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About the Community Development Councils (CDCs)

Since 1997, the CDCs have been bridging communities by strengthening social infrastructure, building social resilience and social capital, and promoting a culture of giving back, through the following ways:

- (a) Aggregator of Needs and Resources
- (b) Builder of Capability / Capacity in Partners and Networks
- (c) Connector of Communities

There are five CDCs, namely, Central Singapore, North East, North West, South East and South West CDCs. Each district is helmed by a Mayor, who also serves as Chairman of the respective CDC. The Office of the Mayors comprises:

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| (a) Ms Low Yen Ling | Chairman of Mayors' Committee and
Mayor of South West District |
| (b) Mr Baey Yam Keng | Mayor of North East District |
| (c) Mr Dinesh Vasu Dash | Mayor of South East District |
| (d) Ms Denise Phua Lay Peng | Mayor of Central Singapore District |
| (e) Mr Alex Yam | Mayor of North West District |

For more information, please visit www.cdc.gov.sg and www.pa.gov.sg.

About Law Awareness Weeks @ CDC (LAW@CDC)

The CDCs partnered with Pro Bono SG (formerly known as Law Society Pro Bono Services) to establish the Community Legal Pro Bono Services Network and the annual Law Awareness Weeks @ CDC (LAW@CDC) event which has been held since 2015. LAW@CDC is a nationwide effort to promote awareness and understanding of the law in the community through a series of legal talks.

For more information on the programme, please visit
<https://www.cdc.gov.sg/common-flagship-programmes/law-awareness>.

About Pro Bono SG (PBSG)

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, guidance and representation. Pro Bono SG runs various programmes to (a) serve individuals and community organisations, (b) support its volunteers, and (c) assist or collaborate on pro bono initiatives with other agencies.

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

About National University of Singapore (NUS) Faculty of Law

NUS Law is Asia's Global Law School. Widely regarded as the region's leading law school, it sees itself as part of a global conversation about the study and practice of law. Its diverse faculty includes 60 full-time academics together with many adjuncts and visiting professors; its 1,200 undergraduate and postgraduate students include Singapore's top school leavers as well as outstanding scholars from around the globe. The faculty is a major source of research on legal issues affecting Singapore, the region and beyond. NUS Law's alumni are a who's who of Singapore's legal community and include leaders in the profession, government ministers, Supreme Court judges, ambassadors, CEOs and many other alumni who go on to careers that take them to the heights of the profession around the world. For more information, please visit <http://law.nus.edu.sg>.

About Singapore Management University (SMU) Yong Pung How School of Law

SMU's law school was renamed Yong Pung How School of Law (YPHSL) on 11 April 2021 to celebrate and honour the late Dr Yong Pung How, Singapore's former Chief Justice and SMU's third Chancellor.

The law school had proudly welcomed its first cohort of 116 students in August 2007. Taught by a dynamic faculty with postgraduate degrees from renowned universities, the School aims to nurture its students to become excellent lawyers who will contribute significantly to society. Trained with the ability to contextualise legal expertise and to think across disciplines and geographical borders coupled with SMU's interactive pedagogy, SMU's law graduates are confident, articulate and analytically agile.

The School offers a four-year full-time Bachelor of Laws programme, a five-year double-degree programme which combines law with Accountancy, Business,

Economics, Computing & Information Systems or Social Sciences; a three-year Juris Doctor programme; a Master of Laws programme; a PhD programme in Law, Commerce and Technology; as well as continuing legal education. From Academic Year 2020-2021, the School also jointly offers a new Bachelor of Science (Computing & Law) with the SMU School of Computing and Information Systems. This new degree will produce IT and legal professionals who are adept at bridging technology and law.

Research at the SMU YPHSL has a strong focus in three main inter-related areas – Law and Technology, Transnational Commercial law in Asia, and Dispute Resolution. The School has also set up legal research centres focusing on digital law, commercial law, and international dispute resolution. www.law.smu.edu.sg

About Singapore University of Social Sciences (SUSS)

At SUSS, we have a singular vision to be a university that inspires learning for life and impacts lives, regardless of age, background or life path. Our university is a vibrant tapestry of ages and experiences. From recent JC and polytechnic graduates to seasoned professionals, parents seeking new horizons and individuals redefining their careers in their golden years—our diverse community comes together for one common goal: to empower themselves with an education that impacts lives and society.

We offer more than 110 undergraduate and graduate programmes, available in full- and part-time study modes which are flexible, modular and interdisciplinary, catering to both fresh school leavers and adult learners. SUSS also offers a broad range of continuing education and training modular courses for the professional skills upgrading of Singapore's workforce.

Our programmes and courses are offered by our six schools:

- S R Nathan School of Human Development
- School of Business
- School of Humanities & Behavioural Sciences
- School of Law
- School of Science & Technology
- School of Social Work & Social Development

Since becoming an Autonomous University in 2017, over 21,000 graduates have experienced our unique brand of education. More than 19,000 students are currently pursuing their full- and part-time studies with us.

The Institute for Adult Learning (IAL), as part of SUSS, leads in the field of research on adult and workplace learning and training of adult educators to build capabilities of the training and adult education sector in Singapore and beyond.

For more information about SUSS, please visit www.suss.edu.sg.

About the Singapore Corporate Counsel Association (SCCA)

The Singapore Corporate Counsel Association (SCCA) is the national association representing and advancing the interests of in-house counsel in Singapore. With a growing membership and extensive regional network, SCCA advances the in-house legal profession through flagship thought leadership conferences, premier networking events, professional development programmes, leadership initiatives and industry dialogues.

Guided by its vision of “Better Counsel, Better Corporations, Better Community,” SCCA is committed to advancing professional excellence, strengthening the strategic role of in-house counsel within their organisations and fostering meaningful connections across Singapore and the wider region.

About Ministry of Law and SGLaw200

The Ministry of Law advances access to justice, the rule of law, the economy and society through policy, law and services.

This year, we mark SGLaw200 – 200 years since Singapore’s modern judicial and legal system was established via the Second Charter of Justice in 1826. Our legal system is the foundation of the Rule of Law, which is a fundamental principle underpinning Singapore’s development. It has driven our economic growth, maintained racial and religious harmony, and supported our key social policies.

SGLaw200 reiterates our commitment to the Rule of Law, and commemorates the past, present and future of Singapore’s legal system. A trusted legal system, a trusted Singapore.

Annex A

Quotes by Mayors

Quote by Ms Low Yen Ling, Mayor of South West District, Chairman of Mayors' Committee

“Over the years, LAW@CDC has brought practical legal knowledge and support closer to residents. We are grateful for the continued support of our partners and volunteers who help strengthen legal awareness and access to justice in the community.

The new Access to Justice Community (A2J) Co-Lab ground-up initiative commemorates 200 years of Singapore's modern judicial and legal system. This first-ever collaboration between university students from different disciplines, legal professionals, and community partners seeks to address on-the-ground needs with practical solutions. This effort helped residents better understand their rights and responsibilities and gain greater confidence in navigating issues such as scams, vaping, probates, and employment disputes.”

Quote by Mr Baey Yam Keng, Mayor of North East District

“It is encouraging to see youth involvement contributing to the development of a more legally aware community. Through their participation in LAW@CDC, young people are bringing fresh perspectives and ideas to real-world legal and community issues, helping to shape more innovative and accessible solutions for those in need. Their commitment to service reflects a strong spirit of active citizenship and further strengthens collective efforts to build a more caring, inclusive, and resilient community.”

Quote by Mr Dinesh Vasu Dash, Mayor of South East District

"LAW@CDC is about bringing the law closer to residents in a practical and accessible way, empowering them to better understand their rights and make informed decisions. This year, we are heartened to see our students come together and working alongside legal professionals and community partners through the A2J Co-Lab to develop solutions grounded in the needs of the community. As we mark 200 years of Singapore's modern judicial and legal system, it is also a timely reminder that support goes beyond providing information and resources. It is about making sure that when residents face difficult situations, there are people and pathways to guide them and they do not have to navigate legal challenges alone.”

Quote by Ms Denise Phua Lay Peng, Mayor of Central Singapore District

"The law touches many parts of our daily lives. The annual LAW@CDC series helps residents understand common legal issues through free talks, workshops and community legal clinics.

This year, I am heartened to see our young people also playing their part to better engage our residents. Through the Access to Justice Community (A2J) Co-Lab initiative, students worked alongside legal professionals and community partners to help residents to better understand the law and know their options. Residents can learn about topics relating to family, work, scams and other matters, and know where to seek help when they need it. I encourage more Singaporeans to step forward and use what they know to help others."

Quote by Mr Alex Yam, Mayor of North West District

"Our youth have the passion and ideas to make a difference, and we want to give them the opportunity to turn that passion into meaningful action. Through Law Awareness Weeks @ CDC, we connect our law students with corporate and community partners as well as residents so that they can better understand real needs on the ground, identify relevant problem statements and develop practical solutions that can benefit the community. The CDC plays an important role as a bridge, connecting those who want to do more with the people, partners and opportunities where they can make a difference."

Quote by Ms Vivienne Lim Hui Bian, PBM, Chairperson Designate, Pro Bono SG

“Access to justice is not simply about having laws and legal services in place - it is also about empowering people to understand their rights and knowing where to turn when they need help. Our continued collaboration with the CDCs allows us to bring legal knowledge and assistance closer to residents, whether through LAW@CDC’s legal awareness initiatives or the Community Legal Clinic @ CDC, which provides free legal guidance. This partnership reflects our shared mission to making the law more accessible and relevant to the community. As Singapore commemorates 200 years of upholding the Rule of Law this year, we are reminded that the strength of our legal system is ultimately lies in how accessible it is to the people it serves.”

Quote by Mr Daniel Choo, President, Singapore Corporate Counsel Association

“At the Singapore Corporate Counsel Association (SCCA), we believe in creating opportunities for the in-house legal community to give back to society, and we are proud to support Law Awareness Week 2026 and the spirit of SGLAW200. The signing of this MOU marks a meaningful step in strengthening volunteer opportunities for in-house counsel through LAW@CDC and CLC@CDC, while supporting the next generation of legal professionals through mentorship. SCCA sincerely thanks all our partners and volunteers for making these efforts possible and looks forward to continuing our collective efforts to make a meaningful difference.”

Quotes by Professor Andrew Simester, NUS Faculty of Law

“At NUS Law, we believe that legal education extends beyond the classroom, and we instil in our students a commitment to making a difference. As Singapore marks 200 years of law, this year’s theme, ‘200 Years of Law in Singapore: What It Means For You’, is a timely reminder that the law is an important part of our everyday lives. Every purchase you make, every employment you enter, every text you send, is facilitated by law. We are proud to continue our longstanding partnership with the CDCs and to once again support Law Awareness Weeks @ CDC. As a joint organiser of the Access to Justice Community Co-Lab, we also look forward to bringing students together to develop community-based solutions that address gaps in legal awareness and access-to-justice. Through initiatives such as community legal clinics, legal awareness programmes and community talks, our students help to make legal knowledge more accessible, and at the same time gain a deeper understanding of their responsibility as future lawyers to promote access to justice and to serve the community.”

Quote by Professor Lee Pey Woan, Dean of SMU Yong Pung How School of Law

"From the outset, Yong Pung How School of Law has championed a robust pro bono ethos through a range of programmes. This commitment matters more than ever in today's complex legal landscape. Empowering lay individuals to grasp fundamental legal concepts is central to enhancing access to justice. Increasingly, this also means helping them navigate AI-driven legal information and services safely and discerningly. We are delighted to support this initiative and look forward to working closely with all partners. Such platforms give our students the opportunity to deepen their understanding of the challenges in legal access, develop solutions to close those gaps and gain a greater appreciation of how the law affects the lives of those they serve."

Quote by Professor Leslie Chew SC, Dean, Singapore University of Social Sciences, School of Law

"Access to justice is strengthened when we work closely with communities to understand their needs and translate legal knowledge into practical solutions. It is heartening to see the ideas developed through the Access to Justice Community Co-Lab come to fruition, with students working alongside legal professionals and community partners to address real-world challenges. These continued partnerships also give our students valuable opportunities to see how the law can serve society, and to carry that spirit of service into their future practice."

Quote by Ms Charlene Chang, Deputy Secretary (Development), Ministry of Law

"A strong Rule of Law benefits every Singaporean in their daily lives. MinLaw is glad to come on board this MOU with the Community Development Councils, Pro Bono SG, and other partners. This year, as we mark 200 years of Singapore's modern legal system with SGLaw200, we are also bringing these initiatives to LAW@CDC, including a student competition and roving exhibition. Strengthening access to justice requires sustained collaboration across government, the legal fraternity, and the community, so that legal help, knowledge and support remain within reach of all Singaporeans."

Annex B

Access to Justice Community Co-Lab - Winning Teams

Team / IHL	Community Segment / Topic	CDC	Project Description	Student Representative
Just Cause (NUS)	Youth / Scams	North West CDC	ScamBlox is an interactive website-game that uses simulated scenarios to help youths recognise scam red flags and understand the potential legal consequences of engaging with scammers. The initiative is complemented by educational workshops in schools.	Sarika Chatterjee Age: 22 Course: Year 4 Undergraduate, NUS Law (LLB) Languages: English, Hindi, Bengali
LawABC (SMU)	Youth / Vaping	North East CDC	ClearAir is an interactive youth-centric app designed to support youths in quitting vaping through progress tracking, real-time craving support, trigger identification and anonymous peer support.	Joy Liew Age: 21 Course: Year 3. SMU Law Language: English and Chinese
MajuLaw (SUSS)	Muslim individuals in the “sandwiched” income group / Estate succession and probate	South East CDC	MajuLaw is an AI-powered online triaging system designed to help Muslim families navigate routine administrative guidance on estate succession, while identifying and redirecting more complex cases to legal clinics specialising in Syariah law.	Amalina Khan Age: 25 Course: Year 4, Bachelor of Law Languages: English & Malay
Singapore Boleh (SMU)	Visually impaired persons / Employment disputes	Central Singapore CDC	See-Kaki is an AI-powered platform designed to help visually impaired persons independently find and understand legal information and prepare employment-related claims through accessible search, plain-language explanations and claim-preparation assistance.	Jace Bong Age: 23 Course: Recent graduate of Bachelor of Law Languages: English & Chinese

Team DONK (NUS)	Youth / Money- mule scam recruitment	South West CDC	Spot It First is an awareness microsite that uses simulated recruitment advertisements and interactive quizzes to help youths recognise money-mule recruitment scams and understand their potential legal consequences.	Joseph Fernando (<i>Preferred Name: Kristen</i>) Age: 24 Course: Year 4 Undergraduate, NUS Law (LLB) Language: English and Tamil
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Annex C

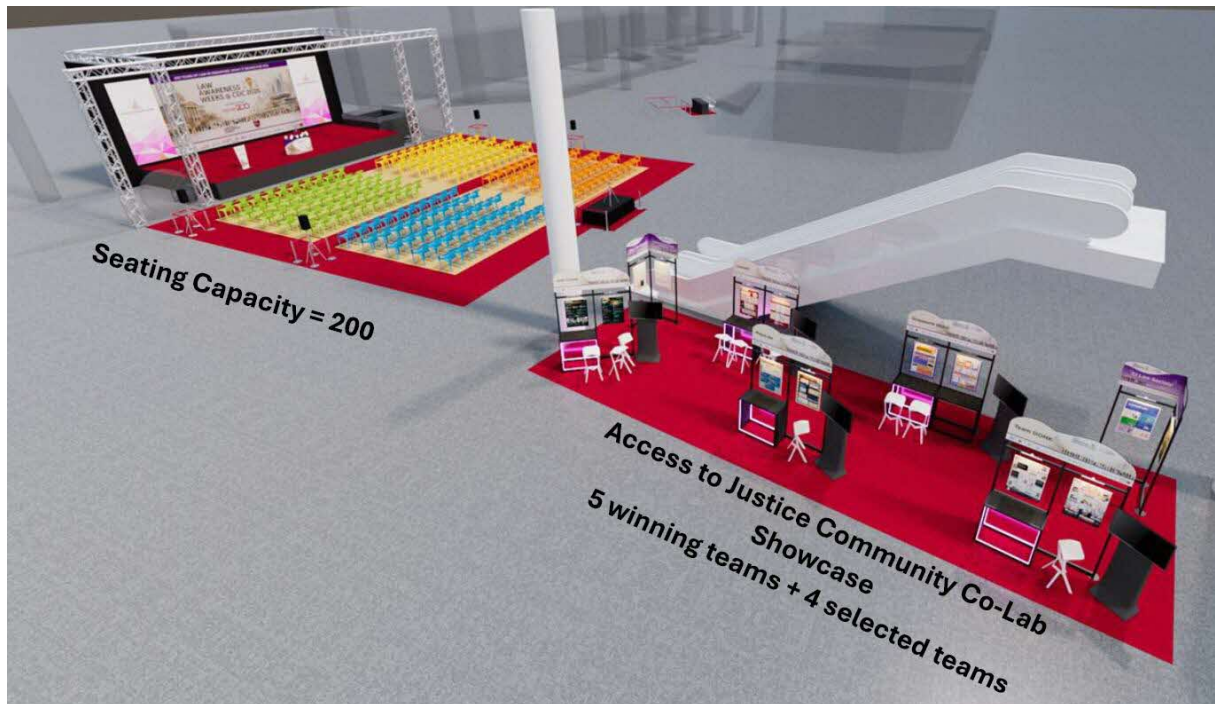
Access to Justice Community Co-Lab – Exhibition Showcase

The A2J Co-Lab exhibition featured nine prototype solutions developed by student teams from NUS, SMU and SUSS, spanning law, engineering and social sciences disciplines. Guided by legal mentors from the legal profession, the teams applied design thinking and community engagement approaches to develop practical, accessible solutions addressing real-world legal needs across a range of communities.

In addition to the five winning teams featured in Annex B, four shortlisted teams also showcased their solutions at the exhibition:

Team	Project	Project Description
Four The Record	Platform workers' legal information website	A centralised website to help platform workers understand their rights under the Platform Workers Act and Work Injury Compensation Act, featuring visual flowcharts of legal pathways, a case database and a quiz to guide users on their next steps.
Justice Doesn't End at Advice	Eunomia	An AI-powered legal guidance tool for frontline social workers to identify when client situations require formal legal intervention, translating complex legal statutes into plain language and flagging relevant legal thresholds and escalation pathways.
TJ Law Society	isthislegal.com	A youth-focused platform that helps young people verify potentially risky financial opportunities at the point of decision, featuring an anonymous AI-powered legal risk checker, peer mentorship and a pathway for youths to safely disengage from risky activities.
Tofu Blocks	Talk Early, Live Easy	A three-stage campaign encouraging HDB residents to view mediation as a credible first step in neighbour disputes, featuring a choose-your-own-adventure game, a one-stop dispute resolution portal and a redesigned Community Mediation Centre response letter.

Access to Justice Community Co-Lab Showcase Layout



Annex D

About the SGLaw200 Roving Exhibition

Titled “*In Practice: The Rule of Law in Our Singapore Story*”, the exhibition has been bringing Singapore's story of the Rule of Law to the heart of the community, engaging audiences at various public locations across Singapore. Through the exhibition, visitors can trace the beginnings of Singapore's modern judicial and legal system and discover how the Rule of Law has underpinned the nation's progress, fostering economic growth and social cohesion while benefiting the everyday lives of Singaporeans.

SGLaw200 Roving Exhibition Layout



Artist Impression

Annex E

Glossary and Translation of Key Terms

S/N	Key Term	Chinese Translation	Malay Translation	Tamil Translation
1.	Community Development Council (CDC)	社区发展理事会	Majlis Pembangunan Masyarakat	சமூக மேம்பாட்டு மன்றம்
2.	Central Singapore CDC	中区社区发展理事会	Majlis Pembangunan Masyarakat Singapura Tengah	மத்திய சிங்கப்பூர் சமூக மேம்பாட்டு மன்றம்
3.	North East CDC	东北社区发展理事会	Majlis Pembangunan Masyarakat Timur Laut	வடகிழக்குச் சமூக மேம்பாட்டு மன்றம்
4.	North West CDC	西北社区发展理事会	Majlis Pembangunan Masyarakat Barat Laut	வடமேற்குச் சமூக மேம்பாட்டு மன்றம்
5.	South East CDC	东南社区发展理事会	Majlis Pembangunan Masyarakat Tenggara	தென்கிழக்குச் சமூக மேம்பாட்டு மன்றம்
6.	South West CDC	西南社区发展理事会	Majlis Pembangunan Masyarakat Barat Daya	தென்மேற்குச் சமூக மேம்பாட்டு மன்றம்
7.	Pro Bono SG	新加坡法律义务办事处	Perkhidmatan Guaman Pro Bono Singapura	புரோ போனோ எஸ்ஜி
8.	Law Awareness Weeks	法律意识周	Minggu Kesedaran Undang-Undang	சட்ட விழிப்புணர்வு வாரங்கள்

Annex F

Launch Programme

Time	Programme
9.45am	Arrival of Guests (<i>Media Registration</i>)
10.30am	Arrival of Guest of Honour, Mr Edwin Tong Minister for Law, Second Minister for Home Affairs, and Deputy Chairman of the People's Association
10.35am	Opening Address by Ms Vivienne Lim , Chairperson Designate of Pro Bono SG Welcome Address by Host Mayor, Mr Baey Yam Keng , Mayor of North East District, Minister of State, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth & Ministry of Transport Keynote Address by Minister Edwin Tong
10.55am	Signing of Memoranda of Understanding: 1. Community Legal Clinic @ CDC 2. Law Awareness Weeks @ CDC Launch of LAW@CDC 2026
11.10am	Cheque Presentation to Top Five A2J Co-Lab Winning Teams Certificate Presentation to A2J Co-Lab Participating Teams and Mentors Certificate Presentation to SGLaw200 Student Competition Winners Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation Volunteer Lawyers and Student Volunteers
11.50am	VIP Entourage Tour of A2J Co-Lab Solutions Booths and SGLaw200 Exhibition
12.30pm	End of Launch Event

Annex G

LAW@CDC 2026 Webinar Topics

In conjunction with SGLaw200, LAW@CDC invites everyone to learn how the law helps us build stronger, safer, and more supportive communities. The theme “200 Years of Law in Singapore: What It Means For You” brings together a series of free public webinars that explore everyday legal issues and empower you to take informed action — for yourself and those around you.

Each topic is grouped under one of the following themes:

- **Community & Daily Life:**
 - Neighbour Disputes: Understanding Your Options and Next Steps
 - Consumer Rights: When Things Go Wrong
- **Family & Life:**
 - Marriage and Divorce under Civil Law: What You Need to Know
 - Marriage and Divorce under Syariah Law: What You Need to Know
 - Family Violence: Knowing Your Rights and Getting Help
 - Advance Legal Planning under Civil & Syariah Law: Understanding the Legal Tools
- **Work & Money:**
 - Workplace Fairness: Knowing Your Rights, Drawing the Line
 - Freelancers & Platform Workers: What You Should Know
 - Intellectual Property in Singapore: Creating, Protecting and Using Content Legally
 - Retrenchment & Termination: Understanding Your Rights and Options
- **Digital Life & Risks:**
 - Scam: Prevention, Response and Recovery
 - When Online Goes Too Far: Know Your Rights
- **Access To Justice:**
 - Invisible Disabilities and the Justice System: Understanding Support and Challenges
 - Navigating the Justice System: Where to Start & Where to Seek Help

For more details about each webinar topic, please visit
<https://www.cdc.gov.sg/common-flagship-programmes/law-awareness/>