S’pore to set up new centre for international law

Centre at NUS is part of govt plan to liberalise legal services sector

SINGAPORE is setting up a new centre to provide education and research in international law and legal services. Proposed to be called the Centre for International Law, it will be housed at the National University of Singapore and will be a part of a broader government plan to liberalise the legal services sector.

The centre, which will be headed by Professor Victor Davis, a leading international law scholar, will offer graduate courses in international law. It will also serve as a resource for legal practitioners and researchers.

The establishment of the centre is part of a government initiative to attract more international lawyers and clients to Singapore. It is expected to boost the city-state’s position as a regional legal hub.

Professor Davis said: “Singapore has a strong legal tradition and a reputation for excellence. The establishment of this centre will help to further enhance our reputation and attract more international clients.”

The centre will also offer opportunities for collaboration with universities and organisations around the world, including the International Law Association and the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law.

The centre is expected to be operational in 2021.