



KEEPING THE PACE

Annual Report 2017 records the headway made by the SJC over the last 1 year in strengthening and expanding its judicial training programmes and research.

- In response to evolving training needs, as at 2017, the SJC introduced 7 Areas of Focus in Judicial Education
- In 2017, the SJC organised 50 training programmes of which 37 were under the Local Wing and 13 under the International Wing
- To date, close to 1,000 foreign judges and officials from 70 different jurisdictions have attended one or more of the SJC's judicial training programmes
- As at 2017, the SJC's Board of Governors has approved a total of 9 Empirical Judicial Research proposals in which 2 have been published.



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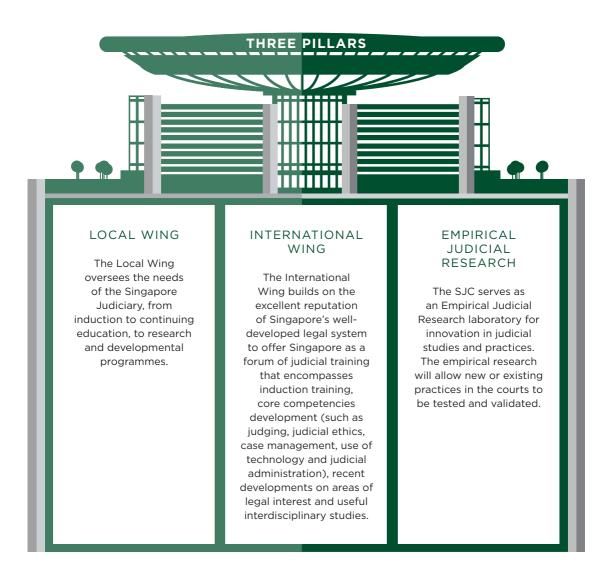
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ABOUT THE

SINGAPORE JUDICIAL COLLEGE

ESTABLISHED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE SUPREME COURT OF SINGAPORE, THE SINGAPORE JUDICIAL COLLEGE (SJC) IS DEDICATED TO THE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT OF JUDGES AND JUDICIAL OFFICERS. THE SJC CONSISTS OF A LOCAL AND AN INTERNATIONAL WING AND EMPIRICAL JUDICIAL RESEARCH.



CHIEF JUSTICE'S RESPONSE AT THE

OPENING OF THE LEGAL YEAR 2017



AN EXCERPT FROM THE RESPONSE BY CHIEF JUSTICE SUNDARESH MENON, ON THE WORK OF THE SJC, AT THE OPENING OF THE LEGAL YEAR 2017

MONDAY, 9 JANUARY 2017

"The final aspect of the work of the courts that I wish to touch on is judicial training and development. The Singapore Judicial College, since its establishment two years ago, has made its impact felt both locally and internationally.

Aside from the full calendar of professional training offered to judges, the College also promotes an empirical research programme. The College's Board of Governors, chaired by Justice Andrew Phang, has so far approved 7 projects. This morning, I am delighted to announce the completion of the first 2 of these:

- a) The first is an empirical study by Associate Professor Goh Yihan and Assistant Professor Cheah Wui Ling from SMU and NUS respectively, on the Court of Appeal's citation of academic works. It analyses and evaluates the types of material cited.
- b) The second is a comparative and empirical study by Professor Gary Chan from SMU of defamation cases in the Singapore courts between 1965 and 2015. This seminal work assesses the trends in our courts' use of foreign precedents in defamation cases since independence.

The other 5 projects in the pipeline include studies into optimal mediation approaches and trends in international family law cases. These projects will help us to validate our current practices and identify areas for improvement. More information can be found in the brochure that has been distributed. I congratulate the researchers and also express my gratitude to our judges and judicial officers, as well as our colleagues from the 2 law schools for supporting the work of the College."

FOREWORD FROM THE

CHIEF JUSTICE



This Annual Report chronicles the work of the Singapore Judicial College (SJC) in its third year of operation. I write this foreword with much satisfaction and gratitude. When launching the SJC at the Opening of the Legal Year on 5 January 2015, it was not foreseeable that the SJC could have achieved all that it has within such a short period. Over the last three years, I am delighted to note that close to 1,000 foreign judges and officials from 70 jurisdictions have attended one or more of the SJC's judicial training programmes under its International Wing.

At the same time, a significant number of high impact judicial education programmes have been added to the SJC's training calendar since its inception. These

cater primarily to the needs of all our Judges and Judicial Officers (JOs) though some of these programs also attracted colleagues from abroad. Besides its signature annual Judiciary-Wide Induction programme, the SJC conducted workshops in areas such as Judgment Writing, Assessing Credibility of Witnesses, Effective Engagement of Litigants-In-Person and the training of judges as Judicial Educators. In 2017, the SJC also launched a Masterclass Series featuring speakers from our Supreme Court Bench, the Singapore International Commercial Court, leading local counsel and eminent Queen's Counsel. This series explores a range of topics including cross-border insolvency, admiralty practice and significant developments in contract law. Our Judges and JOs have responded extremely well to the extensive suite of judicial training opportunities offered under the Local Wing of the SJC. Since its inception, more than 3,000 judicial training places have been taken up translating to about five programmes per Judge/JO per year between 2015 and 2017.

In the area of empirical judicial research, I had the privilege to announce the completion and publication of the SJC's first two projects at the Opening of this Legal Year. They were "An Empirical Study on the Singapore Court of Appeal's Citation of Academic Works" and "Tort of Defamation Before the Singapore Courts 1965-2015: A Comparative and Empirical Study". As for the remaining 7 approved projects, they cover a broad spectrum of critical areas including access to justice by unrepresented parties, the optimal time for mediation and profiling of divorces involving international parties. I hope these empirical judicial research projects will assist Judges and JOs in their work.

As I prepared this Foreword, I noticed that the SJC had adopted the expression "Keeping the Pace" as the anchor theme for this Annual Report. I think this is a most apt theme because while the SJC has moved forward with great momentum, it will be necessary to think about how it should consolidate its work and take stock for the years ahead while maintaining the energy of its initial years.

I said at the opening of this message that I am filled with a sense of gratitude. I have in mind in particular the governors and management of the SJC, my colleagues, Justice Andrew Phang, Judicial Commissioner Foo Chee Hock and District Judge Tan Boon Heng for their unwavering commitment in steering the SJC to what it is today, and all those who have helped run our programmes. None of this would be possible without your efforts. Thank you!

Chief Justice Sundaresh MenonSupreme Court of Singapore

REFLECTIONS



JUSTICE ANDREW PHANG, JUDGE OF APPEAL CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

In barely three years, I am gratified that the Singapore Judicial College has been approached by several foreign judiciaries (including Bangladesh, Fiji, Maldives, Myanmar, Oman, Qatar and Solomon Islands) to customise judicial training programmes in different areas such as eFiling, case management, judicial conduct, dispute resolution and court excellence. We look forward to even more opportunities to partner with our foreign judicial counterparts to raise the bar in judicial training and education.



JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER FOO CHEE HOCK DEAN

A qualitative aspect that we have been working on is to design and evolve a distinctive pedagogy for the SJC. We have learnt much from the leading and established judicial training institutions and drawn inspiration from the best ideas and practices on training and developing judges. We have used this time to validate various methodologies with the diverse participants of our programmes. I am heartened that the SJC has gained so much experience in this vital aspect which is nothing less than a strategic differentiator for judicial training institutions.



DISTRICT JUDGE TAN BOON HENG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Through the flagship programmes of the Singapore Judicial College (SJC), we are extremely privileged to have met many new friends serving in the judiciaries all over the world. The interest shown in our case management, court technology, court leadership and court excellence workshops way surpass our expectations. In this regard, I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to partner with the Singapore Cooperation Programme to bring all these to fruition. Finally, I thank all Judges, Judicial Officers and Justices' Law Clerks in Singapore for the unstinting support for the work of the SJC.



ABOUT THE

CORPORATE LOGO



The SJC's logo features a stylised disc that alludes to the iconic architecture of the Supreme Court Building. The disc is also a distinct feature of the Supreme Court's corporate logo, reinforcing the shared vision of fairness and impartiality in the administration of justice.

A book, an icon of knowledge, is positioned below the disc, and reinforces the College's vision built on a strong structure with solid foundations that are designed to withstand assault and the ravages of time.

The solid colours dark green, black, grey and white embody growth through judicial training and scholarship in a nurturing and dignified environment.

ASPIRATIONS OF THE

SINGAPORE JUDICIAL COLLEGE

CENTRE OF SHARE BRIDGE **EXCELLENCE 'KNOW HOW'** BUILDING Thought leadership and Impart value-neutral Forge friendships scholarship in the areas technical skills relevant with out foreign of judicial training and to judges, contextualised counterparts development within an Asian society

THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS



CHAIRMAN
JUSTICE ANDREW PHANG
JUDGE OF APPEAL, SUPREME COURT OF
SINGAPORE



DEPUTY CHAIRMAN
JUSTICE QUENTIN LOH
JUDGE, SUPREME COURT OF SINGAPORE

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RETIRED JUDGE, HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA
INTERNATIONAL JUDGE, SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL COURT

JUSTICE SEE KEE OON PRESIDING JUDGE, STATE COURTS OF SINGAPORE

JUSTICE VALERIE THEAN
PRESIDING JUDGE, FAMILY JUSTICE COURTS OF SINGAPORE (OUTGOING)

JUSTICE DEBBIE ONG
PRESIDING JUDGE, FAMILY JUSTICE COURTS OF SINGAPORE (INCOMING)

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PROFESSOR JEFFREY PINSLER, SC FACULTY OF LAW, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR GOH YIHAN
DEAN, SCHOOL OF LAW, SINGAPORE MANAGEMENT UNIVERSITY

JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER FOO CHEE HOCK DEAN, SINGAPORE JUDICIAL COLLEGE

DISTRICT JUDGE TAN BOON HENG
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SINGAPORE JUDICIAL COLLEGE

OUR STAFF



JUDICIAL
COMMISSIONER
FOO CHEE HOCK
DEAN

DISTRICT JUDGE TAN BOON HENG* **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

*ON SECONDMENT FROM THE STATE COURTS

MR NG SHUN GENG ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, SECRETARIAT MR JAM CHEE CHONG DEPUTY DIRECTOR, SECRETARIAT

JUDICIAL EDUCATION LIAISONS

THE SJC WORKS CLOSELY WITH THE APPOINTED JUDICIAL EDUCATION LIAISONS (JELs) FROM THE SUPREME COURT, STATE COURTS AND FAMILY JUSTICE COURTS (FJC) FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE JUDICIARY AS A WHOLE. THE JELS ARE AS FOLLOWS:



JANICE
WONG
ASSISTANT
REGISTRAR,
SUPREME COURT
(OUTGOING)



PAUL TAN
ASSISTANT
REGISTRAR,
SUPREME COURT
(INCOMING)



JASBENDAR KAUR DISTRICT JUDGE, STATE COURTS



EUGENE TEO DISTRICT JUDGE, STATE COURTS



YARNI LOI DISTRICT JUDGE, FAMILY JUSTICE COURTS

AREAS OF FOCUS IN JUDICIAL EDUCATION

TO PROVIDE MORE SYNERGY IN THE SJC'S PROGRAMMES, KEY AREAS OF JUDICIAL EDUCATION HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED THROUGH UNDERSTANDING THE NATURE OF PAST JUDICIAL TRAINING AND CONSULTATION WITH JUDGES ON THEIR TRAINING NEEDS. THE AREAS OF FOCUS ARE SET TO EXPAND TO FULFIL THE REQUIREMENTS OF EVOLVING TRAINING NEEDS.

JUDICIAL ETHICS

- Impartiality
- Integrity
- Propriety
- Equality
- Competence and Diligence

JUDICIAL RESILIENCE

- Judicial Wellness
- Managing Judicial Stress
- Maintaining Judicial Discipline

COURT LEADERSHIP

- Judicial
- Administration
- Court Reforms
- Research and Innovation



BENCH SKILLS

- Judging
- Mediation
- Procedures
- Case Management
- Court Technology

LEGAL DEVELOPMENT

- Development in Substantive Law
- · Law in a Multi-

Disciplinary Context

SOCIAL **AWARENESS**

- Perceptions of Justice
- Judgments in Social Context
- Managing Litigants Sensitively

TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCES

- Court Technology
- · Deoxyribonucleic Acid Evidence (DNA)
- Handwriting Forensic
 - Forensic Science
 - Forensic Medicine
- Bio-Sciences and the Law



TRAINING CALENDAR 2017

CATEGORY	DATE	TITLE AND INSTRUCTOR(S) FOR LOCAL WING
BENCH SKILLS	9 Feb 2017	Memory Distortion and the Implications of Memory Issues for Eyewitness Testimony – organised by the Singapore Judicial College – Instructor: Dr Rebecca Nichols, Division of Psychology and University Scholars Programme, Nanyang Technological University
	2 Mar 2017	Challenges in Evaluating Child Witness Testimony - organised by the Singapore Judicial College - Instructor: Dr Rebecca Nichols, Division of Psychology and University Scholars Programme, Nanyang Technological University
	9 May 2017	Judicial Intervention in Proceedings, the Dreaded and Desired: Through the Practitioners' Lenses – organised by the Singapore Judicial College – Panellists: (i) Ms Molly Lim, SC; (ii) Mr Harpreet Singh, SC; and (iii) Mr Chan Leng Sun, SC
	11 - 12 May 2017	Judgment Writing & Oral Judgment Workshop – organised by the Singapore Judicial College – Instructors: (i) The Honourable Judicial Commissioner Foo Chee Hock, Dean, Singapore Judicial College; and (ii) District Judge Tan Boon Heng, Executive Director, Singapore Judicial College
	24 - 25; 26 - 28; 31 Jul	Managing Conflicts & Resolving Disputes Effectively Through Mediation (with an option of accreditation) - organised by the Singapore Mediation Centre and supported by the Singapore Judicial College - Instructors / Examiners from the Singapore Mediation Centre and Singapore International Mediation Institute
	2 Aug 2017	Introduction to Speed Reading Technique(s) - organised by the Singapore Judicial College - Instructor: Dr Henry Toi, CEO of Nurture Craft Pte Ltd and Managing Director and Master Trainer of Brain Capital Group Pte Ltd
	28 - 29 Sep	Assessing Credibility of Witnesses Workshop – organised by the Singapore Judicial College – Instructors: (i) The Honourable Judicial Commissioner Foo Chee Hock, Dean, Singapore Judicial College; and (ii) District Judge Tan Boon Heng, Executive Director, Singapore Judicial College
	12-13 Oct 2017	Judicial Mediators' Workshop - organised by the Singapore Judicial College and the State Courts Centre for Dispute Resolution (SCCDR) - Instructors: from the SCCDR and the Singapore Judicial College
	20 Oct 2017	Skills for Interviewing Children - organised by the Family Justice Courts under the auspices of the Singapore Judicial College - Instructor: Dr Daniel Fung, Chairman of the Medical Board, Institute of Mental Health
	27 Oct 2017	Observations on Case Management from the IJs – organised by the Singapore Judicial College – Instructor: The Honourable Justice Roger Giles, International Judge, Singapore International Commercial Court, Supreme Court
LEGAL DEVELOPMENT	5 Jan 2017	Highlights of Civil Procedure 2016 - organised by the Singapore Judicial College - Instructor: District Judge Tan Boon Heng, Executive Director, Singapore Judicial College
J202250	7 Feb 2017	Singapore's Wildlife Protection Laws and the Regulation of Transnational Trade in Endangered Species - organised by the Singapore Judicial College - Instructor: Professor Lye Lin Heng, Director, Asia Pacific Centre for Environmental Law, National University of Singapore
	14 Feb 2017	Copyright Law: Clarifying Core Concepts - organised by the Singapore Judicial College - Instructor: Dr Burton Ong, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore
	6 Mar 2017	Latest Developments in Cross-Border Insolvency and Restructuring – organised by the Supreme Court Registry under the auspices of the Singapore Judicial College – Instructors: (i) The Honourable Justice Kannan Ramesh, Supreme Court; and (ii) The Honourable Judicial Commissioner Aedit Abdullah, Supreme Court
	16 Mar 2017	Recent Developments in the Law of Contractual Interpretation and Illegality in Singapore and the United Kingdom - organised by the Singapore Judicial College - Panellists: (i) The Honourable Justice Andrew Phang, Judge of Appeal; (ii) Sir Bernard Rix, International Judge, Singapore International Commercial Court; and (iii) Associate Professor Goh Yihan, School of Law, Singapore Management University
	23 Mar 2017	Lessons from Atypical Sentences in Recent Years - organised by the Singapore Judicial College - Instructors: (i) District Judge Kessler Soh, State Courts; and (ii) District Judge Lim Keng Yeow, State Courts
	28 Mar 2017	Directors' Duties and Liabilities - Developments and Trends - organised by the Singapore Judicial College - Instructors: (i) Associate Professor Lee Pey Woan, School of Law, Singapore Management University; and (ii) Associate Professor Pearlie Koh, School of Law, Singapore Management University
	11 Apr 2017	Criminalising Copyright Infringement in Singapore – organised by the Singapore Judicial College – Instructor: Professor Ng-Loy Wee Loon, Senior Counsel (Honoris Causa), Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore
	11 Jul 2017	The "Min Rui": Inference of Ownership from Certificate of Registration vis Beneficial Ownership of Vessel – organised by the Singapore Judicial College – Instructor: Sir Bernard Eder, International Judge, Singapore International Commercial Court, Supreme Court; Moderator: The Honourable Justice Belinda Ang, Supreme Court
	17 Jul 2017	The Proper Purpose Rule: Directors' Duties & Powers – organised by the Singapore Judicial College – Instructor: Professor Hans Tjio, Co-Director, Centre for Banking & Finance Law, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore
	31 Aug 2017	"The rule in Browne v Dunn" – organised by the Singapore Judicial College – Instructor: The Honourable Justice Vinodh Coomaraswamy, Supreme Court
	14 Sep 2017	Civ Pro Bonanza - organised by the Singapore Judicial College - Facilitator: District Judge Tan Boon Heng, Executive Director, Singapore Judicial College
	21 Sep 2017	Implementation of Human Rights Treaties in Dualist States – organised by the Singapore Judicial College – Instructor: The Honourable Judicial Commissioner Pang Khang Chau, Supreme Court
JUDICIAL ETHICS	20 Jul 2017	Unpacking Judicial Arrogance - organised by the Singapore Judicial College - Panellists: (i) The Honourable The Chief Justice Sundaresh Menon; (ii) The Honourable Justice Chao Hick Tin, Judge of Appeal; and (iii) The Honourable Justice Judith Prakash, Judge of Appeal
SOCIAL AWARENESS	17 Jan 2017	Mindfulness & Empathy for Judges - organised by the Singapore Judicial College - Instructors: (i) Ms Sheryl Bathman Director, Counsellor & Psychotherapist, MBSR Programme, Lifesteps Pte Ltd; and (ii) Dr Choo Wei Chieh, Mindfulness Instructor, Lifesteps Pte Ltd
	24 Apr 2017	Crime Briefing: Key Trends and Areas of Concern 2016 - organised by the State Courts under the auspices of the Singapore Judicial College - Instructors: (i) Mr Mark Toh, Assistant Director, Data Science Branch, Strategic Planning Division, Singapore Prison Service; and (ii) Mr Royce Chua, Head General Investigation 2, Investigation Division, Central Narcotics Bureau

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SOCIAL AWARENESS	3 Oct 2017	Governing Well in an Age of Participation - organised by the Singapore Judicial College - Instructors: (i) Mr Lim Jian Yi, Director (Legal Policy), Ministry of Law; and (ii) Mr Tang Liheng, Director (Transformation Office), Public Service Division
TECHNOLOGY & SCIENCES	24 Jan 2017	Marks & Prints: The Lines And Patterns That Establish The Missing Links In Crimes- organised by the Singapore Judicial College - Instructor: Dr Alaric Koh, Acting Deputy Laboratory Director, Forensic Chemistry & Physics Laboratory, Health Sciences Authority
	21 Mar 2017	Trace Evidence: Nothing Is Too Small In The Eyes Of The Court - Let The Microscopic Witnesses Speak For Themselves - organised by the Singapore Judicial College - Instructor: Mr Lim Thiam Bon, Acting Division Director, Forensic Chemistry & Physics Laboratory, Health Sciences Authority
	04 May 2017	The Changing Drug Scene And The Chasing Game - organised by the Singapore Judicial College - Instructor: Ms Wendy Lim, Acting Laboratory Director, Illicit Drugs Laboratory, Health Sciences Authority
	25 Jul 2017	Statistics And Measurements In Drug Analysis - organised by the Singapore Judicial College - Instructor: Ms Merula Mangudi, Deputy Laboratory Director, Illicit Drugs Laboratory, Health Sciences Authority
	26 Sep 2017	The Science Behind Alcohol Toxicology - organised by the Singapore Judicial College - Instructor: Dr Yao Yi Ju, Division Director, Health Sciences Authority
COURT	14 - 18 Aug 2017	Leadership in Court Governance - conducted by the Singapore Judicial College in conjunction with the MFA-SCP - Instructors: (i) The Honourable Judicial Commissioner Foo Chee Hock, Dean, Singapore Judicial College; and (ii) District Judge Tan Boon Heng, Executive Director, Singapore Judicial College
JUDICIAL RESILIENCE	02 Feb 2017	Judicial Occupational Hazards - organised by the Singapore Judicial College - Instructors: (i) District Judge Lim Choi Ming, Family Justice Courts; and (ii) Mr Raymond Chong, Senior Counsellor (Counselling and Psychological Services), Family Justice Courts
	18 Apr 2017	Developing Judicial Self-Discipline - organised by the Singapore Judicial College - Panellists: (i) The Honourable Justice See Kee Oon, Presiding Judge of the State Courts; (ii) The Honourable Judicial Commissioner Valerie Thean, Presiding Judge of the Family Justice Courts; and (iii) Mr Vincent Hoong, Registrar, Supreme Court
	02 May 2017	Stress Reduction Technique Workshop - organised by the Singapore Judicial College - Instructors: (i) Ms Sheryl Bathman, Director, Counsellor & Psychotherapist, MBSR Programme, Lifesteps Pte Ltd; and (ii) Dr Choo Wei Chieh, Mindfulness Instructor, Lifesteps Pte Ltd
	27 Jun 2017	Cultivating Judicial Wellness - organised by the Singapore Judicial College - Instructor: The Honourable Justice Chao Hick Tin, Judge of Appeal, Supreme Court
	17 Oct 2017	Introduction to the Science of Sleep and Tackling Sleep Disorders - organised by the Singapore Judicial College - Instructor: Dr Ong Thun How, Director of Education, SingHealth Duke-NUS Sleep Centre (Immediate Past Director of SGH Sleep Disorders Unit)
SPECIAL PROGRAMMES	14 - 15 Mar 2017	International Judicial Educators' Training - Instructors: (i) The Honourable Judicial Commissioner Foo Chee Hock, Dean, Singapore Judicial College; and (ii) District Judge Tan Boon Heng, Executive Director, Singapore Judicial College
	31 Oct - 3 Nov 2017	Judiciary-Wide Induction Programme for Newly Appointed Judicial Commissioners and Judicial Officers - organised by the Singapore Judicial College
CATEGORY	DATE	TITLE AND INSTRUCTOR(S) FOR INTERNATIONAL WING
	13 - 16 Feb 2017	Ease of Doing Business in Maldives: Dispute Resolution Mechanisms, Singapore - organised and conducted by the Singapore Judicial College, funded by the MFA-SCP
	22 - 24 Feb 2017	eFiling Workshop for the Fiji Judiciary, Fiji – organised and conducted by the Singapore Judicial College – Instructors: (i) The Honourable Judicial Commissioner Foo Chee Hock, Dean, Singapore Judicial College; and (ii)
		District Judge Tan Boon Heng, Executive Director, Singapore Judicial College
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THE SPECIAL SERIES

AS PART OF THE SJC'S ONGOING COMMITMENT TO CONSTANTLY REFRESH AND REINVIGORATE OUR SUITE OF CONTINUING JUDICIAL TRAINING PROGRAMMES, FOUR MAIN STREAMS OF SPEAKER SERIES HAVE BEEN LAUNCHED. THEY ARE:



MASTERCLASS **SERIES**

Talks conducted by eminent Queen's Counsel and Judges from the Supreme Court Bench (Court of Appeal, High Court and Singapore International Commercial Court)



SUPREME COURT **BENCH SERIES**

Talks conducted by Judges and Judicial Commissioners of the Supreme Court



PROFESSORIAL SERIES

Talks conducted by law academics, including faculty from other relevant disciplines



PRACTITIONERS' **SERIES**

Talks conducted by JOs and selected private practitioners on procedures and practice.

THE SUPREME COURT BENCH SERIES



LATEST **DEVELOPMENTS** IN CROSS-BORDER INSOLVENCY AND RESTRUCTURING: (L-R) JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER AEDIT ABDULLAH. JUSTICE KANNAN RAMESH

6 MAR / VENUE: SUPREME COURT

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN CROSS-BORDER INSOLVENCY AND RESTRUCTURING

- Justice Kannan Ramesh, Supreme Court
- Judicial Commissioner Aedit Abdullah, Supreme Court

Participants were given a brief overview of the changes to the debt restructuring and corporate rescue framework in Singapore as well as an insight into the policies underpinning the rationale behind the changes to the Companies (Amendment) Bill.



18 APR / VENUE: SUPREME COURT

DEVELOPING JUDICIAL SELF DISCIPLINE

- Justice See Kee Oon, Presiding Judge, State Courts
- Judicial Commissioner Valerie Thean, Presiding Judge, Family Justice Courts
- Vincent Hoong, Registrar, Supreme Court

Participants had the rare opportunity to hear from the experienced panellists who candidly shared their personal ethos and experiences to guide, motivate and inspire participants to better develop judicial discipline.

DEVELOPING JUDICIAL SELF DISCIPLINE: (L-R) JUSTICE SEE KEE OON. JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER VALERIE THEAN, MR VINCENT HOONG

20 JUL / VENUE: SUPREME COURT

UNPACKING JUDICIAL ARROGANCE

- · Chief Justice Sundaresh Menon, Supreme Court
- Justice Chao Hick Tin, Judge of Appeal, Supreme Court
- Justice Judith Prakash, Judge of Appeal, Supreme Court

The panellists shared their thoughts to help participants acquire an understanding of this emerging issue. Participants received guidance on what would amount to "judicial arrogance" including the steps taken to guard against it.

UNPACKING JUDICIAL ARROGANCE (L-R) CJ MENON, JUSTICE CHAO HICK TIN. JUSTICE JUDITH PRAKASH, ED TAN BOON HENG



THE SUPREME COURT BENCH SERIES

31 AUG / VENUE: SUPREME COURT

THE RULE IN BROWNE V DUNN

Justice Vinodh Coomaraswamy, Supreme Court

Justice Coomaraswamy helped participants gain a clearer appreciation of the application of the rule in Browne v Dunn in civil cases.





21 SEP / VENUE: SUPREME COURT

IMPLEMENTATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS TREATIES IN DUALIST STATES

Judicial Commissioner Pang Khang Chau, Supreme Court

Participants acquired a basic understanding of the implementation of Human Rights Treaties in Singapore and also the more commonly referred to provisions in the treaties / conventions relating to non-discrimination of women, children and persons with disabilities.





THE PROFESSORIAL SERIES



7 FEB / VENUE: SUPREME COURT

SINGAPORE'S WILDLIFE PROTECTION LAWS AND THE REGULATION OF TRANSNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED

Professor Lye Lin Heng, Director, Asia Pacific Centre for Environmental Law, National University of Singapore

Professor Lye provided participants with an introductory understanding and greater awareness of the intricate legal issues that may arise in Wildlife Protection Laws and the Trade in Endangered Species.



9 FEB / VENUE: STATE COURTS

MEMORY DISTORTION AND THE IMPLICATIONS OF MEMORY ISSUES FOR EYEWITNESS TESTIMONY

Dr Rebecca Nichols, Division of Psychology and University Scholar Programme, Nanyang Technological University

Dr Nichols introduced participants to factors that influence the reliability of eyewitness memory and recognised best practices for the handling of eyewitness identification for law enforcement agencies and the courts.



14 FEB / VENUE: SUPREME COURT

COPYRIGHT LAW: CLARIFYING CORE CONCEPTS

Dr Burton Ong, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore

Participants were given a refresher on the fundamentals of copyright law including its objectives, subsistence, infringement and defences in the light of recent statutory amendments and judicial pronouncements.



2 MAR / VENUE: SUPREME COURT

CHALLENGES IN EVALUATING CHILD WITNESS TESTIMONY

Dr Rebecca Nichols, Division of Psychology and University Scholar Programme, Nanyang Technological University

In her second engagement in 2017, Dr Nichols introduced participants to general capabilities of child eyewitnesses, identification of factors that may impact the reliability of a child's memory for an event, and recognised best practices for the handling of eyewitness testimony in the legal context.

THE PROFESSORIAL SERIES



DIRECTORS' **DUTIES AND** LIABILITIES -DEVELOPMENTS AND TRENDS: (L-R) ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR LEE PEY WOAN, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR PEARLIE KOH

28 MAR / VENUE: SUPREME COURT

DIRECTORS' DUTIES AND LIABILITIES - DEVELOPMENTS AND TRENDS

- Associate Professor Lee Pey Woan, School of Law, Singapore Management University
- Associate Professor Pearlie Koh, School of Law, Singapore Management University

Professors Lee and Koh examined a number of key decisions in the areas of directors' duties in Singapore and in other common law jurisdictions, in particular Australia and the UK.



11 APR / VENUE: SUPREME COURT

CRIMINALISING COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT IN SINGAPORE

Professor Ng-Loy Wee Loon, Senior Counsel (Honoris Causa), Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore

Professor Ng-Loy gave participants a better understanding of the specific provisions criminalising copyright infringement in Singapore and extrapolated the relevant factors to be taken into consideration for sentencing these offences.

17 JUL / VENUE: SUPREME COURT

THE PROPER PURPOSE **RULE: DIRECTORS' DUTIES & POWERS**

Professor Hans Tjio, Co-Director, Centre for Banking & Finance Law, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore

The talk helped participants to acquire a deeper appreciation of the 'proper purpose rule' in theory and practice.



THE PRACTITIONERS' SERIES



TRACE EVIDENCE: (L-R) MR LIM THIAM BON, CJ MENON

21 MAR / VENUE: SUPREME COURT

TRACE EVIDENCE: NOTHING IS TOO SMALL IN THE EYES OF THE COURT - LET THE MICROSCOPIC WITNESSES SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES

Mr Lim Thiam Bon, Acting Division Director, Forensic Chemistry & Physics Laboratory, Health Science Authority

Participants acquired a better understanding of the significance of trace evidence in criminal cases.

9 MAY / VENUE: SUPREME COURT

JUDICIAL INTERVENTION IN PROCEEDINGS, THE DREADED AND DESIRED: THROUGH THE PRACTITIONERS' LENSES

Panellists:

- Ms Molly Lim, SC, Wong Tan & Molly Lim LLC
- Mr Nehal Harpreet Singh, SC, Cavenagh Law LLP
- Mr Chan Leng Sun, SC, Baker & McKenzie. Wong & Leow

Participants heard from the panellists a range of dreaded and desired judicial interventions in court proceedings. Through this light-hearted interaction, Judges and JOs were able to reflect on the feedback when presiding over hearings in both open court and chambers.



JUDICIAL INTERVENTION IN
PROCEEDINGS: THE DREADED AND
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LENG SUN

MASTERCLASS SERIES

IN 2017, THE SJC ORGANISED THE MASTERCLASS SERIES FEATURING EMINENT QUEEN'S COUNSEL AND JUDGES FROM THE SUPREME COURT BENCH (COURT OF APPEAL, HIGH COURT AND SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL COURT).





16 MAR / VENUE: SUPREME COURT

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE LAW OF CONTRACTUAL INTERPRETATION AND ILLEGALITY IN SINGAPORE AND THE UNITED KINGDOM

Panellists:

- Justice Andrew Phang, Judge of Appeal, Supreme Court
- Sir Bernard Rix, International Judge, Singapore International Commercial Court
- · Associate Professor Goh Yihan, School of Law, Singapore Management University

In the inaugural Masterclass Series, the panellists discussed important decisions in the law of contractual interpretation and illegality as recently decided by the highest appellate courts in both Singapore and the UK.

RECENT **DEVELOPMENTS** IN THE LAW OF CONTRACTUAL INTERPRETATION AND ILLEGALITY IN SINGAPORE AND THE UNITED KINGDOM: (BOTTOM PIX L-R) JUSTICE ANDREW PHANG, SIR BERNARD RIX, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR GOH YIHAN



11 JUL / VENUE: SUPREME COURT

THE "MIN RUI": INFERENCE OF OWNERSHIP FROM CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION VIS BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF VESSEL

Sir Bernard Eder, International Judge, Singapore International Commercial Court

Sir Bernard Eder shared his observations and thoughts on the decision of the High Court in the "Min Rui" [2016] SGHC 183, focusing on the beneficial ownership of the vessel. This talk was moderated by Justice Belinda Ang.

THE MIN RUI (L-R) SIR BERNARD EDER, JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER FOO CHEE HOCK (DEAN, SJC)

26 OCT / VENUE: SUPREME COURT

MODIFIED UNIVERSALISM: DO WE NOW KNOW WHAT IT MEANS?

Sir Geoffrey Vos, Chancellor, High Court, UK

Sir Geoffrey addressed the question of "Modified Universalism: Do We Know what it Means?" and provided a brief update on recent relevant procedural developments in England & Wales on cross-border insolvency. This session was moderated by Justice Kannan Ramesh.



SIR GEOFFREY VOS



MODERATOR JUSTICE KANNAN RAMESH

NEW AREAS OF FOCUS IN 2017

TO ADDRESS THE EVOLVING TRAINING NEEDS OF OUR JUDGES AND JUDICIAL OFFICERS, THE SJC INTRODUCED "JUDICIAL RESILIENCE" IN 2017.

17 JAN/ VENUE: SUPREME COURT

MINDFULNESS & EMPATHY FOR JUDGES

- · Ms Sheryl Bathman, Director, Counsellor & Psychotherapist, MBSR Programme Instructor, Lifesteps Pte Ltd
- · Dr Choo Wei Chieh, Mindfulness Instructor, Lifesteps Pte Ltd

Participants were introduced to the practical aspects of Mindfulness for personal development and how the practice of it relates to empathy in judges.

MINDFULNESS & FMPATHY FOR JUDGES: (L-R) MS SHERYL BATHMAN, DR CHOO WEI CHIEH







2 FEB / VENUE: SUPREME COURT

JUDICIAL OCCUPATIONAL HAZARDS

- · District Judge Lim Choi Ming, Family Justice Courts
- · Mr Raymond Chong, Senior Counsellor, Family Justice Courts

Participants were taught how countertransference poses a significant threat to impartiality and how they can alleviate these effects through increased awareness.

JUDICIAL OCCUPATIONAL HAZARDS: (L-R) MR RAYMOND CHONG, DJ LIM CHOI MING

18 APR / VENUE: SUPREME COURT

DEVELOPING JUDICIAL SELF-DISCIPLINE

- · Justice See Kee Oon, Presiding Judge, State Courts
- · Judicial Commissioner Valerie Thean, Presiding Judge, Family Justice Courts
- Mr Vincent Hoong, Registrar, Supreme Court

Each of the panellists shared their personal ethos, observations and provided valuable guidance to the participants in developing judicial self-discipline.





DEVELOPING JUDICIAL SELF DISCIPLINE: (L-R) JUSTICE SEE KEE OON, JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER VALERIE THEAN, MR VINCENT HOONG

NEW AREAS OF FOCUS IN 2017



2 MAY / VENUE: SUPREME COURT

STRESS REDUCTION TECHNIQUE WORKSHOP

- · Ms Sheryl Bathman, Director, Counsellor & Psychotherapist, MBSR Programme Instructor, Lifesteps Pte Ltd
- · Dr Choo Wei Chieh, Mindfulness Instructor, Lifesteps Pte Ltd

In a highly experiential session, the instructors introduced participants to stress reduction techniques through guided mindfulness exercises.

STRESS REDUCTION TECHNIQUE WORKSHOP: (L-R) MS SHERYL BATHMAN, DR CHOO WEI CHIEH

27 JUN / VENUE: SUPREME COURT

CULTIVATING JUDICIAL WELLNESS

Justice Chao Hick Tin, Judge of Appeal, Supreme Court

Participants received helpful tips and anecdotes on cultivating judicial wellness from Justice Chao.







THE INTERNATIONAL WING TRAINING PROGRAMMES



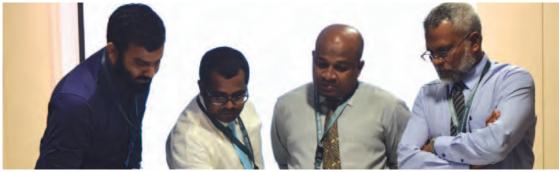
EASE OF DOING BUSINESS IN MALDIVES: DISPUTE RESOLUTION MECHANISM

13 - 16 FEB 2017 / VENUE: SUPREME COURT, SINGAPORE

The SJC conducted a 4-day customised workshop for 17 participants from the Maldivian judiciary who were introduced to Singapore's commercial laws, Singapore International Commercial Court, use of ADR in commercial cases and harnessing of IT in the courts to enhance effectiveness.

The workshop was a multi-agency effort jointly led by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Law and the Supreme Court, and funded under the Singapore Cooperation Programme.







E-FILING WORKSHOP FOR THE FIJI JUDICIARY

20 - 22 FEB 2017 / VENUE: SUVA. FIJI

The Fiji Judiciary requested the SJC to conduct a 3-day residential workshop on eFiling. Judicial Commissioner Foo Chee Hock (Dean, SJC) and District Judge Tan Boon Heng (ED, SJC) conducted the workshop which was attended by more than 70 judges and court officials. Representatives from CrimsonLogic and Ecquaria were also present to share their experiences in developing the Electronic Filing System / eLitigation and Integrated Criminal Case Filing and Management System.

EFILING WORKSHOP FOR THE FIJI JUDICIARY (L-R) JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER FOO CHEE HOCK (DEAN, SJC), CJ ANTHONY GATES (FIJI), DJ TAN BOON HENG (ED, SJC)





THE INTERNATIONAL WING TRAINING PROGRAMMES



INTERNATIONAL JUDICIAL EDUCATORS' WORKSHOP

14 - 15 MAR 2017 / VENUE: SUPREME COURT, SINGAPORE

The SJC conducted its second consecutive run of the Judicial Educators' Workshop. Conducted by Judicial Commissioner Foo Chee Hock (Dean, SJC) and District Judge Tan Boon Heng (ED, SJC), this 2-day workshop was designed to impart a variety of training techniques suited for judges and expose participants to effective learning outcomes. With the successful completion of the workshop, the SJC has trained a total of 29 officers consisting of 22 JOs and 7 Court Administrators across the Courts.





STRATEGIES OF CASE MANAGEMENT: CHALLENGES, SOLUTIONS AND INNOVATIONS WITH A **FOCUS ON ADR METHODS**

3 - 7 MAR 2017 / VENUE: SUPREME COURT, SINGAPORE

A total of 15 judges and senior officials from Bangladesh were funded by the Bangladesh's National Legal Aid Services Organization, Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs to attend a 5-day workshop organised and conducted by the SJC. In addition to being introduced to Singapore's proactive case management strategies, participants experienced how the Singapore Judiciary has been tapping on Alternate Dispute Resolution and Court Dispute Resolution over and above adjudication to resolve disputes.



THE INTERNATIONAL WING TRAINING PROGRAMMES



JUDGMENT WRITING & ORAL JUDGMENT WORKSHOP

20 - 22 FEB 2017 / VENUE: SUPREME COURT, SINGAPORE

The SJC conducted an intensive 2-day workshop featuring tools and techniques on judgment writing including several drafting exercises for critique. In addition to JOs from the Supreme Court, State Courts and Family Justice Courts, the workshop was also attended by judicial officers from Brunei and Myanmar. Further, the workshop was extended to local participants from the Syariah Court (Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth), the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (Infocomm Media Development Authority) and the Personal Data Protection Commission (Infocomm Media Development Authority).







INITIATIVE FOR ASEAN INTEGRATION -ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR COURT EXCELLENCE (IFCE) WORKSHOPS

25 - 28 APR 2017 - YANGON, MYANMAR 16 - 19 MAY 2017 - VIENTIANE, LAO PDR 30 MAY - 2 JUN 2017 - PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA 20 - 23 JUN 2017 - HANOI, VIETNAM

The SJC conducted 4-day workshops on the IFCE (Advanced) for judges and justice-related officials in several ASEAN countries. In all, more than 100 judges, court administrators and officials were trained over the four workshops held in Myanmar, Lao PDR, Cambodia and Vietnam. The advanced IFCE workshop allowed participants who have attended the beginners' workshop to have a better understanding of the framework.

Besides the benefits of adopting the IFCE, participants also learnt from the experience of the Singapore Judiciary in implementing the various aspects of the IFCE in enhancing the administration of justice. In particular, State Courts' representatives publicised the State Courts' Model of the IFCE and co-facilitated in targeted segments of the workshop.



LAO-SINGAPORE TRAINING CENTRE



CAMBODIA-SINGAPORE TRAINING CENTRE



VIETNAM-SINGAPORE TRAINING CENTRE

THE INTERNATIONAL WING TRAINING PROGRAMMES

END-TO-END COURT TECHNOLOGY

10 - 14 JUL 2017 / VENUE: RENDEZVOUS HOTEL, SINGAPORE

This 5-day workshop titled "End-to-End Court Technology" was held in conjunction with the Singapore Cooperation Programme. It introduced participants to the thinking behind the various technological systems used in the Singapore Judiciary. A total of 30 Judges, JOs, and government officials from 26 countries were introduced to the systems that have made the Singapore Judiciary and legal profession more integrated, effective, efficient, user-centric and 'paper-less'. In addition to the classroom sessions, Learning Journeys to the courts and vendors' premises were woven into the curriculum.









LEADERSHIP IN COURT GOVERNANCE

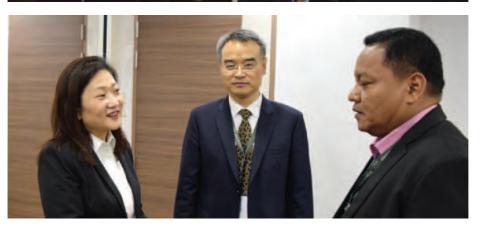
14 - 18 AUG 2017 / VENUE: ORCHARD HOTEL. SINGAPORE

The SJC conducted its inaugural "Leadership in Court Governance" in conjunction with the Singapore Cooperation Programme for 31 judges and officials and JOs from 22 countries. The 5-day workshop covered critical areas including leadership in implementing judicial reforms, case management, court innovation, dispute resolution, court technology and excellence in judicial administration. This training was designed to inspire participants with a sense of vision, mission and passion to propel their court systems to greater excellence.





LEADERSHIP IN COURT GOVERNANCE (L-R) CJ MENON, CLAUDINE MOANNA MARIE HENRY-ANGUNA. SALAMATU DORMA OSAGEDE



(L-R) JUSTICE VALERIE THEAN, JIANG HUILING, YOU OTTARA

THE INTERNATIONAL WING TRAINING PROGRAMMES

MANAGING CONFLICTS & RESOLVING DISPUTES EFFECTIVELY THROUGH MEDIATION WORKSHOP

24 - 31 JUL 2017 / VENUE: SUPREME COURT, SINGAPORE

With the support of the SJC, the Singapore Mediation Centre (SMC) conducted the "Managing Conflicts & Resolving Disputes Effectively Through Mediation" workshop for judges and court administrators. A total of 19 participants from 3 countries participated in the workshop, which was conducted over two modules. Participants who successfully completed the modules and assessment were eligible to apply for accreditation by the Singapore International Mediation Institute.





ASSESSING CREDIBILITY OF WITNESSES WORKSHOP

28 -29 SEP 2017 / VENUE: SUPREME COURT, SINGAPORE

In this 2-day workshop, the participants received an update of the law and best practices relating to assessing witness credibility. Besides the relevant and rigorous activities to sensitise participants to the common challenges in ascertaining the truth, they had an opportunity to articulate the reasons for preferring one version to another by way of an oral judgment.







JUDICIAL MEDIATORS' WORKSHOP

12 - 13 OCT 2017 / VENUE: SUPREME COURT, SINGAPORE

A total of 18 JOs attended the 2-day intensive workshop jointly organised by the State Courts Centre for Dispute Resolution and the SJC. The workshop equipped JOs with the knowledge and skills in judicial mediation.





JUSTICE SEE KEE OON, PRESIDING JUDGE, STATE COURTS

JUDICIARY-WIDE INDUCTION PROGRAMME

30 OCT - 3 NOV 2017 / VENUE: SUPREME COURT, SINGAPORE

Facilitated by instructors that include members of the Supreme Court Bench and high-level Singapore government officials, the programme covered a wide range of topics relevant to the work of a judge. In addition to newly appointed Judicial Officers (JOs) of Singapore, the programme was attended by foreign judges from Myanmar, Thailand and United Arab Emirates (Dubai).









ABOUT THE

EMPIRICAL JUDICIAL RESEARCH INITIATIVE

An important and unique dimension of the SJC is the Empirical Judicial Research initiative. This will serve as a test bed for innovation in judicial studies, practices and policies. Probably the first of its kind in Asia, this initiative pushes the frontiers for local judicial research to incorporate quantitative analysis. The research findings and recommendations are expected to bear a special significance, not only to Singapore, but potentially other parts of Asia and the Middle-East. New or existing practices in the courts can then be tested and the underlying premises of prevailing policies or practices validated.



FEATURE ON PUBLISHED WORKS OF THE

EMPIRICAL JUDICIAL RESEARCH PROGRAMME



AN EMPHATIC PLEA FOR THE EMPATHIC JUDGE

Dr Gary Low, Assistant Professor, School of Law, Singapore Management University

Abstract

Justice must not only be done, it must be seen to be done. Thus the contemporary orthodoxy is that the dispensation of justice must be dispassionate and blind, for to do otherwise is to risk accusations of subjectivity and bias. This article adopts the contrarian position: that judges ought in their decision-making to take full account of the different perspectives of the parties involved, and can only properly do so if they possess and exercise empathy. The prejudicerelated risks involved in embracing empathy are acknowledged, and strategies for dealing with these excesses are explored. With that in mind, this article posits field work to identify a judge's propensity towards empathy, and also the development of a professional programme aimed at raising awareness and enabling judges to apply and control empathic perspective taking in their adjudicatory duties.

Court of Appeal's Citation of Academic works: Reflections on the Relationship between Singapore's Judiciary and Academia"

preliminary map of the Singapore Court of Appeal's citation practices. It provides an overview of the Singapore Court of Appeal's use or citation of legal scholarship in its decisions over the past 50 years. It identifies and evaluates trends in the Singapore Court of Appeal's citations of academic material and the types of academic material

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IOJT CONFERENCE IN MANILA, PHILIPPINES (NOV 2017)

5 - 9 NOVEMBER 2017 - MANILA, PHILIPPINES

The 8th IOJT Conference, hosted by the Philippines Judicial Academy, was held from 5 – 9 Nov 2017 in Shangri-La at the Fort Manila. The Singapore Judiciary was selected to make 3 presentations at this conference as follows:

- "Gamification: Optimising the Learning Experience" by Judicial Commissioner Foo Chee Hock
- "Globalising Judicial Training: The Singapore Experience" by District Judge Tan Boon Heng
- "Dealing with Media and the Public" by District Judge Jasbendar Kaur, State Courts



THE SINGAPORE CONTINGENT (L-R) NG KAR MENG (STATE COURTS), DJ TAN BOON HENG (ED, SJC), JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER FOO CHEE HOCK (DEAN, SJC), DJ JASBENDAR KAUR (STATE COURTS), NG SHUN GENG (SJC), DJ CHERYL KOH (FAMILY JUSTICE COURTS), JAM CHEE CHONG (SJC)





ABOVE: SPEAKERS AT THE
CONCURRENT SESSION "USE OF
TECHNOLOGY BY JUDICIAL TRAINERS"
(L-R) MR ERNEST SCHMATT, JUSTICE
ROBERT J TORRES, JUSTICE JOSE
MIDAS P MARQUEZ, MS LU HSIAO-YUN,
JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER FOO CHEE
HOCK

LEFT: SPEAKERS AT THE CONCURRENT SESSION "ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE OF JUDICIAL TRAINING INSTITUTES" (L-R) DR RAINER HORNUNG, JUSTICE ADOLFO S AZCUNA, DJ TAN BOON HENG, JUSTICE DR YIGAL MERSEL

BOUQUETS

For a long time, Singapore has supported the development of the judiciary systems of many countries, including Ukraine. Following the example of Singapore, electronic court has been implemented in Ukraine. We have embarked on further development and functional enhancement of the system, with the hope of achieving an advanced level of electronic communication, the best example of which Singapore is.

The Leadership in Court Governance programme is invaluable for the education and development of judges. We will keep sharing the experience of Singapore amongst the judicial community for the development of the judicial system and courts in Ukraine.

Gorodovenko Viktor

President, Appeal Court of Zaporizhzhia Region, Ukraine Leadership in Court Governance (2017)

I always find the Singapore Judicial College's (SJC) programmes innovative, well prepared and very practical. The recently concluded workshop by SJC on eFiling changed the direction of Fiji Judiciary to launch a baseline assessment for the implementation of eFiling.

Yohan Liyanage

Chief Registrar, High Court of Fiji eFiling Workshop for the Fiji Judiciary (2017)

(The workshop) focused on areas or aspects where improvements are much needed. The instructors had the excellent abilities in identifying important issues and addressing it immediately with suggestions given.

Dewi Norlelawati Bte Hj Abdul Hamid

Magistrate, Brunei Magistrate Court Judgment Writing & Oral Judgment Workshop (2017)

A balance between content, instructions and application. The instructors' sharing of experiences and anecdotes were highly relevant.

Clement Tan

District Judge, State Courts Judicial Educators' Workshop (2017)

Seeing and hearing about how Singapore's judiciary has evolved helps give interested participants an idea of what to expect and learn from.

Honora E. Remengesau Rudimch

Senior Judge, Court of Common Pleas Court, Palau

End-to-End Court Technology (2017)

The programme was very well planned and very well organised. The lecturers were very friendly, cordial, clear and easy to understand. It will be a great assistance to my country to start the eFiling system. From this programme, I gathered the message that the e-billing system is possible in my country.

Chitranga Pradeep Kirtisinghe

High Court Judge, Sri Lanka End-to-End Court Technology (2017)

It helps that the instructors were real life judges, who provided frank and helpful sharing of their experience and expertise. We also learnt from fellow participants.

See Tho Sok Yee

Principal Legal Counsel, Intellectual Property Office of Singapore Judgment Writing & Oral Judgment Workshop (2017)

Singapore is a model country which generously shares its practices. I would like to thank Judicial Commissioner Foo Chee Hock (Dean, SJC) and District Judge Tan Boon Heng (ED, SJC) who were very generous in sharing their knowledge and experience. I will be returning to my country better equipped with the knowledge you have shared.

Jose Janello A. Covarrubias

State Counsel, Department of Justice, Philippines End-to-End Court Technology (2017)

The programme was informative, intellectually stimulating and well presented. I learned much from the programme which would assist me in my day to day work. I was impressed by the calibre of the programme – from the choice of speakers, presenters to the content. I take this opportunity to thank the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Technical Cooperation Directorate and Singapore Judicial College for the opportunity given to me to attend the Leadership in Court Governance programme.

Maheshi M. Jayasekera

Registrar of the Supreme Court, Sri Lanka Leadership in Court Governance (2017)

The instructors were well equipped and the course was managed well.

Khandker Ahsan Hossain

Joint Chief, Planning Commission, Ministry of Planning, Bangladesh Strategies of Case Management with Focus on ADR Method Bangladesh (2017)

It was a very good learning experience for me. Ghana is implementing an Electronic Case Management System. This exposure offered me the opportunity to know the success story of Singapore and how best I can apply the same back home to contribute in making sure things are properly done, thereby helping to achieve our corporate goal of "justice without barriers".

Francis Ephraim Baiden

Deputy Director, Information Communication Technology, Judicial Service, Ghana End-to-End Court Technology (2017) The programme has equipped me with new insights, especially in areas of system implementation, deployment and general expertise. Further to that, it has paved a way through which my acquired experience on e-judiciary will track.

Allan Danford Machella

Information Technology Officer, Judiciary of Tanzania End-to-End Court Technology (2017)

The program was wonderful for me personally as well as to the institution that I work for. Credit and special thanks goes to the District Judge Tan Boon Heng for such a wonderful and efficient programme.

Shree Krishna Bhattarai

Judge, Bhaktapur District Court, Nepal Leadership in Court Governance (2017)

I would like to extend a very big thank you to all the instructors for opening my eyes to the future by way of eFiling. [The workshop] provided me with a futuristic view of what we all have to be ready for.

Riyaz Hamza

Puisne Judge of the Fiji Judiciary eFiling Workshop for the Fiji Judiciary (2017)

This program not only provided us with in-depth knowledge but allowed past and present experiences to collide allowing participants to be inspired and motivated to make innovative change. We have integrated as a global collective, made new friendships and have also been provided with tools to make a progressive change which will lead to public trust and confidence.

Shiraz Aziz

High Court Judge, Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court Leadership in Court Governance (2017)

TRAINING CALENDAR 2018

CATEGORY	DATE	TITLE AND INSTRUCTOR(S) FOR LOCAL WING
BENCH SKILLS	10 Jan 2018	Expert Evidence and Hot-Tubbing – organised by the Singapore Judicial College – Panellists: (i) The Honourable Justice Quentin Loh, Supreme Court; (ii) The Honourable Justice Patricia Bergin, International Judge, SICC; and (iii) Professor Jeffrey Pinsler, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore
	15 - 16 Mar 2018	$ \textbf{Effective Engagement of Litigants-in-Person (LIPs) Workshop} \ \ \text{-} \ \ \text{organised by the Singapore Judicial College-Instructor(s): to be confirmed} $
	10 - 11 May 2018	Judgment Writing Workshop - organised by the Singapore Judicial College - Instructor(s): to be confirmed
	30 - 31 Aug 2018	Assessing Credibility of Witnesses Workshop - organised by the Singapore Judicial College - Instructor(s): to be confirmed
LEGAL DEVELOPMENT	4 Jan 2018	Highlights of Civil Procedure 2017 - organised by the Singapore Judicial College - Instructor: District Judge Tan Boon Heng, Executive Director, Singapore Judicial College
	30 Jan 2018	Noteworthy Legal Developments in Building & Construction Contracts – organised by the Singapore Judicial College – Instructor: Mr Edwin Lee, Founding Partner, Eldan Law LLP
	6 Feb 2018	Fundamentals of Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights – organised by the Singapore Judicial College – Instructors: (i) Mr Mark Lim, Chief Legal Counsel / Director (Hearings and Mediation), Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS); (ii) Ms See Tho Sok Yee, Principal Legal Counsel, (Hearings and Mediation), IPOS; and (iii) Mr Gabriel Ong, Legal Counsel, (Hearings and Mediation), IPOS (For ASEAN judges only)
	8 Feb 2018	Developments in Cross-Border Insolvency and Restructuring – organised by the Supreme Court Registry under the auspices of the Singapore Judicial College – Instructor: to be confirmed
	20 Feb 2018	Introduction to Cryptocurrency and the Legal Issues Arising – organised by the Singapore Judicial College – Instructor: Mr Nizam Ismail, Partner, RHTLaw Taylor Wessing
	22 Feb 2018	Family Justice Rules: Some Notable Differences from Rules of Civil Procedure – organised by the Singapore Judicial College – Instructors: (i) District Judge Yarni Loi, Family Justice Courts; and (ii) District Judge Tan Shin Yi, Family Justice Courts
	8 Mar 2018	Tax Policies during SG50 and the Fiscal Challenges to SG100 - organised by the Singapore Judicial College - Instructor: Associate Professor Stephen Phua, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore
	20 Mar 2018	Talking Points from Magistrates' Appeals (MAs) cases of 2017 - organised by the Singapore Judicial College - Instructors: (i) District Judge John Ng, State Courts; and (ii) District Judge Shawn Ho, State Courts
	17 Apr 2018	Environmental Law: Overview and Challenges in the ASEAN Region – organised by the Singapore Judicial College – Instructors: (i) Professor Lye Lin Heng, Asia-Pacific Centre for Environmental Law, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore (NUS); (ii) Associate Professor Jolene Lin, APCEL, Faculty of Law, NUS; and (iii) Emeritus Professor Koh Kheng-Lian, APCEL, Faculty of Law, NUS (For ASEAN judges only)
	22 May 2018	Noteworthy Legal Developments in Trade Mark Law - organised by the Singapore Judicial College - Instructor: Professor David Llewelyn, Deputy Dean, School of Law, Singapore Management University
	28 Jun 2018	The Logic and Limits of the UNCITRAL Model Law on Cross-Border Insolvencies – organised by the Singapore Judicial College – Instructor: Dr Wee Meng Seng, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore
	10 Jul 2018	Changes to the Rules of Court - organised by the Supreme Court Registry under the auspices of the Singapore Judicial College - Instructor: to be confirmed
	26 Jul 2018	Noteworthy Legal Developments in Insurance Law - organised by the Singapore Judicial College - Instructor: Associate Professor Yeo Hwee Ying, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore
	24 Jul 2018	Cross-Border Insolvency Laws – organised by the Singapore Judicial College – Instructors; (i) Justice Aedit Abdullah; and (ii) Judicial Officers from the Companies, Insolvency and Trusts Cluster, Supreme Court (For ASEAN judges only)
	2 Aug 2018	Harmonising ASEAN Commercial Laws - organised by the Singapore Judicial College - Instructors: (i) Professor Hsu Locknie, School of Law, Singapore Management University; and (ii) Associate Professor Hsieh L. Pasha, School of Law, Singapore Management University (For ASEAN judges only)
	6 Aug 2018	Corporate / Insolvency Law Topic - organised by the Singapore Judicial College - Instructor: Associate Professor Stephen Bull, School of Law, Singapore Management University
	6 Sep 2018	Trends in Civil Litigation - organised by the State Courts under the auspices of the Singapore Judicial College - Instructor(s): To be confirmed
JUDICIAL ETHICS	23 Jan 2018	"An Emphatic Plea for the Empathic Judge"- organised by the Singapore Judicial College - Instructor: Assistant Professor (Dr) Gary Low, School of Law, Singapore Management University
	13 Mar 2018	Judicial Modesty: A Value that Informs One's Judicial Philosophy - organised by the Singapore Judicial College - Speaker: Chief Justice Sundaresh Menon - Panellists: (i) Justice Tay Yong Kwang, Judge of Appeal; (ii) Justice Vinodh Coomaraswamy; and (iii) Judicial Commissioner Audrey Lim
		[See also Judiciary-Wide Induction Programme below. More courses to be added under this category.]
SOCIAL AWARENESS	11 Jan 2018	Rewriting Children's Rights Judgments – organised by the Singapore Judicial College – Instructor: Kathryn Hollingsworth, Newcastle University, UK
	26 Jan 2018	Governing Well in An Age of Participation - organised by the Singapore Judicial College - Instructors: (i) Mr Lim Jian Yi, Director (Legal Policy), Ministry of Law; and (ii) Mr Tang Liheng, Director (Transformation Office), Public Service Division
	13 Feb 2018	Do Better Paid and/or Qualified Lawyers Win More Often in Court? - organised by the Singapore Judicial College - Instructor: Professor Simon Chesterman, Dean, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore
	20 Apr 2018	Session on topic of Social Awareness - organised by the Family Justice Courts under the auspices of the Singapore Judicial College - Instructor(s): To be confirmed
	24 Apr 2018	Crime Trends Briefing - organised by the State Courts under the auspices of the Singapore Judicial College - Instructor(s): To be confirmed

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SOCIAL AWARENESS	27 Apr 2018	Session on topic of Social Awareness - organised by the Family Justice Courts under the auspices of the Singapore Judicial College - Instructor(s): To be confirmed
TECHNOLOGY & SCIENCES	25 Jan 2018	Lessons on DNA Evidence Adduced in Court - organised by the Singapore Judicial College - Instructor: Associate Professor Christopher Syn, DNA Profiling Lab and DNA Database Lab, Health Sciences Authority
	27 Mar 2018	Inflicting Bodily Injury Sufficient in the Ordinary Course of Nature to Cause Death - organised by the Singapore Judicial College - Instructor: Professor (Dr) Gilbert Lau, Branch Director, Applied Sciences Group, Health Sciences Authority
	31 Jul 2018	Document Dating for Criminal and Civil Cases - organised by the Singapore Judicial College - Instructor: Ms Nellie Cheng, Senior Forensic Scientist, Applied Sciences Group, Health Sciences Authority
COURT LEADERSHIP	19 Apr 2018	Balancing Judicial Work and Managerial Functions - organised by the Singapore Judicial College - Panellists: (i) Senior Assistant Registrar Edwin San, Supreme Court; (ii) District Judge Tan May Tee, Group Manager (Civil Registry), Civil Justice Division, State Courts; (iii) District Judge Eddy Tham, Group Manager (Community Courts), State Courts; and (iv) District Judge Toh Wee San, Group Manager, Family Justice Courts
JUDICIAL RESILIENCE	6 Mar 2018	Sleep, Productivity and Judging - organised by the Singapore Judicial College - Instructor: Dr. Toh Song Tar, Unit Director, Sleep Disorder Unit, Singapore General Hospital
SPECIAL	19 - 20 Jul 2018	Judicial Educators' Workshop - organised by the Singapore Judicial College - Instructor(s): to be confirmed
PROGRAMMES	12 - 16 Nov 2018	Annual Induction Programme (Part B) for Newly Appointed Judicial Commissioners and Judicial Officers – organised by the Singapore Judicial College
CATEGORY	DATE	TITLE AND INSTRUCTOR(S) FOR INTERNATIONAL WING
	6 Feb 2018	Fundamentals of Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights – organised by the Singapore Judicial College – Instructors: (i) Mr Mark Lim, Chief Legal Counsel / Director (Hearings and Mediation), Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS); (ii) Ms See Tho Sok Yee, Principal Legal Counsel, (Hearings and Mediation), IPOS; and (iii) Mr Gabriel Ong, Legal Counsel, (Hearings and Mediation), IPOS (for ASEAN judges only)
	15 - 16 Mar 2018	Effective Engagement of Litigants-in-Person (LIPs) Workshop - organised by the Singapore Judicial College - Instructor(s): to be confirmed
	2 - 6 Apr 2018	Strategies of Case Management, Singapore – conducted by the Singapore Judicial College – Instructor(s): to be confirmed
	17 Apr 2018	Environmental Law: Overview and Challenges in the ASEAN Region – organised by the Singapore Judicial College – Instructors: (i) Professor Lye Lin Heng, Asia-Pacific Centre for Environmental Law, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore (NUS); (ii) Associate Professor Jolene Lin, APCEL, Faculty of Law, NUS; and (iii) Emeritus Professor Koh Kheng-Lian, APCEL, Faculty of Law, NUS (for ASEAN judges only)
	10 - 11 May 2018	Judgment Writing Workshop - organised by the Singapore Judicial College - Instructor(s): to be confirmed
	10 - 13 Apr 2018	MFA's Initiative for ASEAN Integration Workshop, Cambodia - conducted by the Singapore Judicial College in conjunction with the MFA's Initiative for ASEAN Integration - Instructor: to be confirmed
	24 - 27 Apr 2018	MFA's Initiative for ASEAN Integration Workshop, Myanmar – conducted by the Singapore Judicial College in conjunction with the MFA's Initiative for ASEAN Integration – Instructor: to be confirmed
	15 - 18 May 2018	MFA's Initiative for ASEAN Integration Workshop, Lao PDR - conducted by the Singapore Judicial College in conjunction with the MFA's Initiative for ASEAN Integration - Instructor: to be confirmed
	19 - 22 Jun 2018	MFA's Initiative for ASEAN Integration Workshop, Vietnam - conducted by the Singapore Judicial College in conjunction with the MFA's Initiative for ASEAN Integration - Instructor: to be confirmed
	2 - 6 Jul 2018	$\label{lem:end-continuous} \textbf{End-To-End Court Technology, Singapore} - \text{conducted by the Singapore Judicial College in conjunction with the MFA-SCP} - \text{Instructor(s): to be confirmed}$
	24 Jul 2018	Cross-Border Insolvency Laws - organised by the Singapore Judicial College - Instructors: Justice Aedit Abdullah; Judicial Officers from the Companies, Insolvency and Trusts Cluster, Supreme Court (for ASEAN judges only)
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	30 - 31 Aug 2018	8 Assessing Credibility of Witnesses Workshop – organised by the Singapore Judicial College – Instructor(s): to be confirmed
	10 - 14 Sep 2018	Women's Charter in Singapore - conducted by the Singapore Judicial College in conjunction with the MFA-SCP-Instructor(s): to be confirmed
	1 - 5 Oct 2018	Combating Corruption and the Role of the Courts – conducted by the Singapore Judicial College in conjunction with the MFA-SCP – Instructor(s): to be confirmed
	29 Oct - 2 Nov	$\textbf{The Art of Judging} - \text{conducted by the Singapore Judicial College in conjunction with the MFA-SCP - Instructor(s):} \\ \text{to be confirmed}$
	12 - 16 Nov 2018	Judiciary-Wide Induction Programme for Newly Appointed Judicial Commissioners and Judicial Officers, Singapore – organised by the Singapore Judicial College - Instructor(s): to be confirmed

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