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Media Release

Pro Bono SG Honours Access to Justice Heroes at Awards Dinner with Guest of Honour President Tharman Shanmugaratnam

SINGAPORE, 22 March 2024 – The first Awards since its rebranding from Law Society Pro Bono Services to Pro Bono SG, the Pro Bono SG Awards 2024 was held on 22 March 2024, dedicated to celebrating the profound impact and unwavering commitment of its esteemed donors, volunteers, and partners. Their tireless contributions have been instrumental in making justice truly accessible to all in Singapore.

Pro Bono SG Awards 2024 was graced by the President of the Republic of Singapore, Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam as the Guest of Honour. The event saw a remarkable turnout, with around 300 guests in attendance, including top donors, top volunteers, and valued partners whose unwavering support has been instrumental in advancing Pro Bono SG's mission.

A total of 85 individuals and corporations were recognised this year for their unwavering commitment and generosity. Among the individuals included top volunteers who were awarded for their devoted dedication to pro bono efforts and for making an impact on improving access to justice by creating pathways to justice for marginalised communities.

From April 2023 to February 2024, with the collective efforts of its supporters, Pro Bono SG has successfully raised close to \$2 million to support all its legal aid programmes and three centres in Singapore.

Gregory Vijayendran, SC, Chairman of Pro Bono SG, shared, “We have a dream. That every needy and legally vulnerable resident in Singapore who face barriers and barricades to commence, continue or complete their access to justice journey will see those hindrances removed one by one by one. Practically, the journey obstacles include financial means, language, mobility and tech literacy. But it isn't just a dream. We are deeply grateful that a community of do-gooders and compassionate justice champions continue to generously give their time, talent, treasure and ties to realise this dream. Because of them, we can facilitate not only the end of the journey of access to justice but also one that is shorter and smoother. It is the highest compliment to PBSG's mission and vision that His Excellency, President Tharman Shanmugaratnam, is kindly gracing this occasion as the Guest of Honour to fete our superlative superheroes”.

As part of the evening's celebration, Pro Bono SG also announced the launch of LawGoWhere.sg, a one-stop portal for laypeople facing legal issues. LawGoWhere.sg empowers users with access to up-to-date key legal information in bite-sized parcels and facilitates access to Pro Bono SG's suite of legal services and law awareness resources. Moreover, the platform features a self-help tool that guides individuals to the optimal ports of call for socio-legal assistance, ensuring calibrated and nuanced support during challenging times.

LawGoWhere.sg is an initiative by Pro Bono SG and the Ministry of Law, supported by the Singapore Turf Club. The design and content of LawGoWhere.sg were co-created in partnership with many legal and non-legal volunteers, as well as stakeholders in the access to justice ecosystem and will be rolled out in phases to better serve the needs of the community.

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Pro Bono SG is a registered charity and Institution of a Public Character (UEN: 201700430E).

Pro Bono SG enables access to justice for the vulnerable and disadvantaged through legal awareness, advice and advocacy. Pro Bono SG 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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