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### LAW@CDC marks 10 years of Community Legal Awareness

*~with new focus on Law and the Environment in 2024~*

Law Awareness Weeks@CDC (LAW@CDC) 2024 will mark a decade of partnership between the five Community Development Councils (CDCs) and Pro Bono SG (PBSG). This annual flagship programme, first launched in 2015, has engaged over **15,000 participants** through more than **340 legal talks** that equip residents with the resources and knowledge to navigate the legal system. On top of common legal topics, this year's edition will also spotlight webinars on the theme of "***Law and the Environment – Building Sustainable Communities for the Future***".

2 The Guest-of-Honour, Minister for Culture, Community and Youth, Second Minister for Law and People's Association (PA) Deputy Chairman, Mr Edwin Tong, SC, together with the five Mayors, will officially launch LAW@CDC 2024 on **Saturday, 21 September 2024, 1pm** at the Institute of Technical Education (ITE) College West. The launch event will feature a welcome address by CEO of Pro Bono Singapore, Mr Tanguy Lim; opening address by Senior Minister of State (SMS) for Culture, Community and Youth & Trade and Industry, Chairman of Mayors' Committee and Mayor of South West District, Ms Low Yen Ling; and keynote address by Minister Edwin Tong, to guests comprising pro bono lawyers, law firms, law students, and partners.

3 Each year, LAW@CDC spotlights an emerging need or topic of interest relevant for the community. This year, the focus on "***Law and the Environment- Building Sustainable Communities for the Future***" highlights the CDCs' efforts to build learning and sustainable communities. By expanding residents' understanding of environmental issues through a legal lens, LAW@CDC 2024 aims to foster a sense of collective environmental responsibility where individuals feel empowered to take ownership of their environmental impact and work together towards a more just and sustainable future. In line with the theme, LAW@CDC 2024 will feature new webinar topics such as "***Legal Protections for Singapore's Biodiversity***", "***Furry Friends, Fair Treatment: Understanding Animal Welfare Laws***", and "***Combating Pollution: Towards a Greener and Better Singapore***"



4 LAW@CDC is led by the five CDCs and PBSG, together with its network of partners, National University of Singapore (NUS), Singapore Management University (SMU), Singapore University of Social Science (SUSS), Singapore Corporate Counsel Association (SCCA), and Singapore Association of Social Workers (SASW). The annual programme, currently in its tenth edition, is a nationwide effort to promote awareness and knowledge of the law, educating the residents on various evergreen community legal issues, such as “*Conflicts with Neighbours*”, “*Divorce Matters and Concerns*”, “*Dealing with Family Violence*”, “*Advance Legal Planning on Wills and End-of-Time Matters*” and more. The event also serves as a key platform for volunteer lawyers and law students to connect with and to give back to the community, bringing together more than **300 passionate lawyers and volunteers** over the past decade.

5 The series of legal talks will be conducted through in-person and Zoom webinars from 16 September 2024 to 6 November 2024, led by moderators and panelists comprising volunteer lawyers and respective subject matter experts. See [Annex A](#) for list of legal talks’ topics. Residents can register for the webinars at [go.gov.sg/LAW-CDC](http://go.gov.sg/LAW-CDC)

6 The quotes of Mayors, key partners and volunteers are in [Annex B](#). Interviews with volunteer lawyers and student volunteers can be arranged upon request. Event photos and transcripts of speeches by GOH, SMS Ms Low Yen Ling and PBSG CEO will be shared at the end of the programme.

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## Annex A

### List of webinar topics (as of 16 Sep)

S/N	Date / Time	Legal Webinar Topics for LAW@CDC 2024
1	Monday, 16 September 2024, 7.30pm – 9pm	Your Backyard Sanctuary: Legal Protections for Singapore’s Biodiversity
2	Wednesday, 18 September 2024, 7.30pm – 9pm	Furry Friends, Fair Treatment: Understanding Animal Welfare Laws
3	Monday, 23 September 2024, 7.30pm – 9pm	Dealing with or Encountering Family Violence?
4	Monday, 30 September 2024, 7.30pm – 9pm	Be CyberSafe!
5	Wednesday, 2 October 2024, 7.30pm – 9pm	Combatting Pollution: Towards a Greener and Better Singapore
6	Monday, 7 October 2024, 7.30pm – 9pm	Help! I am a Victim of Online Harassment
7	Wednesday, 9 October 2024, 7.30pm – 9.00pm	Conflicts with Neighbours – can this be resolved?
8	Wednesday, 16 October 2024, 7.30pm – 9.00pm	Protect Yourself – How to Spot and Avoid Scams
9	Monday, 21 October 2024, 7.30pm – 9pm	Advance Legal Planning on Wills and End-of-Life Matters (Civil)
10	Wednesday, 23 October 2024, 7.30pm – 9pm	Advance Legal Planning on Wills and End-of-Life Matters (Syariah)
11	Monday, 28 October 2024, 7.30pm – 9pm	Divorce under Civil Law
12	Tuesday, 29 October 2024, 7.30pm – 9pm	Divorce under Syariah Law
13	Wednesday, 6 November 2024, 7.30pm – 9.00pm	Navigating the Employment Landscape