The National University of Singapore has been chosen to house the Secretariat of the first ever Asian Society of International Law.

The society will serve as a think tank where law practitioners from around Asia can discuss issues relating to international law and have their ideas published.

The formation of the society comes after two years of discussions and meetings between international law practitioners from over 12 countries in Asia.

Dean of the Law Faculty in NUS Prof Tan Cheng Han says it is about time Asian lawyers had a platform of their own to discuss international law.

"Recent events have shown us that international law in a globalised world is a body of law that is of crucial importance and we in Asia must be clear in our minds, we cannot neglect it, we cannot allow other international law scholars around the world to do the running on international law, we need our own perspectives to be brought to the table as well."

Japanese Judge Hisashi Owada, who sits on the International Court of Justice has been elected as the first President of the Society.

He will be holding the society's first business meeting on Monday to elect 20 members to sit on the society's governing council.

938LIVE understands that 2 of the seats will be filled by Singaporeans.

Currently, the society is only recruiting individual lawyers to become members but it has plans to recruit law firms and other corporate members in future.