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**SWEARING-IN CEREMONY OF SUNDARESH MENON, S.C.  
AS ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND A MEMBER OF  
THE PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL FOR MINORITY RIGHTS  
-- 1 OCTOBER, 2010**

Senior Counsel Sundaresh Menon assumes office as the 6<sup>th</sup> Attorney-General of Singapore on 1 October 2010.

Mr Menon took his oath of office as Attorney-General and also as a member of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights ("PCMR") at the Istana today. His appointment to the Presidential Council for Minority Rights is for a period of 3 years with effect from 1 October 2010.



Commenting on his appointment as Attorney-General, Mr Menon said:

*"I consider it a great privilege to be entrusted with this very important work. The office of the Attorney-General carries with it a very heavy responsibility, in particular as the Government's chief legal adviser, and as the Public Prosecutor and I pledge to do all I can to meet the challenges which lie ahead with integrity and honour.*

*The ability of the Attorney-General to discharge his responsibilities depends greatly on having the support of a body of strong advocates and advisors with a fearless sense of justice and a commitment to the Rule of Law. The policies that have been in place in the past have ensured that there is an excellent body of officers in the Attorney-General's Chambers. I very much look forward to working with this team of dedicated and committed public service lawyers led by the Solicitor-General, Mrs Koh Juat Jong, to ensure that we continue to provide the Government of Singapore with the highest level of legal advice and representation. I also hope that the experience I will bring from my background as a private practitioner will contribute to a useful mix of ideas and expertise.*

*The maintenance of the Rule of Law in Singapore has been pivotal to our success as a nation. The Office of the Attorney-General as the advisor to the Government, as the superintendent of all prosecutions and as the guardian of the public interest has been an important institution in contributing to the upholding of the Rule of Law. I am humbled by the gravity of the responsibility that has been entrusted to me and I will do my best in serving Singapore in this capacity."*

## **Fact Sheet**

### **CURRICULUM VITAE OF MR SUNDARESH MENON S.C.**

Mr Menon, 48, graduated with Bachelor of Laws (First Class Honours) from the National University of Singapore in 1986 and later obtained a Master of Laws degree from Harvard Law School in 1991. He was admitted as an advocate and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore in 1987 and as an Attorney and Counsellor-at-law of the Bar of the State of New York in 1992. He was appointed Senior Counsel in January 2008.

Mr Menon started his legal practice at Shook Lin & Bok and became a partner there in 1990. He was later a partner at Wong Meng Meng & Partners (now known as Wong Partnership) and then at Rajah & Tann. Mr Menon joined the international law firm, Jones Day, in 2003 as a partner and Head of International Litigation and Arbitration in Asia.

From April 2006 to March 2007, Mr Menon served as a Judicial Commissioner of the Supreme Court. After his stint at the Bench, he returned to Rajah & Tann becoming the Managing Partner in August 2009, a position he has held until his appointment as the Attorney-General on 1 October 2010.

Mr Menon is recognised as one of the leading lawyers in the fields of commercial litigation and arbitration, insolvency and construction law, in Singapore and abroad. He has advised and represented numerous local and overseas clients in complex and technical disputes and served in arbitration tribunals in various jurisdictions. During his term as Judicial Commissioner, he presided over several prominent criminal and civil cases in the High Court. He was the Deputy Chairman of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre and has also represented Singapore at UNCITRAL.

As the Attorney-General, Mr Menon will be the Government's chief legal adviser and the Public Prosecutor.

His other appointments include the following:

- Member of the Legal Service Commission;
- Vice-President of the Senate of the Singapore Academy of Law;
- Judge Advocate-General under the Singapore Armed Forces Act;
- Commissioner of the Law Revision Commission; and
- Member of the Rules Committee under the Supreme Court of Judicature Act.

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