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THE PUBLIC PROSECUTION OUTREACH PROGRAMME 2013

“The Public Prosecution Outreach Programme, the first of annual series, is a very important initiative of my Chambers. Firstly, it is intended to foster a better understanding of the criminal justice process, especially the role of prosecutors. Many citizens do not fully understand the role of the Public Prosecutor and Deputy Public Prosecutors. There are often misconceptions and myths about what prosecutors do, and why they do it. If allowed to persist, this would undermine public confidence in the administration of criminal justice. To improve understanding, and ultimately, public confidence, our outreach programme will include a number of activities to explain aspects of the criminal justice process, and why certain things are done the way they are.

A second objective of the outreach is to underline the need to combat crime. This year, the aim is to concentrate on young persons, with an emphasis on illegal money-lending and other offences that tend to involve them. Working with our partners, including the police and other enforcement agencies, we hope to foster a better understanding of the consequences of these types of crime, and to discourage the commission of these offences.

Our officers have been very enthusiastic about the programme, with especially many volunteering to participate in the talks and demonstrations at schools all over the island. We are also grateful to our partners and the Ministry of Education for their support.”

**– ATTORNEY-GENERAL STEVEN CHONG S.C.
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