shall it keep any accounts. It shall however be allowed to collect levies for ad hoc purposes but all monies received shall be banked into the Society bank account but shall be used only for the purpose mentioned by the Liaison Committee.

**CLAUSE 21 DEFINITION**

(1) In this constitution, unless the context otherwise requires, the following words bear the following meaning/definition:

“absent” means absence with or without leave by resignation, death and for whatever causes or reasons;

“acts” includes a series of acts and words which refer to acts done and extends to omissions;

“Annual General Meeting” means the general meeting held annually as provided for under Clause 7 of this Constitution;

“Court” or “Court of Law” means any court established under the provisions of the Federal Constitution and includes the Sessions Court and Magistrates Courts established under the provisions of the Subordinate Courts Act, 1949;

“electronic address” means any address or contact number used for the purposes of sending or receiving notices, documents or information by way of electronic communication;

“execute” means sign or signing, which includes in the case of a person unable to write the making of a mark or the fixing of a thumbprint or chop;

“Executive Committee” means the committee established under Clause 8 of this Constitution;

“General Meeting” means Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting under Clause 7 of this constitution;

“immovable property” includes land, benefits to arise out of land and things attached to earth of a permanently fastened to anything fastened to earth but does not include minerals;

“land” or “premises” includes land covered by water and all buildings on the land;

“Liaison Committee” means the committee established under Clause 20 of this Constitution;

“member” means member of the association registered under Clause 4 of this constitution;

“month” means calendar month;

“notice” and “notification” have the same meaning;

“organisation” and “organization” have the same meaning;

“power” includes privilege, authority and discretion;

“President” means the President of the Association and where the context so requires includes the Deputy President;

“property” includes:

(i) money, goods, choses in action, land and every description of property, whether real or personal, movable or immovable; and

(ii) obligations, easements and every description of estate, interest and profit;

“Registrar” means the Registrar of Societies and includes Deputy Registrar of Societies;

“rules” includes by-laws and regulations;

“repeal” include rescind, revoke, cancel and replace;

“the Association” or “the Society” can be used interchangeably and means the Persatuan Graduan Dayak Sarawak (PGDS)(Sarawak Dayak Graduates Association)(SDGA);

“Treasurer” means the Treasurer of the Association appointed under this Constitution;

“writing” or “printing” includes writing, printing, lithography, photography, type-writings and other mode of representing words or figures in a visible form;

words importing the masculine gender include females and words in the singular include the plural and vice-versa;



“year” means a year according to Gregorian calendar;

(2) When this Constitution or any rules made thereunder authorizes or requires any notice, letter or document to be served, whether the expression “serve”, “give”, “send”, “sent” or any other expression is used, the service shall be deemed to be effected by properly addressing, preparing and posting a letter or electronic message containing the notice, letter or document by way of post or electronic communication. Such service shall be deemed to have been effected at the time at which the letter or electronic message would be delivered in the ordinary course unless the contrary is proved.

For the purpose of clause (2) above:-

“electronic communication” means a communication by electronic means; and “electronic message” means an information generated, sent, received or stored by an electronic means;

(3) In computing for the purpose of this Constitution and any rules made thereunder:

(iii) A period of days from the happening of an event of doing of any act or thing shall be deemed to be exclusive of the day on which the event happens or the act or thing is done;

(iv) If the last day of the period is a Sunday or public holiday (which days are in this Clause referred to as excluded days) the period shall include the following day;

(v) Where any act or thing is directed or allowed to be done on certain day, then if that day happens to be an excluded day the act or thing shall be considered as done in due time if it is done in due time if is done on the next day afterwards, not being an excluded day; and

(vi) Where any act or thing is directed or allowed to be done within any time not excluding six days shall not be reckoned in the computing of time.

(4) A prescribed act or thing shall if no time is prescribed, be done with all convenient speed and as often as the prescribed occasion arises.