



The Charter of Samaggi Samagom (Thai Students' Association in the UK) under Royal Patronage

Section 1

General Provisions

- 1.1 This association is named Samaggi Samagom (henceforth referred to as 'Samaggi'), or Thai Students' Association in the UK
- 1.2 This association has a permanent and registered address at the Office of Educational Affairs in the United Kingdom, at 28 Princes Gate, London SW7 1PT
- 1.3 Samaggi's official logo and colours are as follows:
 - Logo The ornated Ayara elephant standing frontwards, with a houdah on its head and the Royal Crown on top,
 - Colour Dark blue, white, and red with alternating large, middle, and small sized strips, or according to the committee's agreement in each year.
- 1.4 Samaggi shall produce a journal called Samaggi Sara, which will be issued however frequent the Executive Committee sees fit but no less than once per annum.
- 1.5 Samaggi has a library under the care of the Office of Thai Educational Affairs in the United Kingdom.
- 1.6 Samaggi may associate itself with other associations or societies by the following process:
 - Associations or societies' committee member informs the Secretary of such intention,
 - The Secretary proposes the matter in a Samaggi Executive Committee meeting,
 - Once the majority of the members present vote in favour, the association or society in question is henceforth considered and treated as associated with Samaggi.
- 1.7 The associated association or society must report its activities to the Secretary at least once per annum before the Samaggi Summit in that academic year.
- 1.8 Samaggi's patrons are people who sponsor the association as proposed and voted in favour of by the executive members in a Samaggi Executive Committee meeting.

Section 2

Objectives and Purposes

- 2.1 Samaggi's main objective is to promote good relations between and unity among Thai students in the United Kingdom, as well as to create good images of Thai students and Thailand abroad.
- 2.2 Samaggi shall promote education, research, and career opportunities for Thai students through an organisation of Samaggi Academic Conference and Careers annually, as well as any other activities that may reinforce the achievement of Samaggi's objectives and purposes.
- 2.3 Samaggi shall promote sports and recreational activities for Thai students on an inter-institutional level through an organisation of Samaggi Games annually, as well as any other activities that may reinforce the achievement of Samaggi's objectives and purposes.
- 2.4 Samaggi shall promote Thai entertainment and cultural activities through an organisation of Samaggi Music Festival annually, as well as any other activities that may reinforce the achievement of Samaggi's objectives and purposes.
- 2.5 Samaggi shall promote active participation, voicing of opinions, transparency and accountability in its management through an organisation of Samaggi Summit annually.



Section 3

Memberships

3.1 Samaggi will have three types of memberships: Honorary Membership, Ordinary Membership, and Privileged Membership.

3.2 Honorary Members are those of any nationality upon whom the executive committee proposes and agrees by majority vote in a meeting to bestow such membership for Samaggi.

3.3 Ordinary Members are those who are 12 years of age or older, hold Thai nationality, and are currently studying in the United Kingdom.

3.4 Privileged Members are those who hold such membership by virtue of their position as president and/or member of the executive committee of that particular year in the Thai Society at academic institutions registered, associated with, or endorsed by Samaggi.

Section 4

Members' Rights and Obligations

4.1 Privileged Members have the right to participate and voice their opinion at Samaggi Summit, including the right to vote for the President of Samaggi.

4.2 Ordinary Members and Privileged Members have the right to run for positions in the Executive Committee.

4.3 Privileged Members are obligated to actively co-operate with Samaggi, including but not limited to participating in Samaggi Summit and other urgent meetings; acting as liaison and contacting channels between Samaggi and Ordinary Members within their societies in their academic institutions; organise activities for the said Ordinary Members; and ensure their respective societies' compliance with the Charter and other relevant rules imposed by Samaggi.

4.4 A person's membership, whichever type, shall be terminated when the member dies, resigns, permanently leaves the UK, becomes mentally incapacitated, or conducts his or herself in a manner that the Executive Committee unanimously decides to have brought disrepute or dishonour onto Samaggi's name.

Section 5

Executive Committee and Directorship

Executive Committee

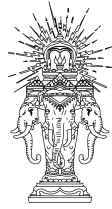
5.1 Samaggi will have the Executive Committee comprising:

- President
- Vice President for Academics
- Vice President for Events
- Vice President for Finance
- Vice President for Marketing and Public Relations
- Vice President for Logistics
- Secretary
- Chief Legal Officer
- Chief Technology Officer.

5.2 All members of the Executive Committee shall assume the position of Samaggi's trustees in the particular academic year, if necessary.

5.3 Those eligible to run for positions in the Executive Committee include all Ordinary and Privileged Members (the latter once their mandates as the member of the executive member of their Thai students' societies end). The preceding President shall give opportunities to the intending candidates for the positions in the Executive Committees to gather details and information regarding the scope of their work and responsibility of each position before his or her mandate ends. Alternatively, the newly elected President may also fulfill such obligation as soon as possible after the Presidential election is finished.

5.4 The President shall select and nominate members of the Executive Committee in the particular academic year, taking into account their expertise, work experiences, ability to work with the rest of the Executive Committee, and the candidate's individual responsibility.



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5.5 After the Presidential election is finished, the President shall select and nominate members of the Executive Committee without delay, and publish the names of the Executive Committee to general Members after the selection and nomination of all positions in the Executive Committee are finished.

5.6 The preceding Executive Committee shall deliver Samaggi's seal, work, list of assets, bank account details, and any other relevant documents to the new Executive Committee, as well as changing the details of trustees on the public authorities' system (if necessary) within one month after the nomination of the Executive Committee is finished. Completion of such delivery shall be under the scrutiny and purview of the Office of Education Affairs

5.7 A person cannot assume more than one position in the Executive Committee simultaneously, unless as a temporary acting member.

5.8 A person cannot assume the same position in the Executive Committee more than twice.

5.9 The current Executive Committee may invite any person to an Executive Committee meeting, but the said invited person shall not have voting rights within that meeting.

5.10 The President and/or the majority of the Executive Committee may remove a member in the Executive Committee in the circumstances in which they decide that such member is unfit, unable to execute his or her duties, or for any other grave reasons. In such case, the President and/or the Executive Committee shall communicate such decision to that alleged member. After such removal, the President may appoint a person to be an acting committee member on a temporary basis until an appropriate member is chosen and nominated to fill the position.

5.11 If any executive member has to leave the United Kingdom permanently or wishes to resign from his or her position in the Executive Committee for any reason, such member shall inform the Executive Committee, and once the Executive Committee has so noted, the member in question shall be considered and treated as having resigned.

5.12 When there is a vacancy on the Executive Committee, the Executive Committee may nominate a person to be an acting member in the vacant position and publish the name of the new member to general Members of the nomination.

5.13 The President has the power to break any tie and resolve any dispute relating to the order and procedures in an Executive Committee meeting.

5.14 The President has the power to call Privileged Members and/or members of the Executive Committee to a meeting to nominate a member for an acting position, or to give advice to the Executive Committee whenever he or she thinks necessary or expedient.

5.15 The President shall represent Samaggi as well as Thai students in the UK at meetings, conferences, and ceremonies.

5.16 If the President refuses to and is unfit to fulfill his role as chairman, or has committed any misdemeanour that have brought disrepute or dishonour onto Samaggi's name or the name of Thai students in the UK generally, Privileged Members and/or the Executive Committee may petition to convene a Privileged Members Meeting to discuss the removal of such President. The removal shall be successful with the assent of more than two-third of the participating Members, and the Executive Committee shall nominate an acting President on a temporary basis.

5.17 Vice Presidents and Chief Officers shall have the primary duty to assist the President and act in his place in the affairs relevant to their respective department.

5.18 The Secretary is responsible for producing minutes for Samaggi Summit and any Executive Committee meeting, keeping records of important documents, carry on correspondence, convene meetings as the President and/or the Executive Committee see fit, and assist the President in general governance and administration.

5.19 The Vice President for Finance is responsible for keeping records of Samaggi's bank accounts and assets, accounting for the income from Samaggi's activities and other sources, making any appropriate transactions according to Samaggi's Charter, formulating Samaggi's financial plans, and drafting a balance sheet for Samaggi.

5.20 The Vice President for Marketing and Public Relations is responsible for propagation and dispensing news and events, including advertisements, concerning Samaggi, its associated associations, and other Thai students' societies.

5.21 The Vice President for Events is responsible for organising Samaggi Games and Samaggi Music Festival, as well as supporting any other regional activities organised by Thai students.

5.22 The Vice President for Academics is responsible for organising the Academic Conference and Careers Fair, as well as supporting any other academic activities organised by Thai students.

5.23 The Vice President for Logistics is responsible for co-ordinating between other members of the Executive Committee and facilitating the work of their department.



5.24 The Chief Legal Officer is responsible for ensuring Samaggi's compliance with the Charter, relevant laws and regulations of the United Kingdom and Thailand in Samaggi's organisation of events and general governance, formulating and implementing regional policies, enforcing this Charter, as well as overseeing contracts and officials documents on behalf of Samaggi and as Samaggi's authorised agent. He or she shall also be responsible for keeping Samaggi's seal.

5.25 The Chief Technology Officer is responsible for overseeing and maintaining the website, e-mail system, and other software relating to Samaggi's affairs.

5.26 Each member of the Executive Committee may enter into a contract with an external party in Samaggi's name, and as such they are Samaggi's authorised agents, so long as the contract relates to the fulfillment of his or her assigned duties, and such member must consult and obtain approval from the President and the Chief Legal Officer every time. Should a member enter into a contract with an external party in a manner contrary to the spirit of this Charter, the Executive Committee may, by majority vote, issue an official letter to deny liability arising from such contract insofar as such letter complies with the law in the relevant country.

5.27 Samaggi Sara is Samaggi's official gazette. The policies concerning Samaggi Sara are under the responsibility of the Editor(s) of Samaggi Sara, with the approval of the Executive Committee. The Editor(s) Samaggi of Samaggi Sara shall be responsible for the production and dispensation of Samaggi Sara.

5.28 A member of the Executive Committee may request to resign from his or her office by informing the President as soon as possible of his or her intent to do so along with producing a recommendation of a suitable person to replace him or her. The President and the Executive Committee may or may not follow such recommendation as they see fit.

Directorship

5.29 A Director (or Assistant, or Manager, or Officer; collectively referred to as "Director") is an ordinary member of Samaggi who are given duties in a department with the approval of the Executive Committee.

5.30 A member of the Executive Committee may bring names of the ordinary members who have applied for a directorship in Samaggi for the upcoming academic year for the Executive Committee's consideration. A member of the Executive Committee may freely appoint or change the Director in his or her own department during the academic year once she has obtained approval from the Executive Committee.

5.31 In selecting and nominating a Director, the member of the Executive Committee must take into account the candidate's expertise, work experience, ability to work with others in their department, and individual responsibility.

5.32 The President and/or the Executive Committee may veto the nomination of any Director, given that they inform the member of the Executive Committee intending to nominate such Director of appropriate reasons as to their veto.

5.33 A Director has the right to attend in an Executive Committee meeting but has no right to vote except if he or she is assigned to attend the meeting on behalf of a member of the Executive Committee of his or her department.

5.34 A Director has the duty to assist the Vice President or Chief Officer of his or her respective department in the management of Samaggi's affairs in that department. The Vice President or Chief Officer shall clearly define and indicate the scope of work and responsibilities of each Director.

5.35 A Vice President or Chief Officer shall be responsible and liable for the activities of Directors within his or her respective department, so long as such activities relate to the duties assigned to such Directors.

5.36 A Directorship may be terminated if the President, or the Vice President or Chief Officer of the relevant department sees fit that the Director be discharged from his or her officer. The Vice President must obtain approval from the President and/or the majority of the Executive Committee before such discharge can be done.

5.37 A Director may request to resign by informing the Vice President or Chief Officer of the relevant department as soon as possible of her intent to do so.



Section 6

Meetings

Samaggi Summit

6.1 The Executive Committee shall arrange for Samaggi Summit Meeting within three months after the beginning of the new academic year.

The President shall require the Secretary to send invitations to Privileged Members, as many as practicable, informing them of the date, time, venue, agenda of the meeting, and the motions to be considered and voted in the meeting (if any) at least 7 days before the meeting date. Names of the attending Privileged Members shall be kept as evidence of attendance, and the number of names shall be treated as the quorum of that meeting. If there are less than one-fifth of all Privileged Members attending, the meeting shall not be treated as having constituted a quorum.

6.2 In the case where the meeting does not constitute a quorum, the Executive Committee shall inform the Privileged Members of a new Samaggi Summit convened to consider the same agenda and motions, as well as of the date, time, venue, and agenda to Privileged Members, as many as practicable, at least 4 days before the new meeting date. If in this second Samaggi Summit, the meeting still fails to constitute a quorum, Samaggi Summit and the agenda to be considered in it shall be treated as cancelled. Should there be any problem or issue arising as a result of such meeting, the Executive Committee shall consider and solve the problem or issue as they find necessary or expedient, but such decision to solve that problem shall not be treated as having been approved by Samaggi Summit, and the relevant member(s) of the Executive Committee to that action shall be liable and responsible for that decision.

6.3 Any motion to be considered and pending for approval in Samaggi Summit shall be communicated in writing by the Secretary to the Privileged Members, as many as practicable, at least 7 days before the meeting (or 4 days if it is to be considered in the second Samaggi Summit after the first quorum fails), otherwise such motion shall be treated as an urgent motion.

6.4 Any consideration or voting of an urgent motion shall only be done in a meeting whereby no less than one-fifth of all Privileged Members are present.

Privileged Members Meeting

6.5 The Executive Committee shall call for a Privileged Members Meeting if the President considers it to be necessary or expedient, or if no less than two-third of the Executive Committee wishes to call such meeting, or if no less than one-fifth of all Privileged Members wishes to call such meeting. The Secretary shall communicate the date, time, venue, and agenda of the meeting to the intending attendants as soon as possible.

6.6 If a Privileged Member cannot attend the meeting, he or she can nominate a representative or elect for the Regional Officer to attend the meeting on his or her behalf.

6.7 If the meeting fails to constitute a quorum, that is: if there are fewer attendants than the President or the Executive Committee finds appropriate, the President may postpone the meeting as and until he or she sees fit.

Executive Committee Meeting

6.8 The Executive Committee shall call for an Executive Committee Meeting if the President considers it to be necessary or expedient, or on a constant basis as the President sees fit, considering the activities and functioning of Samaggi. The Secretary shall communicate the date, time, venue, and agenda to all the members of the Executive Committee at least 4 days before the meeting. A member of the Executive Committee may nominate a representative to attend the meeting on his or her behalf. If there is less than half of members of the Executive Committee (including their representatives), the meeting shall not be treated as having constituted a quorum.

6.9 If the meeting fails to constitute a quorum, the President shall postpone the meeting as and until he or she sees fit, after which the Secretary shall communicate to the Executive Committee the date, time, venue, and the agenda of the next meeting.

Voting

6.10 Unless indicated otherwise in this Charter, any motion shall be voted and decided on a simple majority basis, through raising of hand, unless the Executive Committee in that particular meeting approves voting through a secret ballot.

6.11 The Executive Committee may allow the members who cannot attend to meeting to vote through post or internet. After such approval, the Secretary shall send any voting document and the invitation letter to attend the meeting to all such members, which shall be received at the night before the meeting.

6.12 The Secretary shall compile names of the members who will vote through post or internet and include in the meeting minutes, and he or she shall announce the result of the meeting and the voting to all the members, attending in person or otherwise.



The Role of the Meeting Chairperson

6.13 In every type of meeting, if the President attends the meeting, the President shall act as the Chairperson for the meeting. If the President does not attend the meeting, or wishes not to be the Chairman for whatever reason, he or she may nominate the Chairperson for the meeting. If the President has not nominated a Chairperson, the attendants of the meeting shall nominate the Chairperson for the meeting.

6.14 The Chairperson shall ensure that all the attendants of the meeting have equal opportunity in voicing their opinion on every matter, unless such voicing of opinion causes digression, unnecessary prolongation, or disturbance to the order of the meeting. The Chairperson has the power to conduct the meeting in an orderly fashion and in the spirit of the meeting, taking into account this Charter, unanimity of the meeting, and traditions and customs.

6.15 In any meeting, if the attendants including the Chairperson cast a tie vote in any resolution of any issue, the Chairperson shall call for another vote. If the second vote still results in a tie, the Chairperson shall allow the attendants to discuss the problem or the motion again before a third vote, which may be through secret ballot. If the third vote still results in a tie, the Chairperson may cast an extra tie-breaking vote.

Meeting Minutes

6.16 The Secretary or his representative shall record the meeting minutes for any type of meeting.

6.17 The Secretary and/or the Editor(s) of Samaggi Sara shall publicise the result of any important meeting to all the Members, or post such result on Samaggi's website or Samaggi Sara, depending on the occasion and as the Secretary and/or President sees fit.

Section 7

The Charter

Amendment, Addition to, or Reduction of the Charter

7.1 Any amendment, addition to, or reduction of the Charter shall only be done in the Executive Committee Meeting, unless such amendment, addition, or reduction is likely to adversely affect the rights and obligations of Ordinary or Privileged Members. In the latter circumstances, the amendment, addition, or reduction shall be done in the Privileged Members Meeting.

7.2 If any Member wishes to amend, add to, or reduce the Charter, such Member shall submit a written request, containing the proposed amendment, to the Secretary. The Secretary shall then forward the request and the proposed amendment to all the members of the Executive Committee at least 24 hours before the meeting.

7.3 Any amendment shall be approved by no less than two-third of the attending members of the Executive Committee. If any amendment is likely to adversely affect the rights and obligations of Ordinary or Privileged Members, such amendment shall be approved by no less than two-third of the attending members of the Privileged Members Meeting.

7.4 After any amendment, addition to, or reduction of this Charter under the foregoing provisions, the Secretary shall make the necessary amendment, addition to, reduction of this Charter, as well as any appropriate formatting and ordering, in writing every time.

Interpretation

7.5 Any of Samaggi's provisions shall be interpreted in accordance with the intention of the Executive Meeting that passes such provision, if such Meeting has been recorded.

7.6 Any interpretation, if taken place in a meeting, shall be decided by a simple majority vote of the participants of that meeting.

7.7 It shall be the Executive Committee's to provide at least two copies of the Charter in effect at that time in Samaggi's Library.

7.8 Any interpretation of the Charter or any provision or regulation relating essentially to the governance and legal status of Samaggi shall always be consulted with the Chief Legal Officer, with due consideration to, principally, legal compliance with the law of England and Wales, compatibility with present operation of Samaggi, as well as suitability for Samaggi and the contemporary society.

Financial Provisions

7.9 Samaggi's assets shall be deposited in Samaggi's own account with a bank in England.

7.10 All of Samaggi's income in any form shall be kept by the Vice President for Finance in a bank account opened in Samaggi's name as soon as practicable after having received such income. The Vice President for Finance shall co-ordinate with the legal department to issue a receipt as evidence of such transaction, and the receipt shall be kept for future examination.



7.11 The Vice President for Finance shall record and maintain a balance sheet, in which he or she shall record the date, amount, and source of an income or expense as soon as practicable.

7.12 The Vice President for Finance and the Chief Legal Officer shall be responsible for the issuance of a cheque to order payment of Samaggi's asset deposited in a bank by co-signing any relevant document and affixing Samaggi's seal. If either the Vice President for Finance or the Chief Legal Officer responsible for the issuance is discharged from his or her position before an election of a new Executive Committee, the temporary acting member shall be responsible for such issuance. The Vice President for Finance shall collect any proofs of document issued by the bank or receipts, as well as recording their details.

7.13 Any payment shall be made with Samaggi's interests being the primary consideration. If the Vice President for Finance and/or the Chief Legal Officer has made payment that the Executive Committee considers to be contrary to the intention, objective or purposes of Samaggi, or to be improperly extravagant, the person(s) making such payment shall be personally liable for repaying Samaggi for such payment.

7.14 Any member of the Executive Committee requesting for budget approval for the operation of their department in the course of the year, on the condition that the Executive Committee agrees to the provided proposal, such member shall sign as evidence to be responsible for the requested budget. The Vice President for Finance shall record the said approval of the requested budget in the financial plan. If such member makes payment contrary to, or outside of, the items proposed in the Executive Committee Meeting, he or she shall repay Samaggi, unless the Executive Committee has decided to assent to such payment.

7.15 The President shall be entitled to enquire about any particular expenses, or call for inspection the earning and spending of any department at any time as he desires.

7.16 Every Vice President or Chief Officer who has received budget for the operation of their department shall keep details record of the expenses of the department, as well as provide a financial projection for the year as much as he or she is able to know at the point in time.

Section 8

Regional Policies

8.1 To facilitate the governance and organisation of events, Thai students' societies and associations shall be divided into 7 Regions as follows:

- Upper North Region: University of Aberdeen, Durham University, University of Edinburgh, University of Strathclyde, University of Sunderland, University of St Andrews, University of Stirling, Northumbria University, University of Glasgow, Newcastle University, and University of Dundee
- North Region: University of Huddersfield, University of Hull, Hull York Medical School, University of Leeds, University of Liverpool, University of Manchester, The University of Sheffield, University of York, The University of Nottingham, and Sheffield Hallam University
- East and Midlands Region: Aston University, University of Birmingham, Birmingham City University, University of Essex, University of Leicester, Loughborough University, University of Cambridge, Concord College, Coventry University, Oxford Brookes University, University of Oxford, The University of Warwick, University of East Anglia, and Cranfield University
- Southwest Region: Bangor University, University of Bath, University of Exeter, University of Plymouth, Cardiff University, University of Bristol, University of the West of England
- South Region: Bournemouth University, University of Brighton, University of Reading, University of Kent, University of Sussex, University of Southampton, University for the Creative Arts, University of Surrey
- London Region: Brunel University London, Royal Holloway University of London, City University of London, London School of Economics and Political Science, Imperial College London, University of Greenwich, King's College London, Kingston University London, University College London, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, University of the Arts London, and Queen Mary, University of London
- Northern Ireland Region: Queen's University Belfast

The list may change, if Samaggi admits associated associations or registers new associations in the future, in which case the Chief Legal Officer and/or the Executive Committee may amend this provision without having to go through the amendment procedures prescribed in Section 7 and inform the Executive Committee of each of such change.

8.2 In Samaggi Summit, the Executive Committee shall allow reasonable time for attendants from each Region to meet and discuss matters concerning their Region.



Regional Activities

8.3 Samaggi shall support and encourage each Region to organise activities of any form to achieve Samaggi's objectives and purposes in that region, and the Thai students' societies or associations shall endeavour to the best of their abilities to accomplish the organisation of those activities.

8.4 The Executive Committee in each academic year, particularly the Vice President for Finance and the Chief Legal Officer, shall set the rate(s) at which each Region may request reimbursements to support the organisation of regional activities in any given scale or form in order to support the purpose under 8.3.

Regional Presidents

8.5 Students' societies and associations in each Region may elect a Regional President in Samaggi Summit, or any general assembly they themselves organise in their respective Region, which in the latter case they shall report motions and results of any such meeting to the Executive Committee both before and after the meeting. The Regional President shall receive a simple majority assenting vote in any such meeting. If there is only one candidate, such candidate must receive the assenting vote of no less than absolute majority of all the attendants.

8.6 The Regional President shall act as the medium for communication and co-operation between Samaggi and societies or associations in their respective Region, as well as Samaggi's and societies' or associations' in their respective Region in meetings or ceremonies where Samaggi hosts or is invited to participate in.

8.7 Where a Region does not desire or is unable to elect a Regional President, the Chief Legal Officer shall appoint a suitable person to assume such position with due consideration to his or her ability to fully co-ordinate the affairs of and represent the Region. Societies and associations in such Region may reject such person with an assenting vote of no less than half of the participants from that Region in Samaggi Summit. Under such circumstances, the Chief Legal Officer shall nominate someone else to assume the position of Regional President.

8.8 The Chief Legal Officer may, after a consultation with the Executive Committee, make a policy whereby Regional Officers shall perform the duty of Regional President in their place if he deems it necessary or appropriate by announcing to enact such policy in Samaggi Summit. Representatives of the societies and associations in each Region may vote not to adopt such policy in their respective Region, with an assenting vote of no less than half of the participants from that Region. Under such circumstances, participants from that Region shall hold an election for a Regional President at Samaggi Summit.

8.9 8.8 shall cease to apply to a Region which has chosen or has been intending to choose its own Regional President prior to Samaggi Summit.

Section 9

Other Declarations

9.1 This Charter shall replace any and all previous Charters from 1 April 2019 onwards.