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Report #1 on Continuing Professional Development | CPD Training Events

At the 70th Annual General Meeting of the Malaysian Bar (“AGM”) on 19 Mar 2016, Members of the Bar adopted a resolution making the Continuing Professional Development (“CPD”) Scheme mandatory for Members, to take effect on a staggered basis. With effect from 1 July 2016, Members of the Bar admitted as advocates and solicitors of the High Court of Malaya from 1 July 2011 onwards are required to obtain 16 CPD points for each 24-month CPD cycle, and pupils who commenced their pupillage from 1 July 2016 onwards are required to obtain eight CPD points in the course of their pupillage.

This is the first of a series of three reports on the progress of the mandatory CPD Scheme in the current CPD cycle, which runs from 1 July 2016 until 30 June 2018 (“CPD Cycle #3”).

Number of CPD Activities and Participants

The table below contains data regarding the CPD training activities conducted, and the level of participation recorded, based on 989 out of 1,160 events during the first 18 months of CPD Cycle #3, ie from 1 July 2016 to 31 Dec 2017.

All the figures displayed below are based on data received from organisers and updated in our database, as at 25 Jan 2018.

No	CPD Event Organiser(s)	CPD Cycle #3
(1)	Bar Council	170 events (10,316 participants)
(2)	State Bar Committees	318 events (16,857 participants)
(3)	Bar Council, Bar Council Legal Aid Centres, State Bar Committees, and Advocates and Solicitors Disciplinary Board: Events include Advocacy Training Courses and CPD Camps	704 events (33,419 participants)
(4)	Commercial course providers	101 events (4,971 participants)
(5)	Government agencies, academic institutions, non-governmental organisations, and professional bodies	72 events (1,120 participants)



(6)	CPD Roundtables, which include: (a) In-house legal training by legal firms; and (b) Individual Roundtable events initiated by Members of the Bar	290 events (5,495 participants) 8 events (46 participants)
(7)	CPD on Demand: A CPD online training platform accessible at www.lawprez.com/bcm	89 videos (7,644 views)

A summary of the total number of events and participants for CPD Cycle #3 (as available in our database on 25 Jan 2018) is provided in the table below:

	CPD Cycle #3
Total events	1,160 events
Total participants	44,280 participants (for 989 out of 1,160 events), comprising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 28,590 Members ▪ 9,800 pupils in chambers ▪ 5,890 other participants

Of the 1,160 events held between 1 July 2016 and 31 Dec 2017:

- (1) 207 events (ie 17.8%) were free of charge; and
- (2) 255 events (ie 21.9%) had fees of between RM10 and RM50 (excluding 6% GST) per participant.

As such, the fee for 462 of the 1,160 events (ie 39.8%) was RM50 or less.

Thank you.

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