

## FACULTY ANNOUNCEMENT

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### **NUS Law Faculty wins bid to host WTO Regional Trade Policy Course**

The Law Faculty of NUS has won a bid to host the Regional Trade Policy Course (RTPC) of the World Trade Organization (WTO) in Asia from 2007. NUS competed with three other universities in Asia in the bid. With the win, NUS will be the first university in Southeast Asia to be WTO's partner institution for the course.

The 12-week course, to be held at the Faculty's new premises at Bukit Timah, will provide intensive training in WTO law and policy for trade officials from the Asia-Pacific region.

The RTPC is largely modeled after the Trade Policy Course which is held annually in Geneva at the WTO, but will provide a greater regional emphasis on trade issues. The RTPC in Singapore will take advantage of NUS' expertise on Asia and trade, and its strong links with regional universities.

NUS professors will partner WTO staff and other Asian experts to co-teach the course. The Faculty's Associate Professor Locknie Hsu, who teaches *Trade Dispute Mechanisms and Trade, Law and Development*, will oversee the course as its Academic Coordinator.

The course, which is expected to be hosted in Singapore for three years, forms the first phase of a two-phase cooperative relationship with WTO to build trade capacity in the Asian region.