NUS Law in Financial Times Survey of 49 Leading LLM Programmes

The NUS Law School has recently appeared in a Financial Times (FT) survey of 49 law schools worldwide offering post-graduate Master of Laws (LLM) degree programmes. In its November 2008 report, FT surveyed the various concentrations or specialisations available in these schools’ programmes, as well as their student diversity profile and enrolment size. According to FT (click here for article), the law schools included in its survey are those recommended by the world's top law firms as those from which they would prefer to recruit.

NUS Law is one of only two law schools in Asia appearing in the survey. In the 2008/2009 academic year, a total of 169 students from 42 countries are registered in 7 different LLM programmes at NUS Law - Corporate & Financial Services Law, International Business Law, Intellectual Property & Technology Law, Maritime Law, International & Comparative Law, Asian Legal Studies and a general programme without specialisation. The presence of students from 42 different countries makes NUS Law one of the most diverse programmes for its size.

In an accompanying report (http://media.ft.com/cms/2369926c-aed7-11dd-b621-000077b07658.pdf ), FT highlights the point that as business becomes more global, so too does the demand for lawyers who practice across legal jurisdictions. This is consistent with NUS Law's own objective, which is to train versatile graduates capable of operating in different legal and cultural environments. FT also interviewed Assoc. Prof. Alan Tan, Vice-Dean of Graduate Studies at NUS Law, on the factors that he believes students should look for in picking an LLM programme - leading professors and courses, reputation of the school, employment prospects and the "fun" factor in the school's location or region. These are factors which NUS Law scores strongly for, and will continue to build on in its quest to educate globally-minded lawyers.