



# Admissions Ceremony (3<sup>rd</sup>)

## 13 December 2007

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### **Chief Justice's observations**

We congratulate you, ladies and gentlemen, on your substantial personal achievement.

You enter a noble profession. Legal practitioners discharge a critically important function in ensuring those who need legal services, are provided with them: competently, indeed expertly, and ethically.

But because legal services are by nature expensive to the consumer, and because those needing them sometimes lack the requisite means, we hope you will embrace a pro bono commitment. A conscientious lawyer is driven by a wish to help his or her fellow beings, not a quest to accumulate material resources.

In congratulating you, we extend our gratitude to your families and supporters, who will no doubt have assisted you in various ways to this milestone. We trust they remain sources of support and wise guidance.

And we wish you all a restful and fulfilling Christmas season.