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**MEDIA RELEASE**

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**MALAYSIAN AND SINGAPOREAN LEGAL FRATERNITY TO CLASH**

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SINGAPORE (29 April 2011 to 1 May 2011) - Judges and lawyers from Singapore and Malaysia will be engaged in a challenge that has lasted 41 years. Each year, the two sides meet, not to pit their legal prowess against each other but to compete in the friendly arena of sports. Each side takes turn to host this event and Singapore plays host to the 42<sup>nd</sup> annual Bench & Bar Games.

The bilateral sporting event is probably the only one of its kind in the world where the who's who of the legal fraternity of two nations meet in friendly competition. The Games reflect the common heritage of the two nations, where until 1976, Singapore lawyers were able to practice in Malaysia and vice versa. Whilst the practice has since ceased, the two legal professions meet once a year in friendship to continue and strengthen their past links in the sports field. This was noted by The Honourable The Chief Justice Chan Sek Keong in his speech during the Admission of New Advocates and Solicitors last year on 29 May 2010. Chief Justice Chan leads the Singapore contingent whereas the Malaysian contingent will be led by the Right Honorable Chief Justice, Tun Dato' Seri Zaki bin Tun Azmi.

Over 180 participants from both sides will compete in 14 competitive sports played over 3 days. The sports played include badminton, ten-pin bowling, cricket, golf, hockey, netball, soccer, squash, table tennis, tennis and volleyball. The Games kicks off with hockey at 5.30 p.m. on Friday 29 April 2011 which will be played at the Singapore Cricket Club grounds.

The purpose of this press release is to provide publicity for this event and to showcase the friendly relations between the legal fraternity of both Singapore and Malaysia. The information is provided by the Sports Committee of the Law Society of Singapore, who together with liaison officers from both the Supreme Court and the Attorney-General's Chambers, are responsible for the organization of the event.

Members of the media are invited to watch the opening game (Hockey) in action as well as attend the Opening Reception of the Bench & Bar Games. Details are set out below.

**Hockey Game**

Date: Friday, 29 April 2011  
Time: 5:30pm to 7:00pm  
Venue: Singapore Cricket Club (Connaught Drive Singapore 179681)  
Dress Code: Smart casual (No collarless T-shirt, shorts and slippers)  
Parking: Parking at SCC is limited to members of SCC only. Parking is also available at the New Parliament Building (Basement).

## **Opening Reception of the Bench & Bar Games 2011**

Date: Friday, 29 April 2011  
Time: From 7:30pm to 10:30pm  
Venue: Singapore Cricket Club (Connaught Drive Singapore 179681)  
Dress Code: Smart casual (No collarless T-shirt, shorts and slippers)  
Parking: Parking at SCC is limited to members of SCC only. Parking is also available at the New Parliament Building (Basement).

Members of the media interested to attend any of the events 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 **28 April 2011**.

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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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### ***Extra Information***

1. PDF copy of the History of the Bench and Bar Games – 4 pages extract from the commemorative issue of the 40<sup>th</sup> Bench & Bar Games Souvenir Magazine (2009).
2. PDF issue of the commemorative 40<sup>th</sup> issue of the Bench & Bar Games Souvenir Magazine (2009).
3. PDF issue of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Bench & Bar Souvenir Magazine (2011).
4. Speech of the Honorable the Chief Justice Chan Sek Keong at the Admission of Advocates & Solicitors; 29 May 2010. Source: Supreme Court website.  
<http://app.supremecourt.gov.sg/default.aspx?pgid=3301&printFriendly=true>
5. Speech of the Honorable the Chief Justice Chan Sek Keong delivered at a judicial conference on 19 March 2011 at PutraJaya Malaysia.  
<http://app.supremecourt.gov.sg/default.aspx?pgid=3701&printFriendly=true>