

The Opening of the Legal Year 2018

Response by Chief Justice Sundaresh Menon

TOWARDS A FUTURE-READY LEGAL SECTOR

Enhancing access to justice



Explore possibility of "low bono" model of Family Law Assistance Scheme to help those in "sandwich class"



Real-time reporting for Court of Appeal cases from February 2018



Employment Claims Tribunals for affordable and expeditious dispute resolution



Community Justice and Tribunals System allows online management of small claims

Strengthening International Partnerships



More memoranda of cooperation with judicial networks regionally and globally and participation in international forums



Establishment of an Annual Singapore-China Judicial Roundtable

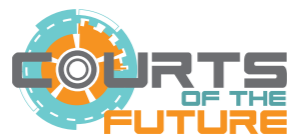


Chief Justice to assume Presidency of ASEAN Law Association for a 3-year term



Launch of ABLI's publication - Recognition & Enforcement of Foreign Judgments in Asia

Innovation and Technology



Courts of the Future Taskforce – IT initiatives to develop self-help solutions for litigants, for an efficient and effective justice system, and to adopt intelligent use of data



Future Law Innovation Programme (FLIP) - to assist law firms in innovating new ways of delivering legal services - well received by law firms



LawNet Community - First online nexus for all things law-related – to be launched soon



TechLaw.Fest 2018 - First time technology law and legal tech communities are brought together

Raising Professional Standards



Charting course in legal education to develop resilient and competent law graduates for modern legal practice.



Continuing training and development of legal professionals



LIFTED - Scheme to help lawyers plan their professional development - now integrated with SkillsFuture



Specialist accreditation scheme to be extended to maritime and shipping lawyers