

MEDIA STATEMENT
23 October 2015

Public Nuisance at Hong Lim Park on 27 Sep 2014

Administering of 24-month conditional warning to Goh Aik Huat

1. Goh Aik Huat (“Goh”) is one of four persons who claimed trial to a charge of committing a public nuisance in furtherance of a common intention, an offence punishable under Section 290 read with Section 34 of the Penal Code (Cap. 224, 2008 Rev. Ed.) (“the nuisance offence”), arising from the events of 27 September 2014 at Hong Lim Park in connection with YMCA Proms @ the Park 2014 and #ReturnOurCPF (“the 27 September 2014 incident”).
2. Goh was jointly-tried together with Han Hui Hui, Koh Yew Beng and Low Wai Choo in State Court No. 6 from 13 to 16 October 2015. Goh and the other co-accused persons, having discharged their defence counsel prior to the trial, chose to conduct their own defence. The trial is now part-heard.
3. Following the close of proceedings on 16 October 2015, the Prosecution became aware that Goh had engaged counsel, who then made representations to the Attorney-General’s Chambers.
4. Upon careful consideration of these representations, Goh’s culpability relative to that of the other co-accused persons, his willingness to apologise unreservedly to those affected by his conduct on 27 September 2014 and undertake not to engage in such conduct in future, as well as his conduct during the trial, the Prosecution has decided to discontinue the prosecution against Goh, and has directed the Police to administer a 24-month conditional warning to him instead.
5. The 24-month conditional warning was administered by the Police on 21 October 2015. Should Goh commit any fresh offence within the 24-month period, he may be prosecuted for both the fresh offence and the nuisance offence.
6. The 24-month conditional warning administered to Goh brings the total number of persons administered 24-month conditional warnings arising from the 27 September 2014 incident to eight. Two other persons, Chua Siew Leng and Ngerng Yi Ling, have pleaded guilty to their respective charges arising from the 27 September 2014 incident, and have been fined a total of \$300 and \$1,900 respectively.

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