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25 September 2017

JOINT MEDIA INVITATION

CDCs, Law Society and 3 Institutes of Higher Learning sign 2 MOUs to bring pro bono services closer to the community

The Community Legal Pro Bono Services Network was launched by the CDCs and Law Society Pro Bono Services (Law Society PBS) back in 2014 to provide legal advice to residents. There has been good demand from the ground for such services. The CDCs and Law Society PBS will not just renew their MOU but also further enhance it. In addition, as part of SG Cares @CDC, the CDCs have brought in three IHLs [National University of Singapore (NUS), Singapore Management University (SMU) and Singapore University of Social Sciences (SUSS)] to sign a new MOU, together with Law Society PBS.

2 The CDCs and Law Society PBS will also launch the Law Awareness Week (LAW) @CDC 2017 on 28 September 2017. The Guest of Honour is Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Finance & Ministry of Law, Ms Indranee Rajah. She will also preside over the signing of enhanced MOU on the Community Legal Pro Bono Services Network, as well as a second MOU with Law Society PBS, NUS, SMU and Singapore University of Social Sciences (SUSS) on joint collaborations beyond the network and LAW @CDC.

3 You and your photographer / crew are cordinally invited to the Media Conference on Thursday 28 September 2017, 5.45pm at SMU School of Law.

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4 The Media Conference is ***chaired*** by Chairman of Mayors' Committee, Mayor Low Yen Ling and Host Mayor, Dr Teo Ho Pin, Mayor of the North West District. The media briefing cum conference will include all key parties involved in the MOUs and will cover:

(a) Growth of the network and how the collaboration between CDCs and Law Society Pro Bono Services have benefited residents over the past three years;

(b) Why MOU with IHLs and how will it benefit the students and community;

(c) New project between CDC-NUS Lasting Power of Attorney workshops in the coming year;

(d) Sharing by lawyers and student volunteers on their experiences in community work; and

(e) Partners like Professors, students, lawyers, grassroots leaders will also be invited for the media interviews.

5 This media invite is jointly issued by CDCs and the Law Society PBS. Do join us as more details and stories will be shared at the conference. Kindly RSVP by 27 September 2017 with the contact persons below.

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About the CDCs

This year, the CDCs celebrate their 20th Anniversary in Community Development. There are five Community Development Councils (CDCs), namely, Central Singapore, North East, North West, South East and South West CDCs. Mayors of the Districts are Chairman of the respective CDCs. The CDCs' **ABC** mission is to **A**ssist the Needy, **B**ond the People and **C**onnect the Community. The Office of the Mayors comprises:

a) Ms Low Yen Ling	Chairman of Mayors' Committee & Mayor of South West District
b) Dr Mohamad Maliki Bin Osman	Mayor of South East District
c) Dr Teo Ho Pin	Mayor of North West District
d) Ms Denise Phua Lay Peng	Mayor of Central Singapore District
e) Mr Desmond Choo	Mayor of North East District

For more information, please visit www.cdc.org.sg, www.pa.gov.sg, and OurCommunity.sg

About the Law Society Pro Bono Services

Law Society Pro Bono Services (LSPBS) is a registered charity and Institution of a Public Character (UEN: 201700430E).

LSPBS is an initiative by the Law Society of Singapore to help bring free legal assistance to those in need in our community as part of the Law Society's stated mission to ensure access to justice for all. LSPBS runs various programmes to (a) serve the community (b) support its volunteers and (c) assist or collaborate on pro bono initiatives with other agencies.

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For more information, please visit http://probono.lawsociety.org.sg

About National University of Singapore (NUS) Faculty of Law

NUS Law is Asia's Global Law School. Widely regarded as the region's leading law school, it sees itself as part of a global conversation about the study and practice of law. Its diverse faculty includes 60 full-time academics together with many adjuncts and visiting professors; its 1,200 undergraduate and postgraduate students include Singapore's top school leavers as well as outstanding scholars from around the globe. The faculty is a major source of research on legal issues affecting Singapore, the region and beyond. NUS Law's alumni are a who's who

of Singapore's legal community and include leaders in the profession, government ministers, Supreme Court judges, ambassadors, CEOs and many other alumni go on to careers that take them to the heights of the profession around the world.

For more information, please visit http://law.nus.edu.sg

About Singapore Management University (SMU) School of Law

Singapore Management University (SMU) School of Law proudly welcomed its first cohort of 116 students in August 2007. Taught by a dynamic faculty with postgraduate degrees from renowned universities, the School aims to nurture its students to become excellent lawyers who will contribute significantly to society. Trained with the ability to contextualise legal expertise and to think across disciplines and geographical borders coupled with SMU's interactive pedagogy, SMU's law graduates are confident articulate and analytically agile. The SMU School of Law offers a four-year full-time Bachelor of Laws programme, a five-year double-degree programme which combines law with Accountancy, Business, Economics, Information Systems or Social Sciences, and a Master of Laws programme. The School has also launched a full-time graduate programme, the Juris Doctor Programme which can be completed within three years, and in some cases, accelerated for completion within two years.

For more information, please visit www.law.smu.edu.sg

About Singapore University of Social Sciences (SUSS) School of Law

SUSS's School of Law trains and produces highly motivated lawyers specialising in the areas of criminal law and family law. Our programmes adopt a pedagogy that emphasises applied learning and a multi-disciplinary approach to problem-solving. The School of Law offers both the Juris Doctor (JD) and Bachelor of Laws (LL B) programmes.

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For more information, please visit www.suss.edu.sg

Annex A

LAW AWARENESS WEEK @CDC 2017 AND MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING SIGNING CEREMONY ON THURSDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 2017 AT SINGAPORE MANAGEMENT UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW FUNCTION HALL

PROGRAMME

5.30 pm	Arrival and Registration of Media
5.45 pm	Media Conference
6.45 pm	Registration and Dinner
7.30 pm	Arrival of Mayors
7.45 pm	Arrival of Guest-of-Honour (GOH) Ms Indranee Rajah Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Finance & Ministry of Law
	Opening Address by Chairman of Law Society Pro Bono Services
	Welcome Address by Host Mayor
	Speech by GOH
	Signing of Memorandums of Understanding
	Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation
	Group Photo-taking
	Sharing by lawyer volunteer
9.00 pm	Interaction Session
9.30 pm	End of Programme

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Annex B

LOCATION MAP

GETTING THERE

Venue: SMU School of Law Function Hall (Basement 1)
Address: 55 Armenian Street, Singapore 179943
Enter compound via entrance facing Armenian Street



MAP LEGEND

1. Administration Building
2. Lee Kong Chian School of Business
3. School of Accountancy
4. Li Ka Shing Library, The SMU Shop (TSS)
5. School of Information Systems
6. School of Economics, School of Social Sciences
7. SMU Labs
8. School of Law, Kwa Geok Choo Law Library

Taxi Stand
Bus Stop
Drop Off
SMU Car Park
Car Park
de Suantio Gallery
Food & Retail Outlets at Basement Concourse

Bus services
At bus stop circled on map in blue: 7, 14, 16, 36, 77, 106, 111, 124, 128, 131, 147, 162, 166, 167, 171, 174, 175, 190, 700, 850E, 857, 951E, 971E

Nearest Train Stations
Bras Basah (CC2)
City Hall (EW13/NS25)

Nearest Carparks
SMU School of Law,
Lee Kong Chian
School of Business,
SMU Administration Building