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PROSECUTORS FROM 90 COUNTRIES IN SINGAPORE TO ADDRESS CHALLENGES IN GLOBAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Over 450 prosecutors from about 90 countries – including about 50 Heads of Prosecution Agencies (comprising Attorneys General, Prosecutors General) – are in Singapore this week for a conference to discuss the challenges posed by the surge of AI-enabled crimes as well as to strengthen international cooperation for more effective investigations and prosecutions.

2 From 7 to 10 September 2025, the Attorney-General's Chambers of Singapore will be hosting the 30th Annual Conference and General Meeting of the International Association of Prosecutors (IAP). The theme of the conference, "*The Versatile Prosecutor and the Administration of Criminal Justice*", aims to highlight how prosecutors need to adjust to the criminal justice landscape that is quickly and constantly evolving. It is vital for prosecutors to keep up with emerging crime trends, develop deep specialist expertise and cross-cutting capabilities, leverage technology effectively, and strengthen global networks.

3 Speaking at the Opening Ceremony, Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam, President of the Republic of Singapore, said: "With criminals exploiting artificial intelligence to perpetrate scams en masse, and cryptocurrencies to launder their illicit gains, the problem is only set to grow. We must work together across borders – sharing intelligence, the training needed in new technologies, and the updating of our legal frameworks – to investigate and prosecute these crimes effectively... No nation can tackle these issues alone."

4 Mr Lucien Wong, Attorney-General of Singapore, noted that: "... the IAP continues to function as a connective tissue linking different bodies of national prosecutorial agencies. By providing a platform for regular regional and international forums, prosecutors are able to exchange insights, build relationships, and keep abreast of new developments in the legal, criminal, and prosecutorial space."

5 Over the next three days, over 80 speakers will deliver presentations and share valuable insights on a wide variety of topics, including tackling new forms of crime such as cyber and AI-facilitated criminal activities, sharing techniques on more effective collection and use of digital evidence, and cross border cooperation on asset tracing and seizure.

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About the International Association of Prosecutors

The International Association of Prosecutors (IAP) is a non-governmental and non-political organisation, which is the only global network of prosecutors. The IAP has over 170 organisational members, including associations of prosecutors, prosecution authorities and crime prevention agencies. Together with its individual membership the IAP represents over 250,000 prosecutors in over 175 different countries and regions around the world.