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Launch of Geoffrey Bartholomew Professorship

Having raised more than S\$2 million, the National University of Singapore (NUS) Faculty of Law launched the Geoffrey Bartholomew Professorship and appointed the inaugural Geoffrey Bartholomew Professor on Friday, 20 August 2010.

The Geoffrey Bartholomew Professorship Endowed Fund was initiated in July 2005. Professor Geoffrey Bartholomew was a teacher of law, legal scholar and Dean, at the Faculty of Law, University of Malaya which later became known as the University of Singapore and now the National University of Singapore. He went on to become the founding Dean of the New South Wales Institute of Technology which was later renamed the University of Technology, Sydney. Professor Bartholomew has indelibly influenced generations of lawyers in Singapore and Malaysia through his teaching and writing. His seminal research and writing form a substantial part of the foundation of legal literature and legal history in Singapore and Malaysia and the development of each country's autochthonous legal system.

The University has appointed NUS Faculty of Law's Professor Tan Yock Lin as the inaugural Geoffrey Bartholomew Professor.

Prof Tan has played a very prominent role in law reform in Singapore. He was appointed to the Singapore Academy of Law's Law Reform Committee by the then Judge of Appeal, Justice LP Thean, in the mid-1990s. In recognition of his contributions, he was given the Public Service Bronze award in 2008. The passion and intensity which he has brought to his classes have been richly appreciated by the students. Besides the teaching he has done, he has written extensively on the laws of evidence, criminal procedure, conflict of laws, the legal profession and trust law. He has also taught in many subjects outside his chosen areas of research, including legal methods and constitutional law.

Professor Tan Cheng Han, Dean, NUS Faculty of Law, said, "It is befitting that the inaugural appointee is Professor Tan Yock Lin. Besides sharing a deep practice in the law, both Professor Tan and Professor Bartholomew started out as economists. Though their paths may not quite have crossed, each has left indelible footprints for the rest of us to follow. Just as Professor Bartholomew had touched many lives in his time at the University, Prof Tan continues to share his wealth of experience and knowledge with many of our law students."

