



**27 September 2011**

**MEDIA INVITATION TO “LAW CARES”  
(For Immediate Release)**

**THE LAW SOCIETY’S LAW AWARENESS COMMITTEE PROJECT 2011  
LAW CARES: A LAW SOCIETY INITIATIVE FOR THE ELDERLY**

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*“Law Cares” is an event by The Law Society of Singapore that will be held on 1 October 2011 and 2 October 2011.*

*It is part of a series of Law Awareness Projects undertaken by The Law Society biennially to provide the general public with insights into, and a greater awareness of, topical legal issues.*

Singapore’s population is greying and is increasingly having to grapple with issues that arise as one, or one’s family members, approach their golden years. This has prompted the focus this year to be on the elderly.

“Law Cares” aims to raise greater awareness about end-of-life issues which are legal in nature. Apart from the more conventional issues such as the legal aspect of the arrangement of one’s financial affairs, topics such as the recently enacted Mental Capacity Act and the Lasting Power of Attorney will also be addressed.

Looking beyond just the elderly, the Event aims to reach out to the caregivers as well – the relatives, volunteers, social workers who tirelessly help the elderly cope with the everyday demands of life. Recent media coverage on the caregiver’s roles has brought to attention potential legal issues confronting these caregivers. “Law Cares” will assist in answering some of the legal questions that arise in relation to the care they provide for the elderly.

“Law Cares” will be launched on 1 October 2011 at the Singapore Management University, Ngee Ann Kongsi Auditorium, by The Honourable The Chief Justice of Singapore, Chan Sek Keong.

The day’s program will feature talks addressing sociological and legal issues, conducted by four eminent speakers: Dr David Dai, a geriatrician from Hong Kong, the Commissioner for the Maintenance of Parents, Mr Khoo Oon Soo, a legal practitioner, Dr G Raman and the Public Guardian, Mr Daniel Koh.

This will be followed by three breakout sessions, where groups of caregivers will have the opportunity to meet with a panel of professionals and have an open discussion on the topics that the caregivers face in their work.

As part of the campaign, volunteer lawyers will be reaching out to the elderly in the community by way of providing legal clinics in various organizations in eldercare. To kick start this outreach, volunteer lawyers as well as law students from the National University of Singapore and the Singapore Management University will be attending to the residents and caregivers in 2 homes on Sunday, 2 Oct 11.

The more the law is understood, the less daunting and more accessible it becomes. With this initiative, The Law Society continues to work towards ensuring access to justice for all.

## **MEDIA INVITATION**

Members of the media interested to attend and cover the launch on 1 October 2011 may send your name, the media organisation you are representing and your contact details to [communications@lawsoc.org.sg](mailto:communications@lawsoc.org.sg) no later than **29 September 2011**. Details of launch are set out below:

Date: Saturday, 1 October 2011  
Time: 9:30am  
Venue: Ngee Ann Kongsi Auditorium, Singapore Management University

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## **ABOUT THE LAW SOCIETY**

Established in 1967, the Law Society of Singapore is a body established under the Legal Profession Act. It carries out various statutory functions prescribed under the Legal Profession Act, including maintaining and improving the standards of conduct and learning of the legal profession in Singapore, the facilitation of the acquisition of legal knowledge by members of the legal profession, and protecting and assisting the public in all matters ancillary or incidental to the law.

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