

# Council Update



**14 October 2005**

## **A Travel Protocol for the Law Society**

Council deliberated on the terms of the draft travel protocol for the Society, which sets out the criteria for class of travel, hotel accommodation and reimbursement of expenses to members when travelling on behalf of the Society. The protocol identified the key law conferences/meetings the Society ought to send representatives to attend. Other meetings/conferences would be considered on a case-by-case basis based upon the criteria specified in the protocol. Council adopted and approved the draft travel protocol.

## **Meeting Members Who Practise in Small Law Firms**

Council would organise dialogue sessions with lawyers from small law practices at locations convenient and close to office buildings where such practices are largely located. The first session would be held on 7 November 2005 at the Chinatown Point Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf outlet, for small firm practitioners from the Manhattan House and Apollo Centre buildings. Invitation letters signed by the President had been sent to proprietors and managing partners/directors of all small law practices in these two buildings.

## **The Society's Voluntary Pooled Medical Insurance Scheme**

Council was advised that an update on the scheme would be made by Mr Anand Nalachandran at the Annual General Meeting on 24 October 2005.

## **An Annual Lecture**

Following a suggestion by a member that the Society organise an annual lecture, Council agreed that it should consider this proposal and requested the International Relations Committee to study the pros and cons of this suggestion and make a recommendation to the Council.

## **13th Biennial Malaysian Law Conference**

Council was advised that Dr G Raman would be attending this conference and would chair a session on globalisation of legal services, in response to an invitation by the Bar Council of Malaysia.

## **25th Anniversary Meeting of the ASEAN Law Association**

Council agreed that the President should accept the invitation to attend the anniversary meeting scheduled for late November 2005 in Manila.

## **We Value Your Viewpoints**

We will be introducing an editorial page with viewpoints from members on anything relating to legal practice or what members are up to. Likewise, bouquets, brickbats, perspectives, ideas, and opinions of members are also important to us. Who knows, you just might start a thread or spark off a debate on a topic of common interest to other members! If you have something to share, do drop a line to Publications Director Sharmaine Lau at [publications@lawsoc.org.sg](mailto:publications@lawsoc.org.sg).

## **Hearsay – Share Your Good News**

From January, we will be launching a new section in our News pages where members are invited to share their good news – an engagement, wedding, birth, promotion, career move, setting up own firm, overseas posting, relocation, furthering of studies, winning of awards, retirement etc. We believe this would help to spread more good cheer all around and add to the spirit of community building amongst the legal fraternity.

If you wish to share your good news so that fellow members can celebrate with you, please e-mail the details to Publications Director Sharmaine Lau at [publications@lawsoc.org.sg](mailto:publications@lawsoc.org.sg). Photographs are welcome too!