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PRESS RELEASE

OPENING DOORS TO INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION AND LEARNING: THE LAW SOCIETY OF SINGAPORE SIGNS MOU WITH THE INNER TEMPLE

The Law Society of Singapore (the “Society”) is pleased to announce the signing today of a five-year Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) with the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple to strengthen ties and open up new opportunities for collaboration and learning between the legal communities in Singapore and England and Wales.

This marks the Society’s first formal partnership with an Inn of Court – the historic professional bodies in England and Wales that play a key role in training and supporting barristers. The Inner Temple, founded in the 14th century, is one of four such Inns and is well known for its commitment to legal education, advocacy, and upholding the traditions of the Bar. It also has a strong record of international engagement.

Signed by Ms Lisa Sam, President of the Law Society of Singapore, and Mr Richard Salter KC, Treasurer of The Inner Temple, the MOU reflects a shared commitment to promote dialogue, mutual understanding and cross-border exchange.

Under the MOU, the Law Society and The Inner Temple have agreed to:

- Share knowledge and legal research on areas of mutual interest;
- Collaborate on conferences, seminars and webinars;
- Facilitate reciprocal visits and explore small-scale exchange opportunities for lawyers;
- Encourage networking and relationship-building across jurisdictions; and
- Explore potential avenues for business development and member support.

One initiative being explored under the MOU is participation in a scholarship programme administered by the Pegasus Scholarship Trust, a charity run by The Inner Temple on behalf of all four Inns of Court. The programme offers outstanding junior lawyers from around the world the chance to gain short-term legal experience in another jurisdiction, fostering international links and a deeper understanding of different legal systems. As part of its expansion plans, The Inner Temple is keen to include Singapore as a reciprocal partner, starting with a Singaporean scholar placed in England and Wales in 2026, and with a view to establishing a two-way exchange with the Law Society in future.

In addition, The Inner Temple’s Law Society of Singapore Affiliate Scheme is in development. This scheme will offer Law Society members who are interested in forging closer professional ties with the Bar of England and Wales access to selected events, services and benefits offered by The Inner Temple.

President Lisa Sam said: “This partnership is a milestone in our international outreach and reflects the Society’s continued commitment to creating meaningful global opportunities for our members. We are proud to be working with The Inner Temple, whose deep traditions and contributions to the legal profession are world-renowned. Through this MOU, we look forward to strengthening professional links, expanding horizons for our young lawyers, and contributing to the broader development of the legal profession on both sides.”

Richard Salter KC said: “The Inner Temple is delighted to formalise our relationship with The Law Society of Singapore through this Memorandum of Understanding. Singapore is a vibrant legal hub with an excellent and ever-growing international profile, and we see great value in deepening our connections with its legal community and specifically with The Law Society. This partnership reflects our shared belief in the importance of legal education, cross-border collaboration and the exchange of ideas and experiences between jurisdictions. We look forward to working together to create meaningful opportunities for professional development and engagement. This is the beginning of what promises to be a dynamic and fruitful collaboration.”



*(Left) President of the Law Society of Singapore, Lisa Sam;
and (right) Treasurer of The Inner Temple, Richard Salter KC.*

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