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JOINT MEDIA RELEASE

LAUNCH OF LAW AWARENESS WEEKS @ CDC (LAWs @ CDC) 2019 AND “HELPING YOU HELP OTHERS” WEB-BASED SEMINAR SERIES

The Guest-of-Honour, Mr Edwin Tong, SC, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Law and Health launched LAWs @ CDC 2019 and “**Helping You Help Others**” Web-Based Seminar (Webinar) Series on 4 September 2019 at Keat Hong Community Club.

2 Supported by five Community Development Councils (CDCs) and the Law Society Pro Bono Services (LSPBS), LAWs @ CDC 2019 introduced a new Webinar platform to (a) reach out to and engage the online community, (b) make it more accessible and convenient for anyone, anytime and anywhere to seek legal advice/knowledge; and (c) to build up a legal repository on useful topics.

3 More importantly, the objective of these webinars is to remove the stigma that comes with being seen when one physically attends such talks. With Webinars, residents can watch in the privacy of their own homes and take down notes at their own convenience. Webinars complement legal talks in helping to reach out and equip individuals with knowledge on legal issues as well as provide guidance on where they may seek social support to help their loved ones and themselves.

4 For the first time, the CDCs and LSPBS decided to take a more integrated approach towards helping residents with certain complex social needs. As such certain webinar topics will cover both legal advice from volunteer lawyers, social service from the Social Service Agencies (SSAs) and support from the CDCs. This is a reflection of the stronger partnership and collaboration between the community partners and the legal fraternity.

5 This media release is jointly issued by CDCs and the LSPBS. For more details, please contact persons below.

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About the CDCs

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:

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| 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.

For more information, please visit <http://probono.lawsociety.org.sg>
For more information on Law Awareness Weeks @CDC 2019, please visit <https://www.lawawarenessweeks2019.com/>

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is Law Awareness Weeks @ CDC?

The Law Awareness Weeks (LAWs) @ CDC is jointly organised by the five Community Development Councils (CDCs) and Law Society Pro Bono Services (LSPBS) to promote residents' awareness and instil a basic understanding of the law. In its fifth year of the collaboration, a series of **63** legal talks will be conducted from 4 September to 20 October 2019 across the five districts. The Talks will cover legal topics close to the hearts of the community.

Catered to the general public with no legal background, the talks aim to simplify “legal jargon” and are specially selected by each division based on the needs of their residents.

2. What do the CDCs and LSPBS hope to achieve through this collaboration?

Through the Law Awareness Weeks @ CDC 2019, the CDCs and LSPBS aims to:

- a. reach out to residents through law talks and equip them with the basic understanding of the law; and
- b. encourage lawyers/law students to volunteer within their home districts and expose them to community work.

3. How many lawyers and volunteers are involved in Law Awareness Weeks @ CDC 2019

30 lawyers are involved in the Law Awareness Weeks @ CDC 2019. Each talk comprises a 45-minute presentation followed by a 15 to 30-minute Q and A session.

4. What are the legal topics covered in Law Awareness Weeks @ CDC 2019?

The topics include Advance Legal Planning, Community and Neighbour Dispute, Consumer Protection, Employment Law, Family Law (Civil), Personal Debt Protection from Harassment and Syariah Law. For more details on the topics, visit <https://www.lawawarenessweeks2019.com/>

5. What is a Webinar?

A webinar is essentially a seminar or workshop held over the Internet, and it can be a presentation, discussion, demonstration, or other instructional session. Participants can log onto the webinar from their comforts of their own home and/or their personal electronic devices.

6. Why are the legal talks conducted through Webinar?

Webinars allow residents who may feel uncomfortable attending a taboo topic talk in person, to connect online with anonymity. This will allow them to gain legal knowledge at their own comfort and convenience.

7. What is the Webinar format and how do residents join a Webinar?

Volunteer Lawyers, Representatives from Social Service Agencies and a Moderator will host the Webinar.

Residents would require a web browser, internet connection, computer or mobile device. To connect to a legal talk via **GoToWebinar**, residents are to enter the webinar ID provided by the CDCs or the LSPBS and their email address.

8. What are the Webinar topics?

The four Webinar topics are (i) Divorce; (ii) Debt Management and Gambling; (iii) Good Samaritan Initiative; and (iv) Debt Management and Credit Card.

9. Who are the Community Partners involved in LAWs @ CDC 2019?

Apart from the CDCs, LSPBS, three Institutes of Higher Learning (National University of Singapore, Singapore University of Social Services, Singapore Management University), there will be new partners on board LAWs @ CDC 2019.

S/N	New Partners
1.	Infocomm Media Development Authority
2.	Blessed Grace Social Services
3.	Bloomr.SG
4.	Arise2Care Community Services Ltd
5.	Jamiyah Singapore
6.	Singapore Heart Foundation
7.	The Silver Lining Community Services Ltd
8.	One Hope Centre
9.	Credit Counselling Singapore
10.	National Council on Problem Gambling
11.	National Addictions Management Service
12.	Ministry of LAW

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GLOSSARY AND TRANSLATION OF KEY TERMS

Law Awareness Weeks @ CDC 2019

S/N	Key Term	Chinese Translation	Malay Translation
1.	Law Awareness Weeks @ CDC	法律意识周	Minggu Kesedaran Undang-undang di Majlis Pembangunan Masyarakat
2.	Community Legal Clinic	社区法律咨询诊所	Klinik Masyarakat Undang-undang
3.	Law Society Pro Bono Services	义务律师办事处	Pusat Perkhidmatan Pro Bono
4.	Community Legal Pro bono Services Network	社区法律无偿服务联 网	Rangkaian Perkhidmatan Perundangan Masyarakat Pro-bono
5.	Webinar	网络研讨会 在线研讨会	

Mission

S/N	Key Term	Chinese Translation	Malay Translation
6.	<u>A</u> ssisting the Needy	协助贫困居民	Membantu Yang Memerlukan
7.	<u>B</u> onding the People	增强民众凝聚力	Mengeratkan Ikatan Masyarakat
8.	<u>C</u> onnecting the Community	与社区密切联系	Menghubungkan Masyarakat

CDC

S/N	Key Term	Chinese Translation	Malay Translation
9.	Community Development Council (CDC)	社区发展理事会	Majlis Pembangunan Masyarakat
10.	Central Singapore CDC	中区社区发展理事会	Majlis Pembangunan Masyarakat Singapura Tengah
11.	North East CDC	东北社区发展理事会	Majlis Pembangunan Masyarakat Timur Laut
12.	North West CDC	西北社区发展理事会	Majlis Pembangunan Masyarakat Barat Laut
13.	South East CDC	东南社区发展理事会	Majlis Pembangunan Masyarakat Tenggara
14.	South West CDC	西南社区发展理事会	Majlis Pembangunan Masyarakat Barat Daya
15.	Mayor	市长	Mayor / Datuk Bandar (formal address)

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16.	Ms Low Yen Ling, Chairman, Mayors' Committee and Mayor of South West District	刘燕玲女士, 市长委员会 主席, 西南区市长	Ms Low Yen Ling, Datuk Bandar, Daerah Barat Daya Pengerusi, Jawatankuasa Datuk Bandar
17.	Dr Maliki Osman, Mayor of South East District	孟理齐博士, 东南区市 长	Dr Maliki Osman, Datuk Bandar, Kawasan Tenggara
18.	Dr Teo Ho Pin, Mayor of North West District	张佃宾博士, 西北区市长	Dr Teo Ho Pin, Datuk Bandar, Kawasan Barat Laut
19.	Ms Denise Phua Lay Peng, Mayor of Central Singapore District	潘丽萍女士, 中区市长	Ms Denise Phua, Datuk Bandar, Daerah Singapura Tengah
20.	Mr Desmond Choo Mayor of North East District	朱倍庆先生, 东北区市 长	Mr Desmond Choo, Datuk Bandar, Daerah Timur Laut
21.	District Councillors	社区理事	Ahli Majlis Daerah
22.	Grassroots Advisers	基层组织顾问	Penasihat Akar Umbi
23.	Grassroots Organisations (GROs)	社区基层组织	Persatuan Akar Umbi