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DIALOGUE WITH THE MUAR HIGH COURT, SESSIONS COURT
JUDGES, MAGISTRATES, JUDICIAL OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF
THE BAR

Please be informed that YA Dato' Umi Kalthum Binti Abdul Majid, the Judicial Commissioner of the Muar High Court has invited Members of the Bar to attend a Meeting/Dialogue Session as follows :

Date : Friday, 12th November 2010
Time : 3.30 p.m
Venue : Bilik Mesyuarat Rafflesia,
Kompleks Mahkamah Muar

Members may raise issues related to the Muar Courts and also other issues generally in North Johore.

Members are also advised to seize this Golden Opportunity. Enclosed please find the minutes of the meeting/dialogue held on the 10th of August 2010 for your reference and information.

S. VIJAYARETNAM @ VEIZAY
CHAIRMAN
NORTH JOHORE AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE

Encl.

Minutes of the Dialogue with the High Court Judge , the Judicial Officers and the Members of the Bar in the Muar Court Complex on 19.7.2010 at 4.30 p.m.

In Attendance:

1. Yang Arif Dato Umi Kalthum Binti Abd Majid - Judicial Commissioner – Muar High Court
2. Tuan. Mohd Fauzi Bin Mohd Nasir - Judge , Session Court Muar
3. Tuan. Kamaruddin Bin Kamsun - Judge, Session Court Muar
4. Puan. Zahilah Mohammad. Yusoff - Deputy Registrarr, Muar High Court
5. Tuan. Mohamad Faizal Ismail - Deputy Registrar, Muar High Court
6. Puan. Khairunadiah Hasni Bte Yusoff - Senior Asst.Registrar, Muar High Court
7. Mr. P Suppiah - Chairman, Johore Bar Committee
8. S. Vijayaretnam @ Veizay - Chairman North Johore Affairs Sub Committee
9. Pushpalatha Naidu - Honorary Secretary, Johore Bar Committee
10. S. Jeyasingham - Advocate & Solicitor
11. Desmond Louis - Advocate & Solicitor
12. Nyanasegaran - Advocate & Solicitor
13. Haryanti Bte Othman - Advocate & Solicitor
14. Helen Kong - Advocate & Solicitor
15. T. Y. Lim - Advocate & Solicitor
16. Mohd Radzi Bin Yatiman - Advocate & Solicitor

Opening Address

The Bar thanked the Court for allocating a nice and big Bar Room for the use of its members. The Bar Room is fully carpeted, equipped with an extension line and also a digital clock.

Issues brought out by the Bar/ Bench:

(1) Delay in Lift Services

The Bar brought out the issue of the delay in members waiting as long as 20 minutes to get the lift to the Courts at the 3rd and the 4th Floors.

Yang Arif Dato Umi Kalthum Binti Abdul Majid has assured that she will instruct her officers to look into this issue and Her Ladyship also commented that the private lifts for the Judges were also equally slow.

Action; Court

(2) Bar Room at the Court Complex

Yang Arif Dato Umi Kalthum Binti Abdul Majid has also kindly allowed lawyers who need to take instructions and interview clients to make full use of the 'Bilik Perbincangan Awam' which is situated next to the Bar Room.

Action; Bar

(3) Court Mail Boxes

Tuan. Mohd Fauzi Bin Mohd Nasir informed that the new mail boxes will be placed at a place to be decided and would be strategic and convenient (Probably at the 1st Floor where the Payment Counters are located).

The rental for each Mail Box would be increased from RM60.00 to RM70.00.

Yang Arif Dato Umi Kalthum Binti Abdul Majid also agreed with the Bar that for the convenience of delivering Court Documents to the right Mail Boxes and to avoid mails going into the wrong boxes and causing inconveniences, Legal Firms should print the BC Box number in bold and in bigger fonts.

Yang Arif Dato also requested Court Officers that the respective PAR 's be more careful in delivering Court Documents to the right Mail Boxes.

Action; Court/Bar

(4) Use of the Muar High Court Library

Yang Arif Dato Umi Kalthum Binti Abdul Majid has graciously agreed that Members of the Bar to continue using the Courts Library, now situated at the 4th Floor as was done in the past.

Action; Bar

(5) Car Park

The Bar requested that out of the 3 rows of the Parking Lots at the New Court Complex, 2 rows, preferably the nearest to the entrance to the Court be reserved for Members of the Bar.

Yang Arif Dato Umi Kalthum Binti Abdul Majid has instructed her officers to look into this matter and to revert to us.

Yang Arif Dato also requested that Court Staffs should not park their vehicles outside since they can park at the Basement.

Action; Court

(6) Information Desk

Tuan. Mohd Fauzi Bin Mohd Nasir informed the meeting that a Permanent Officer would be placed at the Information Desk at the Ground Floor to facilitate the members of the Public and also the members of the Bar to answer any queries.

Action; Court

(7) Floor Plan

Yang Arif Dato Umi Kalthum Binti Abdul Majid also agreed to the suggestion of the Bar that a proper Floor Plan be made available and be placed at each floor and also at the Ground Floor for the convenience of the Public and the Members of the Bar and also as per the requirement of the Fire Department.

Action; Court

(8) Cause Lists

Yang Arif Dato Umi Kalthum Binti Abdul Majid also agreed to the suggestion of the Bar that a Comprehensive Cause list including the Cause lists for all the Courts be placed at a strategic location at the Ground Floor of the Complex.

Action; Court

(9) Trial directions

The Bar suggested that in cases where appeals in relation to interlocutory applications were pending, which might decide the main suit in one way or the other, case management directions should be accordingly stayed until the disposal of the Interlocutory Appeals .

Action; Court

(10) Sign Boards leading to the new Court Complex

The Bar expressed their views that there were not enough Sign Boards leading to the new Court Complex more so to the Outstation Lawyers and Litigants.

Tuan. Mohd Fauzi Bin Mohd Nasir replied that they were facing problems in relation to the consent of the Local Council which has been silent on the application by the Courts to put up enough sign boards.

Yang Arif Dato Umi Kalthum Binti Abdul Majid suggested that if no reply is forthcoming, Her ladyship would liase with the State Legal Adviser's Office to seek their indulgence in this matter.

Action; Court

- (11) The Bar also suggested that an ATM Dispenser machine be placed at the Court Complex to facilitate the members of the Public to withdraw monies to pay fines as the nearest ATM machine is in town which is 2 kilometres away.

Tuan. Mohd Fauzi Bin Mohd Nasir replied that there was a High Risk security issue involved and the proposal has to be studied first.

Action; Court

- (12) Mr. Desmond Louis suggested that there should be another Magistrate in Kluang and if possible, another Session Court judge should be stationed there. Yang Arif Dato informed that the top management will consider the matter.

Action; Court

- (13) Puan. Khairunadiah Hasni Bte Yusoff requested the Bar to make sure that letters informing parties especially in Bankruptcy cases contain all the particulars such as, time , place , etc; as the Court Complex now is situated at a new address.

Action; Bar

As there were no other matters, the dialogue ended at 6.30 p.m. with a note of Thanks from the Bar.