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SGLaw200 Youth Forum underscores role of youth in shaping the future of the Rule of Law

The Ministry of Law (MinLaw) and the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS) will jointly convene the SGLaw200 Youth Forum on Wednesday, 13 May 2026, at the Yong Pung How School of Law at Singapore Management University. A flagship event of the SGLaw200 commemorations, the Forum marks the bicentennial of Singapore's modern legal system and spotlights the role of youth in shaping the future of the Rule of Law.

Prime Minister and Minister for Finance Lawrence Wong will deliver the opening address to kick off the Forum.

To conclude the day's programme, Minister for Law and Second Minister for Home Affairs Edwin Tong SC will helm a dialogue examining the Rule of Law and its role in strengthening Singapore's social fabric, with Justice Mohamed Faizal Mohamed Abdul Kadir, Judge of the High Court Judiciary, Supreme Court and Mr Goh Yihan SC, Deputy Attorney-General at the Attorney-General's Chambers. The dialogue will be moderated by Ms Cai Chengying, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Pro Bono SG.

The dialogue will explore:

- How the Rule of Law underpins Singapore's social fabric by maintaining law and order, fostering social harmony and protecting individuals, particularly the vulnerable;
- The importance of promoting access to justice; and
- How our legal frameworks can evolve to address emerging social challenges while preserving trust, cohesion and confidence in society.

Expert and Youth-Led Discussions

The Forum will also feature a series of breakout discussions led by experts, practitioners and youth leaders. These sessions will examine key facets of Singapore's legal system, including:

- The relationship between the Rule of Law and the upward economic progress;
- Legal frameworks governing technology and the digital sphere; and
- Sustainability, diversity, and civic engagement.

Featured panellists include:

- Ms Tan Su Shan, Chief Executive Officer and Director, DBS Group
- Ms Melissa Yoong, Director, Government Affairs, Microsoft Singapore
- Mr David Chua, Chief Executive Officer, National Youth Council
- Mr Yuvan Mohan, Country Head, Corporate Affairs, Lalamove Singapore.

The Forum will also mark the third and final stage of the MinLaw Ideation Challenge. Launched earlier this year, the Challenge invited students to propose innovative solutions to real-world legal challenges.

The top three teams will present their proposals at the Forum before an esteemed panel of judges, with prizes awarded to most compelling solutions.

The full programme is available [here](#).

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About Ministry of Law

The Ministry of Law advances access to justice, the rule of law, the economy and society through policy, law and services.

This year, we mark SGLaw200 – 200 years since Singapore’s modern judicial and legal system was established via the Second Charter of Justice in 1826. Our legal system is the foundation of the Rule of Law, which is a fundamental principle underpinning Singapore’s development. It has driven our economic growth, maintained racial and religious harmony, and supported our key social policies.

SGLaw200 reiterates our commitment to the Rule of Law, and commemorates the past, present and future of Singapore’s legal system. A trusted legal system, a trusted Singapore.

About Institute of Policy Studies

The Institute of Policy Studies (IPS) was established in 1988 as an independent think tank to study and generate public policy ideas in Singapore. IPS joined the National University of Singapore in 2008 as an autonomous research centre of the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, before transitioning to an autonomous research institute within the University in 2026. Today, IPS continues to analyse public policy, build bridges between thought leaders, communicate its findings to a wide audience, foster deliberation platforms to engage and educate the policy ecosystem and experiment through pilots. The Institute examines issues of critical national interest across a variety of fields, and studies the attitudes and aspirations of Singaporeans through surveys of public perception. It adopts a multi-disciplinary approach in its analyses and takes the long-term view in its strategic deliberation and research. It also tests policy interventions through programme pilots and evaluations.