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To Members and Pupils in Chambers of the Penang Bar,

Implementation of CPD Scheme on Members of the Bar and Pupils in Chambers

At the 70th Annual General Meeting of the Malaysian Bar held on 19 Mar 2016, it was resolved that the Continuing Professional Development ("CPD") Scheme be implemented on a staggered basis for Members and pupils with effect from 1 July 2016.

As a consequence, the CPD Scheme came into effect on 1 July 2016. Since then, Members admitted as advocates and solicitors to the High Court of Malaya from 1 July 2011 onwards are required to obtain 16 CPD points for each CPD cycle, and pupils who commenced their pupillage from 1 July 2016 onwards are required to obtain 8 CPD points in the course of their pupillage.

Further, at the 72nd AGM held on 17 Mar 2018, a resolution was adopted to extend the CPD Scheme to Members admitted as advocates and solicitors of the High Court of Malaya from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2011. This took effect on 1 July 2018 and is currently ongoing.

In order to ensure the effective implementation of the CPD Scheme, training opportunities have been made available throughout the 24-month CPD cycle, both at the Bar Council as well the Penang Bar Committee. This includes CPD Camps, CPD On Demand, Intermediate-Level Legal Forums, Advocacy Training Courses and a host of other seminars, talks and workshops, exact details of which were made available in the recent AGM Annual Report.

The Penang Bar Committee, through this CPD Subcommittee as well as its other Subcommittees, constantly endeavours to organise trainings and programmes on various topics and areas of law for the benefit of members and pupils.

To this end, we would like to hear your views and input with regard to the effective implementation of the CPD Scheme and welcome any suggestions for future events.

Tan Swee Cheng & Devkumar Kumaraendran
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