

FACULTY ANNOUNCEMENT

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New Publication - The Singapore Women's Charter: 50 Questions

Faculty of Law congratulates Professor Leong Wai Kum on her publication *The Singapore Women's Charter: 50 Questions* which was launched on 25 March 2011 by Mrs Lim Hwee Hua (Minister, Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for Finance and Second Minister for Transport) at a Book Launch event to celebrate 50 Year of the Singapore Women's Charter. The publication presents answers to 50 questions one might ask of the Women's Charter.

About This Book

The 1960 enactment of Singapore's Women's Charter is a major landmark in the country's social development. This concisely expressed exposition of the Charter's provisions and its 1996 amendments is written for laypeople. It shows how Singapore's requirements about marriage and family responsibility are administered, and how the provisions of the Charter can often mitigate family problems or confusions. Changes in the Charter which are presently before Parliament are also noted.



Programme

- 3:10 pm Registration
- 3:30 pm Arrival of Guest-of-Honour, Minister Lim Hwee Hua
Welcome Remarks by Ambassador K Kesavapany, Director, ISEAS
- 3:35 pm Remarks by Ms Nicole Tan, President, AWARE
- 3:40 pm Video Presentation: "She Shapes a Nation" (AWARE)
- 3:45 pm Address and Launch of the books by Minister Lim Hwee Hua
- 4:00pm Panel Discussion chaired by Dr Sharon Siddique
Presentations by Prof Leong Wai Kum, NUS and Dr Theresa Devasahayam, ISEAS
Commentary by Ms Constance Singam, Past President, AWARE and social activist
- 4:30pm Closing Remarks by Associate Professor Kirpal Singh, SMU
Reception

Book Launch



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THE WOMEN'S CHARTER was enacted 50 years ago in 1961. Of all the statutes in Singapore, the Women's Charter is one of the most important as it regulates some of the most important events in our lives and our relationships with our closest relatives. To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the enactment of this statute, Leong Wai Kum presents answers to 50 questions one might ask of the Women's Charter.

THE CHAPTERS IN THIS BOOK are an assembly of commentaries by a distinguished team of specialists on the social impact of the Singapore Women's Charter – the main legislation protecting women's rights in the context of the family in Singapore. There has been ongoing discussion on the implications of the Charter on the lives of Singaporean women and men since its implementation. The purpose of this book is to enrich our understanding of this legislation further – its objectives, efficacy and shortfalls.

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