



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### *Launch of Law Awareness Weeks @ CDC 2018. ~ Legal talks to be conducted in three languages ~*

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Mr Edwin Tong, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Law and Health launched the Law Awareness Weeks @ CDC (LAWs @ CDC) on 15 September 2018 at the Wisma Geylang Serai. The launch event kick started a series of legal talks, in three different languages - English, Mandarin and Malay, from 15 September to 31 October 2018. The objective was to empower more individuals regarding issues involving the law.

2 At the launch event, the Community Development Councils (CDCs) and Law Society Pro Bono Services put up a skit to create greater awareness on the channels that are available for residents to seek help on legal issues and advice on the course of actions, as well as legal talks to educate residents on basic legal information.

3 The theme for this year's LAWs @ CDC 2018 was on **Family Law**. CDCs and Law Society PBS hoped that through the Law Awareness Weeks, residents can better understand and be more aware of the family justice system. The reduction of conflicts in family is critical because it will most affect the vulnerable like the welfare of the child, the elderly and those with mental illnesses. Residents learnt about how to settle family disputes amicably from reconciliation to divorce proceedings and ensure that it did not undermine our social fabric. Three talks on Family Law (Civil and Syariah) and Community and Neighbour Disputes were conducted on the day of the launch and conducted in three languages. A total of 200 District Councillors, lawyers, volunteers, partners and residents attended the launch.

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