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CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION.

WHEREAS, we, the undersigned, with others, have been associated together for some time in an unincorporated society known as the "Hep Sing Tong" having as its objects, among others, of suppressing gambling, vice and immorality generally in and among the Chinese resident in the City of New York, and of prosecuting in its Courts violations of the laws of order and morality and whereas we have done much in the furtherance of said objects, and

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WHEREAS, at a regularly called meeting of the members, held on the 2⁵th day of October, 1896, in the City of New York and convened by notice given by the President and Secretary and Treasurer by mail or personally, more than thirty days previous pursuant to the resolution of said society passed at a regular meeting held on the 6th day of September 1896, the Board of Directors of such society were unanimously authorized by all the members present to take such steps as may be necessary to incorporate such club under the laws aforesaid.

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Therefore we the undersigned, members of said society constituting its Board of Directors, being of full age, and five of our number being citizens of the United States of America and also citizens of the State of New York, desire to form ourselves and said society into a membership corporation in accordance with the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of the State of New York, entitled "An Act relating to Membership corporations" constituting chapter 559 of the Laws of 1895 of said State, and we do certify:

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That the name by which the corporation will be known is,

"H E P S I N G T O N G"

O B J E C T S.

That the particular objects for which the Corporation is formed, are:

To establish and maintain a permanent place of meeting of the members, away from the baneful influences of the opium den and gambling joint; where religious observances, social amusements, recreations and intercourse may be enjoyed; and the study of the English language may be pursued, thereby fitting those members for occupations as interpreters and otherwise, and

To further the suppression, through lawful means, of gambling, policy selling, vice and immorality generally among the Chinese of the City of New York and Brooklyn, and such other places, as the corporation, through its directors, may hereafter decide to add; and to prosecute in the Courts of law, through the proper authorities, such violations of the laws relating to order and morality, as may, from time to time, come to its notice; and in general to raise the tone of the resident Chinese..

T E R R I T O R Y.

The Territory, in which the operations of the Corporation are to be principally conducted, is in the Cities of New York and Brooklyn, with its headquarters, home or principal office in the City of New York.

O F F I C E R S.

There shall be a President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Corporation who shall be elected by the Board of Directors.

and shall hold office until the next regular meeting of the corporation as hereinafter provided after that of their elections.

D I R E C T O R S.

There shall be seven Directors of the corporation, and the names and residences of the directors who shall hold office until the first annual meeting are as follows:

Joe Min Kong	12 Pell Street, New York City.
Hoey Gow	98 Horatio Street, New York City.
John Feoy,	21 Pell Street, New York City.
Isador H. Warburg,	11 West 115th Street, New York City.
William Millard,	70 East 127th Street, New York City.
Leo W. Fernbach,	76 East 120th Street, New York City.
Francis P. Kennedy,	110 North 7th Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.

A N N U A L M E E T I N G S.

The time for holding the annual meeting shall be the second Monday of January in each year.

B Y - L A W S.

The Board of Directors shall have power to adopt by-laws not inconsistent herewith, which shall be binding upon the members of the Corporation.

M E M B E R S H I P.

The Board of Directors shall in its by-laws determine the admission, voluntary withdrawal, censure and suspension of members and other regulations as provided in the law of incorporation.

A M E N D M E N T S.

That these articles of association may be amended by a majority vote of all the members in good standing at the time

of such amendment, at a regular meeting or meeting regularly called for such purpose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals, the 29th day of October, 1896.

In Presence of.

George H. Seay

Francis P. Kennedy

John Feoy

Hoey Gow

Joe Kong

William Millard

Leo W. Fernbach

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK ss:-

On this 29th day of October, 1896, before me personally appeared JOE HIN KONG, HOEY GOW, JOHN FEY, ISADOR H. WARBURG, WILLIAM MILLARD AND FRANCIS P. KENNEDY, and on the 2nd. day of November, 1896, appeared LEO W. FERNBACH,

to me known and known to me to be the individuals described in and who executed the foregoing Certificate of Incorporation and they duly severally acknowledged to me that they had executed the same.

George H. Seay
Notary Public

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of the

"HEP SING TONG" SOCIETY.

~~Dated, New York, October 29th 1896.~~

*This certificate
approved of
Anulyu Nov 5 1896*

James H. Van Dyke

STATE OF NEW YORK

SECRETARY OF STATE, LA PETRA & GLAZK,
Attorneys & Counsellors,
38 Park Row,
New York.

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Deputy Secretary of State.