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Community Justice Centre to aid unrepresented court users

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Community Justice Centre (CJC) - which seeks to assist unrepresented litigants through its service - has been established by the Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports, Ministry of Law, Subordinate Courts, Tan Chin Tuan Foundation, and The Law Society of Singapore.

The five organisations on Wednesday inked a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to establish the integrated one-stop hub that would provide various support services for litigants-in-person in need, including referral services to existing programmes.

"Unrepresented, needy litigants would be offered help to navigate the court system more confidently, calmly and with adequate knowledge and facts," said Chew Kwee San, Council Member of the Tan Chin Tuan Foundation.

The CJC - a community partnership between the public sector, the philanthropic sector, and the legal profession - will be located at the Subordinate Courts and will commence operation by the fourth quarter of 2012. In its initial years, the Tan Chin Tuan Foundation will provide 'seed' funding.