

**IN THE SUBORDINATE COURTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE**

**REGISTRAR'S CIRCULAR NO. 2 OF 2006**

**DEMISE OF MR LAI KEW CHAI – MINUTE OF SILENCE  
JUDGE (1981 – 2006)**

Mr Lai Kew Chai, Judge of the Supreme Court from 1 July 1981 to 6 February 2006 passed away peacefully at 11:36 am on 27 February 2006. Mr Lai was born in Perak on 7 February 1941. He read law at the then University of Singapore and graduated in 1966. He was admitted to the Singapore Bar that same year. From 1977 to 1981, he was the Director of the Postgraduate Practical Law Course and a member of the Military Court of Appeal. From 1 October 1981 to 7 March 1993, he was the Chairman of the Board of Legal Education. He was elected to the Council of the Law Society in 1979 and elected Vice-President of the Law Society for 1980 and 1981.

2 After his appointment to the Supreme Court Bench, he was appointed a Senate Member and Executive Committee Member of the Singapore Academy of Law since 1989. He was also appointed Chairman of the Legal Education and Studies Committee, Singapore Academy of Law from 19 January 1989 to 28 July 1995 and Chairman of the Professional Affairs Committee, Singapore Academy of Law from 24 July 1993 until 6 February 2006.

3 The wake will be held at 4 Queen Astrid Park, Singapore 266795. The funeral service will be held at St Andrew's Cathedral, 11 St Andrew's Road, Singapore 178959 on Friday, 3 March 2006 at 12 noon and thereafter the cortege will leave for Mandai Crematorium Hall 1 for cremation at 3 pm.

4 Lawyers and members of the legal service who wish to pay their respects may do so from 10am on Tuesday, 28 February 2006. The family of the late Mr Lai Kew Chai has requested that no wreaths be sent and all donations to be made to St Andrew's Cathedral and/or Singapore Cancer Society.

5 As a mark of respect, a minute of silence will be observed before the commencement of all open court hearings in the Subordinate Courts on Tuesday, 28 February 2006. All present in the open court hearings are requested to remain standing during the observance.

Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 2006



TOH HAN LI  
REGISTRAR  
SUBORDINATE COURTS