

# MEDIA RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE REPORTING

## Prosecution Against ALG Education Centre Manager

1. The Council for Private Education (CPE) has filed charges with the Magistrate's Court against Ken Yong, the manager of ALG Education Centre (ALG), for the following contravention of the Private Education Act (Act):

Section 62(4) – Failure to furnish the CPE with information in compliance with a Requisition Order issued on 10 Feb 2011 on three occasions.

2. The punishment for the offence under Section 62(4) of the Act is a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months, or both. In the case of a continuing offence, there is a further fine not exceeding \$1,000 for every day or part thereof during which the offence continues after conviction.

3. The CPE is unable to comment further on the case as it is now before the Courts.

### Update on Placement of ALG Students

4. Following the cancellation of ALG's deemed registration<sup>1</sup>, the CPE had, from 16 June 2011, conducted an exercise to place affected ALG students with EduTrust-certified private education institutions (PEIs) so that they could complete their studies. The exercise has concluded successfully as follows:

Outcome	Number of Students
Transferred/ Transferring to other PEIs	24
Opted to look for other PEIs of their choice	4
Uncontactable	2
Total	30

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<sup>1</sup> Under Section 74 of the Private Education Act, schools previously registered by the Ministry of Education (MOE) under the Education Act would be deemed to be registered as private education institutions for a period of up to 18 months ending on 20 June 2011.

5. ALG students, especially those who were not placed in the first round of the exercise, may still approach the CPE Student Services Centre for assistance if required.

6. The contact details are:

CPE Student Services Centre  
1 Orchard Road (YMCA International House), #01-01  
Singapore 238834  
Tel: 6592 2108  
Email: CPE\_CONTACT@cpe.gov.sg

### **About the Council for Private Education**

The Council for Private Education (CPE) is a statutory board established in December 2009 to regulate the private education industry. The Council has implemented two schemes – the mandatory Enhanced Registration Framework and the EduTrust Certification scheme – to uplift and maintain standards in the private education sector. Besides its role as a sectoral regulator, the Council also provides student services and public education through its Student Services Centre, and promotes the development of the private education industry. For more information, please visit the CPE website at <http://www.cpe.gov.sg/>.

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