

'Smart Money User' tips for women

By Narissa Noor

CAROL Yip, a certified personal finance coach and author of "Smart Money User" and "Money Rules", will be giving tried and tested advice on managing money at the Women's Forum on August 5 at the Empire Hotel and Country Club.

Three hundred women from the corporate community, government, academia, entrepreneurs and members of women's organisations and social circles will be participating in this year's forum to learn, network and share experiences on key issues, challenges and the important roles of women on leadership, entrepreneurship, unique abilities of women in making a difference, and women managing money.

The theme "Women Rising: New Aspirations, New Challenges" hopes to inspire women in Brunei not only from the success stories of local and Asian leaders but also promote personal financing for women and empower them with their own societal values, morality and integrity through involvement and contributions in non-governmental organisations.

Carol is the Founder and CEO of Abacus for Money and The Abacus Academy. She provides counsel and empowers individuals to be smart money users and detach themselves from emotional and financial distress by understanding their psychological behaviour and habits towards their money.

Carol is also engaged in the education project driven by Central Bank of Malaysia's Credit

Counselling and Debt Management Agency (AKPK) to educate people about their finances.

Her extensive understanding of the financial psychology has enabled her to create unique workshops and professional coaching programmes under Abacus Self-Empowerment Network (ASEN), which are specially designed to allow for self-discovery in people's financial behaviour and personal effectiveness.

Driven by her passion in sharing with people of all walks of life the paramount importance of personal money skills, Carol also focuses her profession in teaching money skills programmes to not only women, but a broad spectrum of young kids, teenagers, youths, matured adults, employees, families, business community and senior citizens.

The forum will also feature two other distinguished women achievers from abroad: Datin Marina Mahathir, distinguished columnist, socio-blogger, women's rights advocate and daughter of Malaysia's fourth Prime Minister; and Veronica Colondam, Founder and CEO of Yayasan Cinta Anak Bangsa, an Indonesian organisation that has a strong track record in protecting young urban children from drugs.

The forum will also honour outstanding Brunei women leaders at a "Tribute to Brunei Women Leaders". These recognition and citations seek to recognise and reward Bruneian women for their leadership in their respective fields and their contribution to the Brunei economy in general.

To register for the forum or get more information, contact Nanette Ramos at 2226555 or email conference@asiaincforum.com.



Carol Yip, author and certified finance coach, will be speaking at the upcoming Women's Forum in August

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Ganja suspect's remand extended

By Ilham Rizal

A MALAYSIAN man recently charged with possession of about two kilogrammes of Ganja for trafficking was brought to court yesterday for extension of his remand period at the Jerudong Prison.

Jefrey Tang Siew Hock's alleged possession for

the purpose of trafficking is still under investigation and no plea was taken.

The defendant will be brought to court again on July 1 for further mention of the case.

The Narcotics Control Bureau is still waiting for analysis result of the alleged drugs found on the defendant and other relevant examinations are being made.