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An Ordinance to incorporate The Lady Superior in Penang of the Society of Saint Maur.

[20 July 1923]

Whereas many years ago the Society of Saint Maur established branches in the Straits Settlements at George Town in Prince of Wales Island, now commonly called Penang, at Singapore and at Malacca, and in connection with each of such branches founded and carried on therewith educational and charitable institutions respectively known in Penang as “The Convent of the Holy Infant Jesus in Penang”, in Singapore as “The Convent of the Holy Infant Jesus in Singapore”, and in Malacca as “The Convent of the Holy Infant Jesus in Malacca”:

And whereas the Society appointed a Lady Superior to have charge of each of such educational and charitable institutions:

And whereas by Ordinance No. 192 (Penang Convent) the Lady Superior in Penang of the Society of St. Maur and her successors for the time being holding such office, were incorporated by the name of “The Lady Superior of the Convent of the Holy Infant Jesus in Penang”, and the property belonging to the Society of Saint Maur in Penang was vested in the corporation so established:

And whereas it has been considered expedient to repeal Ordinance No. 192 (Penang Convent) in order *inter alia* that the whole of the property of the Society of Saint Maur in the Straits Settlements may be vested in and held by one person:

And whereas the present holder of the office of the Lady Superior in Penang of the Society of Saint Maur is Euphrasie Labordenave, who was appointed by the Society of Saint Maur to such office:

It is hereby enacted by the Governor of the Straits Settlements with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof as follows:

Short Title

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Society of Saint Maur Incorporation Ordinance 1923.

The Lady Superior in Penang of the Society of Saint Maur to be a body corporate

2. The said Euphrasie Labordenave and her successors for the time being in the office of Lady Superior in Penang of the Society of Saint Maur duly qualified as hereinafter provided shall be a body corporate (hereinafter called “the Corporation”), and shall have perpetual succession under the name of “The Lady Superior of the Convent of the Holy Infant Jesus in Penang”.

Qualification of successor

3. No successor of the said Euphrasie Labordenave in the office of Lady Superior in Penang of the Society of Saint Maur shall be deemed to be qualified as such successor unless and until her appointment as such Lady Superior has been notified to the Minister, and the same has been approved by him, and unless and until a notification of such approval has appeared in the *Gazette*.

Evidence of appointment of successor

4. A notification in the *Gazette* of the approval of an appointment of a person as Lady Superior in Penang of the Society of Saint Maur shall be sufficient evidence that such person was duly appointed as such Lady Superior and is duly qualified as by this Ordinance is required.

Corporate seal

5.—(1) The Corporation may have and use a corporate seal which may from time to time be broken, changed, altered and made anew as to the Corporation seems fit.

(2) All deeds, documents or other instruments requiring to be sealed with the seal of the Corporation shall be deemed to be duly sealed if such seal be affixed in the presence of the said Euphrasie Labordenave or other the Lady Superior in Penang of the Society of Saint Maur for the time being, or by her attorney duly authorised by a Power of Attorney deposited under section 48 of the Conveyancing and Law of Property Act 1886, and if each such deed, document or other instrument be signed by the said Euphrasie Labordenave or her successor or her attorney so authorised as aforesaid, and such signing shall be and be taken as sufficient evidence that the seal of the Corporation was duly and properly affixed, and that the same is the lawful seal of the Corporation.

Powers of suing and being sued

(3) The Corporation may sue and be sued in respect of its property or otherwise in all Courts of Justice.

Powers of Corporation relative to property

(4) The Corporation may acquire, purchase, take, hold and enjoy movable and immovable property of every description, and may sell, exchange, convey, assign, surrender and yield up, mortgage, demise, re-assign, transfer or otherwise dispose of any movable or immovable property so acquired, purchased, taken or held or otherwise vested in the Corporation upon such terms as to the Corporation shall seem fit.

Vesting of property in Penang

6. All immovable property formerly vested in the Lady Superior of the Convent of the Holy Infant Jesus in Penang whether with or without the name of the Lady Superior for the time being holding such office, howsoever the same was vested (short particulars whereof are contained in the First Schedule hereto), is hereby vested in the Corporation for the respective estates and interests for which the same are held.

Vesting of property in Singapore and Malacca

7. The several persons mentioned in the third column of the Second and Third Schedules hereto, or the survivors or survivor of them, or the executors or administrators of them, or any of them in whom were vested the respective estates and interests mentioned in the second column of the said Second and Third Schedules, in the lands, hereditaments and premises specified in the first column of the said Second and Third Schedules, are hereby divested of such estates and interests, and such estates and interests are hereby vested in the Corporation as Trustee for the Society of Saint Maur, subject nevertheless to all conditions of tenure incident thereto, and to any trusts affecting the same, but with full power, subject as aforesaid, for the Corporation as such Trustee to deal with the property so vested in accordance with the provisions of section 5(4) hereof.

Saving of Government and other rights

8. Nothing in this Ordinance shall affect the rights of the Government or of any body politic or corporate or of any other persons except such as are mentioned in this Ordinance and those claiming by, through, from or under them.

[7/97]

FIRST SCHEDULE**PENANG PROPERTY**

1. All that piece of freehold land situate in the District of Tanjong Penaignre in the Settlement of Penang containing an area of 9,914.8 m² comprised and described in East India Company's Grant No. 16 dated 3 June 1857 to Jean Baptiste Boucho.

2. All that piece of freehold land situate in the District of George Town in the Settlement of Penang containing an area of 4 orlongs 186 square jumbas comprised and described in East India Company's Grant No. 995, dated 1 August 1803, to James Carnegy, with the exception of a portion thereof estimated to contain an area of 8 square jumbas and 6¾ feet sold and conveyed to James and Elizabeth Gawthorne on 12 April 1886.

3. All that piece of freehold land situate in the District of Western Ayer Itam in the Settlement of Penang as described in a deed poll dated 28 August 1876 (Registered No. 4569), under the hand and seal of one Len Ah Shin, and forming part of East India Company's Grant No. 69, dated 30 March 1852, to Ong Lin.

SECOND SCHEDULE

SINGAPORE PROPERTY

<i>Description of land</i>	<i>Estate</i>	<i>Persons in whom land vested prior to the Ordinance</i>
<p>All that piece of land situated in the District of Singapore Town in the Island of Singapore containing according to Government Resurvey an area of 23,938.0 m² and marked on the Government Resurvey Map as Lot 108, Town Subdivision XI forming part of East India Company's Lease No. 1526, and formerly known as Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 of the said Lease; together with the buildings erected thereon and known as the Convent of the Holy Infant Jesus and No. 1, Stamford Road, and No. 215, North Bridge Road</p>	<p>Leasehold for the residue of a term of 999 years from 31 October 1839</p>	<p><i>Old Lot 2.</i> Sister St. Hilarion, Sister St. Helene, Mother St. Hombeline, Sister St. Andre and Mother St. Henri as Trustees</p> <p><i>Old Lots 3 to 9.</i> Mother St. Hombeline, Sister St. Andre and Mother St. Henri as Trustees</p>

THIRD SCHEDULE

MALACCA PROPERTY

<i>Description of land</i>	<i>Estate</i>	<i>Persons in whom land vested prior to the Ordinance</i>
<p>1. All that piece or parcel of land situate at Banda Hilir in the Town and Settlement of Malacca, more particularly delineated in the plan dated 1 March 1848, under the hand of William Valberg and annexed to an Indenture dated 3 March 1848, and made between Cerelo Pereira of the one part and Jacob de Souza of the other part, and therein described as bounded on the North by the public road, 10.363 m. course W. 20°N., on the West by the garden of Mrs. Williamson, 114.3 m. course South 20°W., on the South by the sea, 9.957 m. and on the East by the remaining piece of land belonging to the said Cerelo Pereira, 114.3 m. course N. 20°E.</p>	<p>Fee simple</p>	<p>Mother St. Hombeline, Sister St. Andre and Mother St. Henri as Trustees</p>

THIRD SCHEDULE — *continued*

<i>Description of land</i>	<i>Estate</i>	<i>Persons in whom land vested prior to the Ordinance</i>
<p>2. All that piece or parcel of land situate in the District of Banda Hilir in the Town and Settlement of Malacca bounded on the North by the public road, on the South by the sea, on the East by the ground now or late belonging to Mariano Cornelius, and on the West by land now or late belonging to Magdalena Fernandis, as delineated on the plan dated 11 November 1841, under the hand of the late William Valberg, Land Surveyor, and therein distinguished by the name Sereelo Pereira written thereon</p>	<p>Fee simple</p>	<p>Mother St. Hombeline, Sister St. Andre and Mother St. Henri as Trustees</p>

THIRD SCHEDULE — *continued*

<i>Description of land</i>	<i>Estate</i>	<i>Persons in whom land vested prior to the Ordinance</i>
<p>3. All that piece or parcel of land situate in the District of Banda Hilir in the Town and Settlement of Malacca, being a portion of the larger piece of land bounded on the East by P. Deischer, on the West by I. Lazaroo, on the North by the road and on the South by the sea beach, containing 364.2 m² and comprised in and described in the plan drawn on a deed poll under the hand of Ilay Ferrier, Resident Councillor of Malacca. Nod. 518 and dated 8 October 1850, whereby the said larger piece of land was demised to Mariano Cornelius for the term of 99 years from the date thereof at the yearly rent of one cent</p>	<p>Fee simple</p>	<p>Mother St. Hombeline, Sister St. Andre and Mother St. Henri as Trustees</p>

THIRD SCHEDULE — *continued*

<i>Description of land</i>	<i>Estate</i>	<i>Persons in whom land vested prior to the Ordinance</i>
<p>4. All that piece or parcel of land situate in the District of Banda Hilir in the Town and Settlement of Malacca, comprised in and granted by Dutch Grant No. 264, dated 28 April 1819, and more particularly delineated in a plan dated 8 October 1851, under the hand of William Valberg and therein shown as bounded on the North by the Banda Hilir Road, on the South by the sea, on the East by land now or late of the heir of the late G.I. Meyer, deceased, and on the West by land now or late of Jose de Cotta and of Dulsina de Cotta and others</p>	<p>Fee simple</p>	<p>Mother St. Hombeline, Sister St. Andre and Mother St. Henri as Trustees</p>

THIRD SCHEDULE — *continued*

<i>Description of land</i>	<i>Estate</i>	<i>Persons in whom land vested prior to the Ordinance</i>
<p>5. All that piece of land situate at Banda Hilir in Malacca, bounded on the North by the land now or late of Lee Keng Liat, on the South by the land now or late of the Convent, on the East by Road and on the West by Lot No. 1421 as delineated in a plan drawn by T.E.M. Skelchy, a Surveyor, and signed by Lee Keng Liat annexed or intended to be annexed to an Indenture dated 23 November 1892, and made between Lee Keng Liat of the one part and Sister Saint Marcienne of the other part</p>	<p>Fee simple</p>	<p>Mother St. Hombeline, Sister St. Andre and Mother St. Henri as Trustees</p>

THIRD SCHEDULE — *continued*

<i>Description of land</i>	<i>Estate</i>	<i>Persons in whom land vested prior to the Ordinance</i>
<p>6. All that piece of land situate at Banda Hilir within the territory of Malacca, measured and bounded as follows, namely, breadth with the Public Road one roe and 3 feet, course S.S.W. 4° W. behind with Philippy Desker one roe and 5 feet, course N. b. E. 5° E., Length on the North side with Lodewick Hendrick, 10 roeden 5 feet and 3 inches, course N.W. b. W. 4°W. and on the South side Length 10 roeden 8 feet and 6 inches, course S.E. by E. 4°E. and which said piece of land is delineated in a Dutch plan dated 5 February 1868, under the hand of William Valberg annexed with other Indentures to the principal Indenture save and except a portion marked A on the said plan of the said piece of land sold to Mary Izabel Holmberg for \$39.57 as per bill of sale dated 23 January 1893</p>	<p>Fee simple</p>	<p>Mother St. Hombeline, Sister St. Andre and Mother St. Henri as Trustees</p>

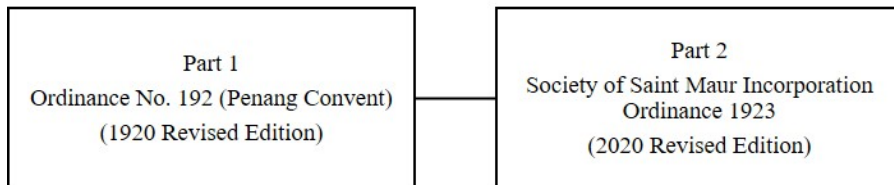
THIRD SCHEDULE — *continued*

<i>Description of land</i>	<i>Estate</i>	<i>Persons in whom land vested prior to the Ordinance</i>
7. All that piece of land at Klebang Kechil, Malacca, comprised in Mukim Extract No. 77 (General No. 2978) containing an area of 7,587.9 m ²	Customary fee simple	Sister St. Helene

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY
SOCIETY OF SAINT MAUR
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PICTORIAL OVERVIEW OF PREDECESSOR ACTS



LEGISLATIVE HISTORY DETAILS

PART 1
ORDINANCE NO. 192
(PENANG CONVENT)
(1920 REVISED EDITION)

1. Ordinance V of 1907 — The Penang Convent Incorporation Ordinance 1907

Bill	:	G.N. No. 1220/1906
First Reading	:	14 December 1906
Second Reading	:	2 January 1907
Third Reading	:	22 March 1907
Commencement	:	22 March 1907

2. 1920 Revised Edition — Ordinance No. 192 (Penang Convent)

Operation	:	28 November 1921
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PART 2
SOCIETY OF SAINT MAUR INCORPORATION ORDINANCE 1923
(2020 REVISED EDITION)

3. Ordinance 12 of 1923 — Society of Saint Maur Incorporation Ordinance, 1923

Bill	:	G.N. No. 112/1923
First Reading	:	23 April 1923

Second Reading	:	28 May 1923
Third Reading	:	25 June 1923
Commencement	:	7 July 1923 (assent) 20 July 1923 (publication)

4. 1926 Revised Edition — Ordinance No. 225 (Society of Saint Maur Incorporation)

Operation	:	1 August 1926
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5. 1936 Revised Edition — Society of Saint Maur Incorporation Ordinance (Chapter 262)

Operation	:	1 September 1936
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6. 1955 Revised Edition — Society of Saint Maur Incorporation Ordinance (Chapter 322)

Operation	:	1 July 1956
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7. Ordinance 72 of 1959 — Transfer of Powers (No. 2) Ordinance, 1959
(Amendments made by section 2 read with the First Schedule to the above Ordinance)

Bill	:	31/1959
First Reading	:	22 September 1959
Second Reading	:	11 November 1959
Notice of Amendments	:	11 November 1959
Third Reading	:	11 November 1959
Commencement	:	20 November 1959 (section 2 read with the First Schedule)

8. G.N. No. S 222/1985 — Metrication (Society of Saint Maur Incorporation Ordinance) Order 1985

Commencement	:	23 August 1985
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9. 1985 Revised Edition — Society of Saint Maur Incorporation Ordinance (Chapter 381)

Operation	:	30 March 1987
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10. Act 7 of 1997 — Statutes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 1997
(Amendments made by section 6 read with item (34) of the First Schedule to the above Act)

Bill	:	6/1997
First Reading	:	11 July 1997

Second and Third Readings	:	25 August 1997
Commencement	:	1 October 1997 (section 6 read with item (34) of the First Schedule)

Abbreviations

C.P.	Council Paper
G.N. No. S (N.S.)	Government Notification Number Singapore (New Series)
G.N. No.	Government Notification Number
G.N. No. S	Government Notification Number Singapore
G.N. Sp. No. S	Government Notification Special Number Singapore
L.A.	Legislative Assembly
L.N.	Legal Notification (Federal/Malaysian Subsidiary Legislation)
M. Act	Malayan Act/Malaysia Act
M. Ordinance	Malayan Ordinance
Parl.	Parliament
S.S.G.G. (E) No.	Straits Settlements Government Gazette (Extraordinary) Number
S.S.G.G. No.	Straits Settlements Government Gazette Number