

SUBORDINATE COURTS 12TH WORKPLAN 2003/2004



“The effective implementation of your Workplan is key to the attainment of the mission, objectives and goals laid down in your Justice Statement. Our constitutional duty demands no less.”

The Honourable the Chief Justice Yong Pung How, Keynote Address at the Subordinate Courts 12th Annual Workplan 2003/2004 on 17 May 2003.

ANCHORING JUSTICE

The Annual Workplan sets out the challenges which the Subordinate Courts will face in the coming year and the goals to be achieved.

The Subordinate Courts 12th Annual Workplan 2003/2004, *Anchoring Justice*, was launched on 17 May 2003. The Keynote Address was delivered by The Honourable the Chief Justice Yong Pung How.

In the Keynote Address, His Honour announced major initiatives to be undertaken by the various Subordinate Courts Justice Divisions in the areas of case management, enhancing access to justice, knowledge management, procedural reforms, the provision of services to the community, strategic planning and effective implementation of plans.

“The administration of justice is as much a pragmatic enterprise as it is an idealistic endeavour. The Judiciary is an institution which represents the embodiment of ideals far greater than its parts. The Judiciary gives practical expression to our fundamental liberties. Above it all, the Judiciary must guard against the obstruction to justice, or more accurately, access to justice. We must strive to ensure that the public, and especially those who are indigent, can seek the redress available through the judicial process.

... The Subordinate Courts have in place a set of core values: accessibility; expedition and timeliness; equality, fairness and integrity; independence and accountability; and public trust and confidence. Work processes may change over time, but these values must endure.

... In my view, the success in the governance and administration of the courts lies in three anchors – visionary leadership, strategic planning and effective implementation.

... As history has proven, I am confident that our leaders and our citizenry will walk through this solemn voyage with courage, fortitude, and confidence in the administration of justice. I have the faith that the Senior District Judge and each one of you in the Subordinate Courts will serve the ends of justice well in these trying times. Our task is to uphold the rule of law through the fair administration of justice. Our gratitude to our forefathers, duty to posterity, and allegiance to our nation, make it imperative that we perform this task faithfully. Let the rule of law rest upon the anchor of justice.”