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MEDIA INVITATION TO THE INAUGURAL CRIMINAL LAW CONFERENCE 2011

THE CRIMINAL LAW CONFERENCE 2011 "NEW CHALLENGES NEW OPPORTUNITIES"

The Criminal Law Conference 2011 is the first of its kind in Singapore and will be held at the Supreme Court, Singapore between the 13th and 14th of October 2011.

Jointly organised and presented by the Law Society of Singapore, the Attorney-General's Chambers, the Association of Criminal Lawyers of Singapore and the Singapore Academy of Law, "*Criminal Law Conference 2011*" is a two-day ground-breaking event aiming to promote discussion on a wide range of contemporary issues impacting on criminal law both in Singapore and beyond.

At his speech at the Opening of the Legal Year in January 2011, the Attorney-General had observed that a vibrant criminal bar and prosecution is crucial to continued public confidence in the administration of criminal justice given the indispensable role of the Prosecution in ensuring the effective prosecution of the factually guilty and the role of the defence in safeguarding the interests of the accused. Towards that end, the Attorney-General had initiated a dialogue with senior members of the Criminal Bar and identified a number of projects which could be collaboratively undertaken by the Attorney-General's Chambers and the Bar. One of these is this inaugural Conference which represents an important platform that will bring together various stakeholders in the criminal justice system from Singapore and overseas, including members of the judiciary, experienced prosecutors, senior criminal law practitioners, renowned academics and key policy-makers to gather for the first time in Singapore, sharing ideas and views on the various challenges and opportunities facing the criminal justice system.

While the Conference will primarily study and reflect on issues that are of particular interest in Singapore, it will draw on, and study, developments in other jurisdictions with a view to germinating new ideas and promoting information sharing among the esteemed guests and practitioners hailing from a wide range of different jurisdictions both in ASEAN and around the world. Such a Conference is indeed timely, bearing in mind recent developments and amendments in the realm of criminal law and procedure in Singapore and serves as a platform to raise the profile and professional standing of the Criminal Bar in Singapore.

Speakers and panelists include the Attorneys-General of Brunei and Singapore, together with senior academics, current and former judicial officers and experienced members of the criminal

bar. A wide range of topics will be covered at the Conference ranging from individual rights, sentencing options and the following:-

- Criminal Law and Practice - A New Opportunity
- Prosecutorial Discretion - Is Sunshine the Best Disinfectant?
- Advocacy and Criminal Litigation and Appeals
- Role of the Expert in Criminal Practice - A New Paradigm?
- Confessions and Police Statements - The Way Forward?
- Securities and Financial Crimes: Does Low Crime Mean No Crime? Reflecting on a New Criminal Law Paradigm

MEDIA INVITATION

Members of the media interested to attend and cover the Conference's Opening Ceremony on 13 October 2011, as well as the Conference on 13 and 14 October 2011 may send your name, the media organisation you are representing and your contact details to communications@lawsoc.org.sg no later than 11 October 2011.

Details of Opening Ceremony are set out below:

Date: 13 October 2011
Time: 9:15am
Venue: Supreme Court Auditorium

The Conference Programme is enclosed for your information.

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