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Prosecution Against Cambridge Business School

1. The Council for Private Education (CPE) has filed charges with the Magistrate's Court against Cambridge Business School (CBS) and its ex-managers for the following contraventions of the Private Education Act (Act):

- a. Section 43(1) – Against CBS for offering or providing a course without written permission from the CPE.
- b. Section 41(1)(a) – Against three ex-managers, Tan Cheng Hoe; Tan Cheng San and Guo Qiaoli, for failure to keep proper records of students.

2. The punishment for each offence under Section 41(1)(a) and Section 43(1) 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.

4. The CPE understands that CBS' last batch of students completed their diploma studies in June 2011. The CPE has conducted checks on CBS to ensure that it fulfils its obligation to these students. Students can approach the CPE if they require further assistance.

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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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