ADVOCATES ASSOCIATION OF SARAWAK SIBU BRANCH CHAIRMAN REPORT (09.12.2022 – 16.11.2023)

Dear Members,

A very warm welcome to all of you to our AGM 2023. Below are my brief reports for the activities carried out and events took place during the period from 09.12.2022 to 16.11.2023 both at Central and Branch levels:-

Activities/Events carried out at Branch Level

Date	Activities/Events	Remarks
24.11.2023	Annual General Meeting	
	The current committee was elected to serve the AAS Sibu Branch for the term 2022-2024. The current committee are as follows:-	
	Chairman: Tonny Hii Yii Yik Vice Chairman: Timothy Lim Teng Branch Secretary: Christine S H Lim Branch Treasurer: William Ting Siew Chon Committee Members: Boston Ho Teck Howe Andy Ling Lee Tun Samuel Kie Chang Ee Terence Tiong Ing Jie Christine Wong Chin Hui Penny Su Ni Ni	
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	Meetings were held on 30.12.2022, 17.02.2023, 04.04.2023, 09.06.2023, 26.06.2023 and 27.09.2023.	
	We had a total of 6 Branch Committee meetings throughout 1 year to deliberate matters within Branch and on Central level.	
	Branch Sub-Committees: Civil Court Practice: Timothy Lim Criminal Court Practice: Boston Ho Conveyancing & Land Practice: William Ting Continuing Legal Education: Andy Ling YBGK Sibu: Christine Lim	
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3	18.2.2023	AMLA & Data Protection Seminar	
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		The Seminar was successfully held at Premier	
		Hotel with speakers Datuk Stephen Chung and	
		Mr. Vijayaraj R. Kanniah. A total of 38	
		participants attended the seminar.	
4	7.7.2023	CJSS Dinner	
		A total of 34 Members signed up for the dinner with CJSS.	
		with C355.	
5	14.7.2023	Dialogue Session with Superintendent of	
		Land & Survey Department at Sibu Division	
		The Dialogue Session has been successfully	
		held on 14.07.2023. Dr. Chew Peng Hui, Mr.	
		John Tiong, Ms. Christine Lim, Mr. William	
		Ting and myself attended the dialogue on behalf	
		of AAS Sibu Branch.	
		The letter stating the outcome of the dialogue	
		was circulated via email to all the Members.	
	29.7.2023	AAC Cibu Day Indiciony Comes 2022	
6	29.7.2023	AAS Sibu Bar Judiciary Games 2023	
		The Game was successfully carried out at	
		Woodlands International School. Judiciary is	
		the overall Champion and keeps the Challenger's Trophy. A total of 49 participants,	
		i.e. 24 (from Sibu Bar) and 25 (from Judiciary)	
		participated the event.	
		Sibu Bar Room Minor Renovation	
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		The flooring for the Sibu Bar Room has been	
		replaced with new carpets on 19.01.2023. We	
		have added several cabinets and a round table on 20.01.2023 to make the Bar Room more	
		spacious for Members' usage.	
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8		Siti Nur Shamsiah's matter	
		Siti Nur Shamsiah has fully paid up the	
		outstanding balance of RM5,546.67 after she	
		received the Writ and Statement of Claim filed	
		by our Vice Chairman under his firm on behalf	
		of the AAS.	
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9	Pigeon Hole Rental	
	We extend our appreciation to the firms which are still currently supporting our pigeon hole rental for the past years.	<u>,</u>
10	Stratified Properties (Part 2) Law Seminar	
	We have been informed by Yang Arif Datuk Christopher Chin Soo Yin that he prefers to be our speaker once he retires from Judiciary in December 2023.	
11	Informal Gathering	
	We are looking forward to organise more informal gatherings in year 2024 for junior lawyers.	
12	Legal Aid Service	
	Timothy Lim will be following up on the facilities at UTC and to park this program under Community Transformation Program.	

Activities/Events carried out at Central Level

No.	Date	Activities/Events	Remarks
1	13.1.2023	Opening of Legal Year 2023 held in Miri	
	-	Attended by Tonny Hii together with Branch Committee Timothy Lim, Christine Lim, William Ting, Penny Su, Christine Wong, Boston Ho and Andy Ling.	
2	12.1.2023	Tripartite Bar Meeting	
		Tonny Hii and Christine Lim had attended the meeting on 12.01.2023 together with the Central Committee Members in Pullman Hotel Miri Waterfront to discuss issues arising.	
3	6.4.2023	Meeting with CJSS in Kuching	
		The Meeting was attended by Timothy Lim and William Ting.	:

4	12.4.2023	Bengkel Hala Tuju Perkhidmatan Bantuan Guaman bagi Kes-kes Jenayah di Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur Christine Lim appeared as AAS Representative for the workshop above.	
5	13.5.2023	Workshop on Wildlife Conservation and Crime Management in Kuching Timothy Lim appeared as AAS Representative	
		for the workshop above.	
6	8.6.2023	Family Court Reform Committee Meeting in Kota Kinabalu	
		Christine Lim appeared as AAS Representative for the Committee Meeting.	
7	12.10.2023	Tripartite Bar Games in Bintulu	
	14.10.2023	Timothy Lim together with Christine Lim and Penny Su attended the Gala Dinner.	
		Several Sibu Members participated in the Games (futsal, football, basketball, cross country).	
8	1.12.2023	Young Lawyers & Pupils Workshop in Kuching	
	3.12.2023	The workshop organised by AAS Central will be held in Kuching. Christine Lim as the Head of Young Lawyers & YBGK Sub-Committee is actively involved in organising the workshop.	
9		Admission Hearing in Kuching High Court	
7.7		Christine Lim appeared on behalf of the AAS for the admission and exemption hearing on 30.01.2023 and 24.09.2023 in Kuching.	
10		YBGK	
		Christine Lim is the person in charge of YBGK Sarawak from 2022-2024. We are pleased to inform that most of our Sibu young lawyers have fulfilled their YBGK Pledge in completing 20 YBGK cases in their first year of practice.	

	YBGK Cases (2022-2023)	
	YBGK Sarawak managed to assign the following trials/appeals in Sibu:-	
	CoA Appeal – 3 cases HC Appeal – 6 cases SC Trial – 1 case MC Trial – 8 cases	
	We are proud to inform that our Branch Committee, Boston Ho is one of the speakers for YBGK Training in the upcoming workshop in Kuching.	·
11	Ang Ban Seng's Matter	
	We would like to inform that Mr. Ang Ban Seng has been struck off the Rolls of Advocates.	
12	Pupillage Handbook	
	Christine Lim who is heading the Young Lawyers & YBGK Sub-Committee at Central level is in charge of the Pupillage Handbook for pupils and young lawyers. The Fifth Edition of the Handbook has been	
	circulated via Central's email on 05.10.2023.	
13	Inquiry Committee	
	We have three Sibu Branch Members currently sitting in the Inquiry Committee for the term July 2023 – June 2025, namely John Tiong Ing Hock, Orlando Chua Siau Wei and myself.	
14	Conveyancing & Land Matters Sub- Committee	
1	William Ting is heading the Conveyancing & Land Matters Sub-Committee at Central Level.	
15	Court Practice (Criminal) Sub-Committee	-
	Boston Ho is heading the Court Practice (Criminal) Sub-Committee at Central Level.	
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16	New Sibu Members admitted to Sarawak Bar	
	30.11.2022 – Dominic Song Hua Hieng, Foo Wen Teck, Kathy Teng Mee Chze	
	31.01.2023 – Nur Qashrina Binti Sallehuddin Vanessa Ting Ann Yee, Wong Charng Zheng Ling Guong Zhin, Chung Hui Ming	
	23.03.2023 – Joanne Tang Mei Jie	
	16.06.2023 - Teng Zhen Cin, Jordan Ling Kie Seng	,
	26.09.2023 – Sherlene Lau Li Shien, Ting Jing	
	(highlighted and underlined ones are not Sibu Members but was trained in Sibu)	
17	AAS Website	
	The AAS Website is nearly completed and we hope the website can be launched in December 2023.	I
18	Draft Website Rules	
	The Draft Website Rules has been approved by ADC last year. The Rules are currently pending approval from SAG.	
19	Amendment to Rule 59 Guidelines	
	The Current Rule 59 Guidelines have been circulated via Central's email on 12.07.2023 to all Members in Sarawak.	.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all Sibu Members for your strong support and to my Committee Members for your commitment to AAS Sibu.

Reported by:

TONNY HII YII YIK

Branch Chairman 16.11.2023