



SUBORDINATE COURTS MEDIA RELEASE

COMPLETION OF FAÇADE RESTORATION WORKS FOR THE FAMILY AND JUVENILE COURT BUILDING

The Subordinate Courts are holding a commemoration ceremony to mark the completion of the façade restoration works for the Family and Juvenile Court (FJC) building, a national monument, on **28 November 2013 (Thursday) from 6.15 pm – 7.15 pm**.

2 The FJC building was originally designed in a neo-classical eclectic style in 1928 as the Chinese Protectorate Building. In 1959, the Chinese Protectorate, renamed the Chinese Secretariat, was abolished and the building became the headquarters for the Ministry of Labour and Welfare. The building was finally allocated to the Singapore Judiciary in 1990. The architectural style of the building forms an important part of the historical development of Singapore and the building was gazetted as a national monument in 1998. In 2001, the Family and Juvenile Court (FJC), formerly located at the Paterson Road Courts campus since 1995, came to be housed in this building.

3 In support of the preservation of our national heritage, in September 2012, the Subordinate Courts and the Preservation of Sites and Monuments commenced works to restore the façade of the FJC building to its original shanghai plaster surface and to preserve the artifacts found on the external surface. To ensure that the building monument and artifacts are well preserved, numerous feasibility studies with the use of state of the art investigative techniques were conducted to determine the appropriate restoration methodology. The works were completed in October 2013.

4 The commemoration ceremony will commence with an address by Chief District Judge See Kee Oon, followed by the screening of a video montage of the restoration works, and light-up of the FJC building. The event will be attended by the Honourable Judicial Commissioner Tan Siong Thye, Permanent Secretary (Ministry of Community, Culture and Youth) Ms Yeoh Chee Yan, and representatives from the Urban Redevelopment Authority's Conservation & Development Services, amongst others.

5 A copy of the Chief District Judge's Opening Remarks, embargoed till delivery at 6.30 pm on 28 November 2013, is attached.



Family and Juvenile Court building in 2002



Family and Juvenile Court building in 2013, after the restoration works

The photos above can be downloaded from
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Attached: Welcome Address by the Chief District Judge