

FACULTY ANNOUNCEMENT

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Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Women's Charter

The year 2011 marks the 50th Anniversary of the Women's Charter. This historic piece of legislation made at least two very important contributions to Singapore since its enactment in 1961. It changed the law of Marriage by requiring a commitment to monogamy. It raised the status of women by providing married women legal equality as marriage partners.

The NUS Faculty of Law celebrated this Golden Anniversary of the Women's Charter with the publication of the Special Issue of the Singapore Journal of Legal Studies. This special volume was conceived by its specialist editors, the family law academics from the Faculty A/P Chan Wing Cheong, Prof Leong Wai Kum and A/P Debbie Ong. The first eight articles in this issue offer perspectives from contributors who are leaders in their areas of interest. They offer insights of topics within or around family law whether of Singapore or abroad, of legal developments past or those still to come and thoughts of societal structural changes to augment egalitarian family law reform. Each has been written to celebrate aspects of this remarkable statute in the expectation that it will long continue to facilitate and guide the marital aspirations of Singaporeans.

Members of the Law Faculty's Advisory Board and the Law Society's Family Law Practice Committee were specially invited to the informal (warm and cosy) Lunch and Launch of this Special Issue at the Bukit Timah Campus on 7 September 2011. It was a time for all to celebrate how far family law has developed in Singapore. It was also an occasion for family practitioners to rekindle old ties in the Faculty and meet new friends.



