

23 Types of Public Interest Activities

According to Article 2 of the Act of Authorisation of Public Interest Associations and Foundations (Law No.49 of 2006), for the purposes of the Act, a “Public Interest” purpose is a purpose that:

- (1) falls within any of following descriptions (in the list of the Appendix of the Act) that relate to scholarship, art, charity or other public interests, and
- (2) contributes to the promotion of interests of many and unspecified persons.

The Appendix of the Act enumerates the following 23 types of activities, to be pursued in order:

- 1 to promote academism, science, and technology
- 2 to promote culture and art
- 3 to support persons with disabilities, needy persons, and victims of accident, disaster or crime
- 4 to promote the welfare of senior citizens
- 5 to support persons having the will to work for seeking the opportunity of employment
- 6 to enhance public health
- 7 to seek sound nurturing of children and youths
- 8 to enhance the welfare of workers
- 9 to contribute to sound development of mind and body of citizens and to cultivate human nature through education, sports, etc.
- 10 to prevent crimes and to maintain security
- 11 to prevent accidents and disasters
- 12 to prevent and eliminate unreasonable discrimination and prejudice by reason of race, gender or others
- 13 to pay respect and to protect freedom of thought and conscience, freedom of religion and of expression
- 14 to promote the creation of a gender-equal society and otherwise better society
- 15 to promote international mutual understanding and economic cooperation towards overseas developing regions
- 16 to preserve the global environment and to protect and maintain the globe’s natural environment
- 17 to utilize, maintain, and preserve the national land
- 18 to contribute to the sound management of national politics
- 19 to develop sound local communities
- 20 to secure and promote fair and free opportunities for economic activity and to stabilize and enhance the lives of the citizenry through invigorating the economy
- 21 to secure a stable supply of goods and energy indispensable for the lives of the citizenry
- 22 to protect and promote the interest of general consumers, and
- 23 In addition to the above, other types of activity that relates to the public interest, as prescribed by the Cabinet Order.