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Pro Bono SG Hosts Second Migrant Justice League - A Friendship-Building Cricket Tournament *The Migrant Justice League has raised awareness of pro bono legal services to over 2,000 migrant workers*

SINGAPORE, 28 July 2024 - The Migrant Justice League - a friendship-building cricket tournament, hosted by Pro Bono SG and supported by The Majority Trust's Scaffold Fund, came to a close today at the Ceylon Sports Club, with 12 teams competing at the finals for the championship. The six-week-long cricket tournament brought together teams of migrant workers, culminating in an exhilarating finals match.

Present at the final match was Guest-of-Honour Gregory Vijayendran, SC, Pro Bono SG Chairman, who presented the S\$4,000 cash prize to the winning migrant worker team. Also present at the event were volunteers, top donors, and representatives from The Majority Trust. Close to 1,340 migrant workers in 96 teams signed up to participate and have battled it out in the following recreation centres: Kranji, Cochrane, Tuas South, Penjuru and the Migrant Workers' Centre Recreation Club.

Legal Aid for Migrant Workers

Migrant workers face many unique challenges in our community especially when it comes to seeking justice while working in a foreign land. Pro Bono SG has supported 60 migrant workers at the Migrant Worker Legal Clinic from January 2024 to June 2024. The most common case types requiring legal aid were criminal matters, personal injury claims, and salary claim, which together make up more than 40% of the cases. Other case types included personal loan, landlord-tenant disputes and scams.

Migrant workers from a diverse range of countries have received help at Pro Bono SG's Migrant Worker Legal Clinic, with applicants speaking languages including Bahasa Indonesia, Bahasa Melayu, Bengali, Burmese, Mandarin, Hindi, Punjabi, and Tamil.

The Migrant Justice League was designed to bring communities together through sports, a universal language that transcends language and cultural barriers. The Migrant Justice League aims to:

1. Encourage migrant workers to seek legal aid or to introduce Pro Bono SG to other migrant workers during a legal crisis, becoming first responders in their community;
2. Enhance access to justice by bringing the legal community directly to the migrant worker community;
3. Enhance lawyers' delivery of pro bono services as such interactions will help the legal community better identify the needs of migrant workers in Singapore and serve with empathy.

Pro Bono SG has hosted The Migrant Justice League for the second consecutive year, continuing its broader mission to reach and engage the migrant worker community in Singapore. This year's league saw a remarkable increase in participation, with 183 teams originally signing up compared to the 150 teams last year. As a result, over 2,000 migrant workers have become aware of Pro Bono SG's services, demonstrating the initiative's wide appeal from the migrant worker community. We aim to break down barriers to access to justice for these guest workers in our community who have helped build our community.

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About Pro Bono SG

Pro Bono SG is a Singapore-registered charity with an Institution of a Public Character (IPC) status which aids the needy and vulnerable so that all may have access to justice in Singapore.

We enable access to justice for the vulnerable and disadvantaged through legal awareness, guidance and representation. Since 2007, we have helped over 150,000 individuals and organisations.

For more information, please visit www.probono.sg.

About the Migrant Worker Legal Clinic

The Migrant Worker Legal Clinic (MWLC) provides free legal guidance to migrant workers, offering a safe and accessible space for them to seek legal help. After their sessions, migrant workers are referred to holistic socio-legal help, addressing their comprehensive needs.

About the Migrant Justice League

Migrant Justice League is a friendship-building cricket tournament that aims to bring the legal community and migrant worker community together through the shared language of sports.

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