

## **TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL FOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT AT SPEAKERS' CORNER, HONG LIM PARK**

1 All events and activities carried out by any approved person at Speakers' Corner, Hong Lim Park, are subject to the terms and conditions stated below and such other terms and conditions as the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation ('the Commissioner') may from time to time impose. The Commissioner reserves the right to cancel any approval or disallow any event or activity at any time without prior notice in the event of any breach of or non-compliance with the terms and conditions herein, where in the Commissioner's opinion the event or activity may endanger or cause discomfort or inconvenience to other park users and/or the general public, or where the status of the Speakers' Corner as an unrestricted area for public speaking and demonstrations under the Public Order (Unrestricted Area) Order 2013 and the conduct of public entertainment activities under the Public Entertainments and Meetings (Speakers' Corner) (Exemption Order 2013 are revoked.

2 All approved persons are to observe the Parks and Trees Act (Cap. 216) and the Parks and Trees Regulations (Cap. 216, Rg 1). Certain activities, including setting up of structures and use of fire, require the Commissioner's approval (please refer to regulations 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9 of the Parks and Trees Regulations for more details).

### **PARK USAGE**

3 Please note that approval does not entitle any approved person to exclusive use of Speakers' Corner, Hong Lim Park. Every approved person must –

- (a) keep the park clean and tidy at all times;
- (b) not damage or destroy any property, tree or plant within the park;
- (c) reinstate any damage to park property, facilities, trees and shrubs to the Commissioner's satisfaction at the person's own expense;
- (d) remove all props within the same day;
- (e) not tap or use any power source from any park facility at any time;
- (f) not carry out any event or activity other than on the date or dates and within the times specified in the approval;
- (g) where amplification equipment is used, use only handheld, self-powered amplification equipment (eg. loudhailers) and only between the hours of 9.00 am and 10.30 pm; and
- (h) not sell food or drinks without a valid permit from the National Environment Agency (NEA) and other relevant authorities.

4 The approved person shall indemnify NParks and/or the Government from or against any liability, loss, claim, cost or expense incurred arising from or in connection with the event or activity. This includes any claim in respect of interruption of utilities (eg. water, electricity, etc.) whether due to power shortage or electrical/mechanical/manpower failure or any other cause.

### **APPLICATIONS REQUIRED UNDER THE PUBLIC ORDER (UNRESTRICTED AREA) ORDER 2013 AND THE PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENTS AND MEETINGS (SPEAKERS' CORNER) (EXEMPTION) ORDER 2013 FOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES AT SPEAKERS' CORNER, HONG LIM PARK**

5 In addition to the conditions of park usage specified in paragraphs 3 and 4 above, applications for the necessary permits, licences and approvals under the Public Order Act (Act 15 of 2009) ('POA') and the Public Entertainments And

Meetings Act (Cap. 257) ('PEMA') are required, unless the Public Order (Unrestricted Area) Order 2013 and the Public Entertainments And Meetings (Speakers' Corner) (Exemption) Order 2013 are in force, and the conditions specified in these Orders relating to the events and activities are complied with. The Conditions specified in these Orders that are to be complied with for the exemptions to apply are explained in paragraphs 6, 7, 8 and 9 below.

### **Public Speaking**

6 Public speaking in the form of a lecture, talk, address, debate or discussion (whether or not in combination with a play-reading, recital, performance or an exhibition) at Speakers' Corner, Hong Lim Park, is exempted from the provisions of the POA if the following conditions are complied with:

- (a) the speaker must be a citizen of Singapore;
- (b) the speaker does not deal with any matter —
  - (i) which relates, directly or indirectly, to any religious belief or to religion generally; or
  - (ii) which may cause feelings of enmity, hatred, ill-will or hostility between different racial or religious groups in Singapore;
- (c) the speaker speaks using only any of the 4 official languages in Singapore, or any related dialect; and
- (d) the speaker does not display or exhibit, or cause to be displayed or exhibited (whether before, during or after the public speaking), any banner, flag, poster, placard, photograph, film, sign, writing or other visible representation or paraphernalia which contains any violent, lewd or obscene material.

7 Public speaking in the form of a play-reading or recital at Speakers' Corner (without any lecture, talk, address, debate, discussion or demonstration), Hong Lim Park, is exempted from the provisions of the PEMA if the following conditions are complied with:

- (a) the speaker must be a citizen of Singapore;
- (b) the speaker does not deal with any matter —
  - (i) which relates, directly or indirectly, to any religious belief or to religion generally; or
  - (ii) which may cause feelings of enmity, hatred, ill-will or hostility between different racial or religious groups in Singapore;
- (c) the speaker speaks using only any of the 4 official languages in Singapore, or any related dialect; and
- (d) no placard, banner, poster, photograph or film which contains any violent, lewd or obscene material is displayed or exhibited by the speaker, whether before, during or after the public speaking.

### **Demonstrations**

8 A demonstration (whether or not in combination with a play-reading, recital, performance or an exhibition) held at Speakers' Corner, Hong Lim Park is exempted from the provisions of the POA if the following conditions are complied with:

- (a) the organiser must be a citizen of Singapore;
- (b) only citizens and permanent residents of Singapore take part in the demonstration and the organiser must not allow any person who is neither a citizen nor a permanent resident of Singapore to take part in the demonstration;

- (c) the demonstration does not deal with any matter —
  - (i) which relates, directly or indirectly, to any religious belief or to religion generally; or
  - (ii) which may cause feelings of enmity, hatred, ill-will or hostility between different racial or religious groups in Singapore;
- (d) the organiser, or an authorised agent of the organiser, is present at all times during the demonstration; and
- (e) no banner, flag, poster, placard, photograph, film, sign, writing or other visible representation or paraphernalia which contains any violent, lewd or obscene material is displayed or exhibited (whether before, during or after the demonstration) by or on behalf of the organiser or by any person participating in the demonstration.

### **Performances and Exhibitions**

9 A performance or an exhibition without any lecture, talk, address, debate or discussion or demonstration at Speakers' Corner, Hong Lim Park, is exempted from the provisions of the PEMA if the following conditions are complied with:

- (a) the organiser must be a citizen of Singapore;
- (b) there are only citizens and permanent residents of Singapore participating in the performance or exhibition;
- (c) the organiser, or an authorised agent of the organiser, is present at all times during the performance or exhibition, as the case may be;
- (d) the performance or exhibition does not deal with any matter —
  - (i) which relates, directly or indirectly, to any religious belief or to religion generally; or
  - (ii) which may cause feelings of enmity, hatred, ill-will or hostility between different racial or religious groups in Singapore; and
- (e) no placard, banner, poster, photograph or film which contains any violent, lewd or obscene material is displayed or exhibited by the organiser or any person participating in the performance or exhibition, whether before, during or after the performance or exhibition.

10 A Police Permit must be obtained if permanent residents of Singapore are speaking or organising a demonstration, performance or exhibition, and/or if foreigners are speaking or participating in or organising activities at Speakers' Corner, Hong Lim Park.