

Legal talks launched to educate public

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A series of legal talks will be held across the island under an initiative launched yesterday by the Law Society of Singapore and the five Community Development Councils (CDCs).

Around 3,000 residents are expected to benefit from 30 sessions covering topics such as family law, criminal law, consumer protection law and employment law. Some will be free while others will be ticketed or by invitation only. They will be held in various venues including community centres.

The scheme was announced at Queenstown Community Centre and comes under the bi-annual Law Awareness programme. The talks will run until Aug 5. Members of the public can sign up through the various CDCs or community centres.

Ms Indranee Rajah, Senior Minister of State for Law, said: "It is just as important for the man on the street to have a basic awareness of the law as this helps to strengthen access to justice.

"Knowing what the law is... and what to do when faced with a legal issue or problem – that gives an individual greater confidence in handling legal issues."

About 40 lawyers have volunteered to organise or speak at the talks, which will last about two hours. Most will be conducted in English. Some 150 law students from the National University of Singapore and Singapore Management University will also help to organise them.

Senior Counsel Thio Shen Yi, president of the Law Society, said: "It is important that the legal profession is meaningfully engaged with the community, and our communities be informed of the law."

For more information, visit: www.lawsociety.org.sg/Event/LawAwareness2015.

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