

FAMILY LAW MEDIATION PILOT PROJECT

The Singapore Mediation Centre (“SMC”) would like to extend an invitation to you, to participate as a mediator in a pilot project to encourage Family Law Mediation (“the Pilot Project”) at SMC.

The Pilot Project will involve accrediting Family Law practitioners as SMC Associate Mediators. In the circumstances, you are cordially invited to apply to be an Associate Mediator for the Pilot Project. Please fill up the registration form attached to this letter and return it by fax or post by **Monday, 6 November 2009** if you would like to participate in the Pilot Project (*please note that only participants with 7 years of post-qualification experience in family law practice in Singapore may apply*). The training for the Pilot Project would be as follows:

- (i) Participants are required to attend a 2 day basic mediation workshop¹ on **2 – 3 December 2009**;
- (ii) On completion of the 2-day basic workshop, participants would go through clinical training of:-
 - (a) Half-day Coaching and Assessment Session through role plays with coaches who will provide feedback on the participants; and
 - (b) Observation by co-mediator of up to 3 mediations under the Pilot Project (or, at the discretion of SMC, any other SMC mediation), who would provide feedback to SMC.

Only participants with satisfactory feedback reports would be accredited as SMC’s Associate Mediators i.e. there may be circumstances under which you may not be accredited.

For your further information, you may wish to note that the Panel of Associate Mediators is different from SMC’s Panel of Principal Mediators. In general, mediation cases referred to SMC are only assigned to the Panel of Principal Mediators. The accreditation of ‘Associate Mediator’ is a formal recognition of one’s mediation skills and does not mean that one is assigned SMC’s normal cases. However, SMC may assign cases under specific schemes (such as the Small Case Commercial Mediation Scheme or the Pilot Project) to Associate Mediators. An Associate Mediator would also have to pay an annual fee to SMC and would be entitled to certain benefits and privileges².

*Please note that the workshop will only take place if a minimum number of participants sign-up.

¹ A waiver of the attendance at a basic mediation workshop may be obtained if a participant had attended the SMC basic mediation workshop or equivalent within the last 2 years.

² More information available at SMC’s website at www.mediation.com.sg

