

**Notification for Stakeholders for
Criminal Proceedings
(position as at 6 February 2020)**

The Judiciary made a public announcement on 1 February 2020 that in view of public health consideration, all hearings of the courts/tribunals originally scheduled from February 3 to February 9 will generally be adjourned (“adjourned period”). The courts will however handle urgent and essential hearings and/or matters during this period.

2. On 1 February 2020, the Judiciary informed the stakeholders of the types of urgent and essential hearings and/or matters to be handled during the adjourned period.

3. The Judiciary has reviewed the position in the light of the latest developments. The Judiciary will handle the following types of criminal proceedings at the High Court, District Court and the Magistrates’ Courts starting from 6 February 2020 :

- (a) All cases in which the defendants are remanded in custody pending preparation of Training Centre report, Detention Centre report, Rehabilitation Centre report, Drug Addiction Treatment Centre report and/or psychiatric report, and in respect of which the return dates fall within the court closure period between 29 January 2020 and 9 February 2020.

**Judiciary Administration
6 February 2020**