

FACULTY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Deanery Visit to U.S. Law Schools

Dean Tan Cheng Han '87 and Vice-Dean Robert Beckman visited several leading law schools in the United States in October 2002. The purpose of the visit was to broaden academic links and collaboration. The trip took them to the law schools of Harvard, Yale, Columbia and New York University (NYU). In addition, Prof Beckman continued on to Chicago to visit Northwestern University Law School. Assoc Prof Alex Loke '90, who is pursuing his doctorate at Columbia, accompanied the Deans to Yale and Harvard.

In New York, the Deans had dinner with two NUS graduates who are working with New York law firms, Samuel Huen '98 and Nicholas Song '95. Nicholas, who was the first NUS graduate to be a Hauser Scholar at NYU, assisted in organising the visit to NYU Law School. Thereafter, the Dean of Columbia Law School and the Global Law Program of NYU co-hosted a dinner for the Deans.

Professor Michael Reisman of Yale, a member of the Faculty's International Advisory Panel, assisted in organising the trip to Yale Law School. At Harvard, a dinner for the Deans was co-hosted at Loeb House by Thomas J. Vallely, Director of the Kennedy School's Center for Business and Government, Vietnam Programme, and Prof Lance Liebman, Director of the Parker School of Foreign & Comparative Law, Columbia Law School. Prof Leibman, former Dean of Columbia Law School and professor at Harvard, assisted in organising the Deans' visits to both Columbia and Harvard. At Harvard, the Deans met Assistant Professor Tan Seow Han '97 who is pursuing her doctorate at Harvard, as well as several NUS graduates who are currently in the LL.M. program at Harvard.

As a result of the trip, agreement in principle has been reached for student exchange agreements with both NYU and Northwestern. The Faculty already has a student exchange agreement with Columbia, and during their visit the Deans met NUS student Jon Nair, who is on exchange at Columbia in the current academic year. The trip was very successful, and several joint collaborations are currently being discussed as a follow-up to the trip.