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The Honourable Justice Andrew Phang Boon Leong, Judge of Appeal

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Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen

1 Thank you for being here this afternoon. Into its fifth year, IMPRINTS is a time, once again, for Academy Publishing to say a heartfelt thanks to all its contributors who have played a part in its success.

2 Academy Publishing has grown phenomenally under the guidance of the Commissioning Panel, the Publications Committee and the Council of Law Reporting. However, the greatest thanks are due to the very small Academy Publishing team who have consistently produced the highest quality work for all of its authors.

3 In these brief remarks, I want to begin by outlining what is in store for *the future*.

4 First, as we continue to build our repository of Singapore law titles in the form of books, journals and law reports, student primers could also be included where appropriate.

5 Secondly, we are also looking to expand the scope of Academy Publishing to include books as well as monographs on Asian and ASEAN law. In this regard, we could partner institutions such as the Asian Law Institute as well as the Asian Business Law Institute.

6 Thirdly, we will further develop online publishing. I say “further develop” as we have already made some inroads into this: LawNet is ubiquitous in every lawyer’s arsenal of online research tools; e-publishing prior to print publishing is now the norm for the Singapore Law Reports on LawNet and the SAL journals on Journals Online; and Academy Publishing books are available in LawNet, and the stable of titles will keep expanding as new books become available. And soon, after today, a new journal, *SAL Practitioner*, will be added to Journals Online.

7 So much for the future. We are also here for *the present* – in particular, to celebrate the four new publications that will be launched this evening.

8 The first book is *Law on Carriage of Goods by Sea*. Its author needs no introduction. Like others, I have waited with eager anticipation for this latest edition by Justice Tan Lee Meng, who is the foremost authority in this area of law. Indeed, there is no other authoritative text published in Singapore on the local law relating to carriage of goods by sea and this latest edition represents a real feather in Academy Publishing’s cap.

9 The second book is the first in the Law Practice Casebook Series. *Cases, Materials and Commentary on Singapore Intellectual Property Law*, authored by Professor David Llewelyn, Ng Hui Ming and Nicole Oh, adopts a practical and user-friendly approach which enables readers to quickly grasp the state of the intellectual property law landscape in Singapore. Apart from the carefully curated references to Singapore legislation, regulations and case law, the authors have taken the effort to comprehensively cover not only IP rights relating to the more common areas, such as patents, copyright, and trade marks, but have also discussed the other forms of IP rights such as registered designs, layout-designs of integrated circuits, geographical indications, plant varieties, and confidential information, and other IP matters such as IP litigation and remedies. The lead author is, of course, well-known to us:

Professor Llewelyn is a world-renowned authority on intellectual property law and author as well as co-author of several international texts in this area of the law.

10 I have spoken of digital transition, and publishing is not the only area in transition. A new digital economy is now upon us, and we do have a book which would help us to traverse the terrain. *Data Protection Law in Singapore*, now in its second edition, includes new chapters examining how the legislation has kept pace with technological change and how individual rights have been balanced against business interests in the course of enforcing the law. It also has specialist chapters on image rights and data protection, as well as new chapters on accountability and cross-border transfers and enforcement. The book was edited by Professor Simon Chesterman, who co-authored the work with 13 others, all experts on data protection practices. They are David N Alfred; Jansen Aw; Warren B Chik; Lanx Goh; Graham Greenleaf; Hannah YeeFen Lim; Abu Bakar Munir; Daniel Seng; Bryan Tan; Tan Cheng Han SC; David Tan; Steve Tan and Yeong Zee Kin.

11 Last but by no means least, we have the *SAL Practitioner*. This journal embraces the digital space, and is entirely published in electronic format on Academy Publishing's dedicated journal website, Journals Online. *SAL Practitioner* is a practice-oriented journal that is written with a practice slant and is uniquely published under subject areas of practice. Each subject area of practice is curated by a Subject Editor, an expert practitioner who commissions the contributors and reviews the submissions. The Subject Editors are Abraham Vergis, Kenny Lau; Margaret Joan Ling; Edwin Lee; Andrew Martin; Shashi Nathan; Tan Zhongshan; Yap Teong Liang; Lam Chung Nian; Ashok Kumar; Tan Tee Jim SC and Tan Hui Tsing. An Editorial Board comprising Chan Leng Sun, Chan Hock Keng, Gan Kam Yuin and Andrew Chan provides editorial direction and policy-making; whilst the

Publications Committee (headed by Justice Prakash) has oversight of the journal.

12 If you haven't already accessed Journals Online and the journals within, I encourage you to do so for the content is offered to you at no cost.

13 Now you have before you these four authoritative publications, publications which Justice Prakash and I are exceedingly proud of.

14 Without further ado, let me now start the video which will launch these titles.