



Speech by Mayor Baey Yam Keng

Launch of Law Awareness Weeks @ CDC 2026

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Mr Edwin Tong, Minister for Law, Second Minister for Home Affairs and
Deputy Chairman of People's Association

Fellow Mayors and District Representatives,

Distinguished Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

1. Good morning, and it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Launch of Law Awareness Weeks @ CDC (LAW@CDC) 2026.
2. LAW@CDC is a nationwide effort to strengthen legal awareness and empower residents with the knowledge and confidence to navigate everyday legal issues. Over the next five weeks, residents can participate in legal talks, webinars and legal clinics across Singapore, bringing trusted legal information and support closer to the communities they live in.
3. This matters because the law is not something that exists only in courtrooms. It shapes many aspects of daily life – from family and employment matters to housing, finances and consumer rights. Yet when legal challenges arise, many residents may feel uncertain about where to turn to for help, what help is available, or what their options

are. When left unaddressed, these challenges can create stress, strain relationships and affect livelihoods.

4. That is why LAW@CDC is so important. It is about making access to justice more inclusive and accessible. It is about ensuring that every resident, regardless of background, knows where to seek help and can make informed decisions when faced with legal issues. Through strong partnerships among government agencies, community organisations and the legal sector, the CDCs help bridge the gap between legal services and the communities that need them most.
5. The success of LAW@CDC depends on the power of collaboration across the legal fraternity, community partners and Institutes of Higher Learning. Together, we are not only raising awareness of the law but also building a more informed, resilient and empowered society.
6. This same spirit of partnership is reflected in the Access to Justice Community Co-Lab (A2J Co-Lab). Since its launch last year, more than 140 students, supported by 38 mentors from the legal and education sectors, have developed innovative solutions to address real community needs. The CDCs play an important role in this journey. By connecting the students with community partners, stakeholders and resources, we help them better understand the needs and challenges on the ground, so that their ideas can be shaped into practical and meaningful solutions for the communities they hope to serve.
7. And today, we are seeing some of these ideas move from concept to action. Each CDC has been matched with a winning team to bring their

solutions closer to implementation. In addition, the People's Association Youth and Sports Division and the Community Innovation Taskforce have adopted another 10 teams to further develop their ideas.

8. At North East CDC, we were matched with LawABC from the Singapore Management University. Their project focused on youth vaping — an issue that concerns parents, schools and community partners alike. Together, we explored how we can better support youths who want to quit vaping and make healthier choices.
9. The result is ClearAir, an interactive youth-centric digital platform designed to support youths on their quitting journey and encourage positive behavioural change. But the real impact goes beyond the platform itself. It shows how young people can be empowered to identify community challenges, co-create practical solutions and drive meaningful change. When communities invest in youth leadership and innovation, we build stronger support systems and create lasting social impact.
10. This is ultimately what LAW@CDC seeks to achieve: not just greater awareness of legal and social issues, but stronger communities where residents are informed, supported and empowered to take action.
11. Looking ahead, the CDCs remain committed to strengthening pathways that connect residents to timely support. We will continue working with our partners to expand outreach, deepen engagement and ensure that help remains accessible to those who need it.

12. Our commitment is simple: no resident should feel that legal help is out of reach.
13. As we launch LAW@CDC 2026, I encourage everyone here to play a part. Attend the programmes, share these resources with your family, friends and neighbours, and help connect those who may need support. Together, we can build a community where every resident understands their rights, knows where to seek help, and has the confidence to act – because access to justice begins with awareness, and awareness begins with each of us.
14. Thank you.

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