

Council: JPs can ease case backlog

By ZUHRIN AZAM AHMAD

THE Government should seriously consider appointing Justices of Peace (JPs) as Second Class Magistrates in places where there is a shortage of judicial officers to help clear backlogged cases.

Selangor Council of Justices of Peace vice-president Datuk Dr Manjit Singh Sachdev said the appointed JPs could be assigned to deal with simple factual cases such as summonses issued by the traffic police and local authorities.

"We submitted a proposal to the Government several years ago and have had several discussions with the relevant authorities but until now there has been no development.

"We hope the authorities will look into the proposal seriously because a lot of backlogged cases can be dealt with and cleared quickly if it is implemented," he said after leading 20 council members on a visit to *The Star* headquarters in Petaling Jaya on Wednesday.

Dr Manjit said that while the council was fully aware that the Government needed to be very care-

ful in appointing JPs as Second Class Magistrates, they should also consider the amount of time that could be saved with the move.

"It will also ease the magistrates' burden so they can concentrate on other cases," he said.

On the council's activities, Dr Manjit said they had opened five community service centres to provide help to residents in Selangor and Kuala Lumpur Federal Territory.

The service centres are in Klang, Banting, Rawang, Shah Alam and Kuala Lumpur.

The visitors were earlier briefed on the newspaper's operations by *The Star* group chief editor Datuk Wong Sulong.

Also present were deputy group chief editor II Datuk Wong Chun Wai, managing editor Teh Eng Huat, news editor Wong Sai Wan and other senior editors.

The JPs later toured the newspaper's editorial department and were briefed on news-gathering operations by Sai Wan.

The visit was to foster a closer relationship between the council and the newspaper.



News editor Wong Sai Wan (left) briefing visitors from the Selangor Justices of Peace Council on newdesk operations during their visit to Menara Star. Dr Manjit Singh is second from left.



Lim explaining the rationale behind the tiger design for the new Malayan Tiger sports kit to be donned by all national sports teams.

LUCT head takes pride in new kit's stripes

By ROYCE CHEAH

LIMKOKWING University College of Creative Technology (LUCT) president Tan Sri Lim Kok Wing takes great pride in LUCT's role in the design of the Malayan Tiger theme of the new kit for national teams to international sports events.

LUCT redesigned the winning competition entry by assistant architect Zulkifli Abdul Aziz from Johor, which was unveiled by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak on Monday.

"We hope the design will instil the tiger's fighting spirit in our athletes," he said when met at his office in Cyberjaya recently.

Lim added that even if Malaysia were to lose a game, the act of having displayed a never-say-die perfor-

mance while clad in the new Tiger kit would be good enough to get the public in high spirits.

"They may lose, but they can never be defeated. I hope Malaysians will rally behind this new uniform."

Lim said that though the tiger was the focus of the design, it should not be dismissed as just another unoriginal tiger design.

"There are reasons why we used the tiger, so the focus should be on the concept which is the tiger's fearlessness, strength, courage and its ability to strike fear in people."

Lim said in terms of branding for the country, the new kit might start a "I want to be one of them" fad.

"Children might aspire to be athletes after watching our sports teams in the new kit, or parents might tell their kids to try to be one of the

Tigers."

Lim also pointed out similarities between the new sports kit and the National Service uniform that was also designed by LUCT.

"The NS uniform also has tiger-stripes although in a different colour scheme. The similarity is not an accident. There must always be consistency in branding," he added.

The Malaysian contingent to the 23rd SEA Games, which begins in Manila on Nov 27, will be the first batch of athletes to wear the new attire.

The tracksuit and jersey are orange-based with wide black stripes.

Both attire have the Malaysian flag on the front right and the word "Malaysia" printed on the back. The front left is kept open for sponsors.



Liang plans to present her Chinese calligraphy to the two most generous donors.

Offers of help pour in for tumour-stricken Liang

By XANDRIA OOI

THE plight of Poesy Liang, a talented 30-year-old interior designer suffering from a painful spinal cord tumour, has touched the hearts of many people who wish to give her a helping hand.

They include Wijayah International Medical Center, which has offered to provide Liang with the CyberKnife Stereotactic Radio-surgery treatment that she needs to stop the reproduction of tumour cells in her spinal cord.

"We would like to contribute in any way we can, such as assessing Poesy's situation and providing tests and CyberKnife treatment at a reduced cost," said the medical centre's deputy chairman Datuk Chor Chee Heung after reading about Liang's plight in *StarMetro* recently.

After extensive research over recent years and meeting with the best medical professionals, Liang has made a firm decision to seek treatment at Stanford Hospital and Clinics in the United States.

"I am proud that Malaysia is so advanced in purchasing the CyberKnife machine, and have met with doctors here who were recently trained in using the

machine," said Liang.

"Unfortunately, my case is more complicated than usual, and after close and lengthy discussions with expert medical professionals, we have come to the conclusion that it would be best to have Dr John Adler from Stanford perform the surgery."

Liang is extremely touched by the number of well wishers who have e-mailed or called her. A day after her story was published, she received a cheque for RM10,000 from a generous donor.

It was evident that her story has touched lives.

"You have inspired me to do something better in life, not just for my own benefit but for the benefit of others as well. I thank you and wish you the best in everything that life has to offer," wrote one *StarMetro* reader.

Liang plans to present her Chinese calligraphy artwork to the two most generous donors and will donate excess funds to a centre that provides food, accommodation and education to girls living in the rural area of Tenghilan, Sabah.

To help raise funds for Liang's operation, visit www.poesyliang.net, e-mail poesyliang@gmail.com, or call 016-241 4963.