



TCV Alumni Association Switzerland

STATUTES

**TCV ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
SWITZERLAND
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The statute was unanimously passed during the Executive Committee Meeting held on November 17, 2006 & henceforth the same will take immediate effect.

Foreword

Tibetan Children's Villages (TCV) with its head office in Dharamsala, India is an integrated educational community for destitute Tibetan children in exile as well as for hundreds of those escaping from Tibet. Till date it has established 10 branches in India extending from Ladakh in the North to Bylakuppe in the south, with over 15,000 children under its care.

The mission of TCV is to ensure all the Tibetan children under its care achieve a firm cultural identity & become contributing members of the Tibetan community & the world at large by providing:

- Parental love and care to the children in need.
- The best of both modern and Tibetan education.
- A competent & dedicated staff.
- A child-centered learning environment conducive to independent growth.
- Learning opportunities to preserve promote & renew the rich Tibetan cultural heritage.
- Suitable & effective life and career guidance for social and citizenship skills.

Today thousands of Tibetan children have gone through TCV & have scattered to different parts of the world after receiving their education from TCV schools with many of them serving the Tibetan community in different capacities. For many of the Tibetan children, TCV has been; a home where they've lived in harmony for the best part of their years; a home, where they got, in addition to proper education, the warmth and love of the family. Though we feel proud to be an Ex-TCVians, many of us have lost contact with its Alma Mater.

In August 2005 during His Holiness the Dalai Lama's teaching here in Switzerland a good number of ex-TCV students in Switzerland had an opportunity to meet Jetsun Pema la (Amala). In the meeting Amala updated the attendees on various TCV activities, projects, Alumni desk & emphasized the importance of having TCV Alumni Associations & in our context one here in Switzerland.

To follow-up Amala's advice, a gathering of ex-TCV students in Switzerland was organized on May 6, 2006 in Zurich. Subsequently the first executive committee was elected, thereby sowing the seed of TCV Alumni chapter in Switzerland.

NOTE:

The original & official text of the Association's Statutes is in English. Translated versions are available in Tibetan & German languages. In case of differences in interpretation of the provisions of the Statutes, the English version will prevail.

I. NAME, DOMICILE & OBJECTIVE

Article 1: Name & Domicile

An association under the name “TCV Alumni Association Switzerland” with its domicile in Zurich was founded in accordance with Art. 60 of the Swiss Civil Code.

Article 2: Objectives

- a) To work towards achieving the mission of TCV.
- b) To support the works & activities of TCV.
- c) To maintain contact among ex-TCV students.

II. MEMBERSHIP

Article 3: Membership Eligibilities

All ex-TCV students irrespective of their years of stay, branch & class of graduation.

Article 4: Rights of the Members

- a) Have right to be nominated & elected to the Executive Committee of the Association.
- b) Have right to elect the Executive Committee Members.
- c) Have right to make suggestions regarding the functioning of the Association.
- d) Have right to decide on the activities of the Association.

Article 5: Responsibilities of the Members

- a) Must work towards achieving the objectives of the Association.
- b) Must assume responsibilities for activities initiated by the Association.
- c) Must pay Annual Membership fee of Sfr.12.00.
- d) Must attend, as far as possible, the General Body Meeting (s).

III. GENERAL BODY MEETING

Article 6: General Body Meeting

- a) The Annual General Body Meeting shall take place in the second quarter of each year.
- b) The General Body Meeting is the highest organ of the Association. It elects the Executive Committee and has the overview of the activities of the Association.
- c) If need arises, Emergency General Body Meeting (s) shall be summoned by the Executive Committee.
- d) All the important decisions of the association are made during the General Body Meeting(s) with 2/3rd majority votes of the members present.

IV. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Article 7: Election of the Executive Committee Members

- a) The Executive Committee is the one elected by the Members.
- b) The number of Executive Committee Members shall not be less than seven (7).
- c) The elected Executive Committee Members shall elect an individual amongst them, by unanimous consent or majority vote, as the President of the Association. The portfolio of the rest of the Executive Committee Members shall be determined by the President.
- d) The term of the Executive Committee Member shall be 3 years.

- e) If any elected member (s) of the Executive Committee resigns, the next individual in the list of candidates (after the elected ones) who has secured the highest votes shall fill the vacancy.
- f) If the need arises to change the entire Executive Committee before the completion of its terms, then a General Body Meeting shall be convened to hold an interim election as soon as possible.

Article 8: Duties of the Executive Committee

- a) Planning & implementation of activities (fund raising, TCV project supports etc.) to meet the objectives of the Association.
- b) Convening annual General Body Meeting(s) during which works & financial reports shall be presented.
- c) To collect annual Membership fee.
- d) The Executive Committee Members shall meet at least thrice a year to work on various activities of the Association.

Article 9: Rights of the Executive Committee

- a) The Executive Committee has the authority to spend on the activities of the Association up to Sfr. 2,500.00. Activities requiring above Sfr 2,500.00 shall be decided in the General Body meeting with 2/3rd majority of the members present.
- b) The Executive Committee has the right to summon emergency General Body Meeting(s) at any time.

V. AMENDMENTS

Article 10:

- a) A motion for amendment of the Statutes shall be considered only when it is supported by at least 3 members.
- b) Amendment (s) to the article (s) of the Statutes shall only be made by 2/3rd majority of the members present during the General Body Meeting.
- c) All amendments must be documented in the Statutes under footnote.

VI. DISSOLUTION

Article 11: Dissolution of the Association

- a) The dissolution of the Association shall only be considered by 2/3rd majority of the members present during the Emergency General Body Meeting.
- b) If the decision is reached to dissolve the Association, all the remaining assets of the Association shall be transferred to the TCV head office.
