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Professor Tan Cheng Han to serve a fourth term as Dean of NUS Faculty of Law

The National University of Singapore (NUS) is pleased to announce that Professor Tan Cheng Han will be serving an unprecedented fourth term as the Dean of the Faculty of Law.

Prof Tan, who was appointed Dean of Law on 1 May 2001, will be the longest-serving Dean in the history of the Faculty when he completes his current term on 31 May 2010. During this time, Prof Tan has presided over an exciting phase of the law school's development. Under his able leadership, the Faculty of Law is today regarded as a leading global law school with exciting programmes and partnerships, talented faculty as well as a diverse and vibrant student community.

Having served as Dean for almost a decade, Prof Tan had expressed a strong desire to return to full-time research and teaching, which he enjoys greatly. A Dean Search Committee was established and two strong candidates were shortlisted from applications and nominations. After much deliberation, the University decided to approach Prof Tan to serve a fourth term.

Professor Tan Eng Chye, Deputy President (Academic Affairs) and Provost, said, "We would like to place on record the University's profound thanks for the leadership Cheng Han has displayed during his first three terms, and for accepting a fourth term."

Said Prof Tan Cheng Han on his plans for his fourth term as Dean of Law, "One of my priorities is to consolidate NUS Law's standing as one of the leading global law schools. We intend to develop new international programmes while growing existing ones, as well as launch a number of ground-breaking research projects. This leads to the second priority which is to increase the resources available to the law school to achieve our ambitions."

NUS Provost Prof Tan Eng Chye added, "Cheng Han has been described by the Faculty's International Advisory Panel as a 'great Dean' whose Deanship has been 'transformational' for the law school. He is a respected scholar and a popular teacher. As a Senior Counsel, Specialist Judge and arbitrator, Cheng Han also has the professional respect of the wider legal community. We believe that he is the best person to lead the Faculty of Law for another three years to cement its place as one of the great law schools of the world."

Prof Tan Cheng Han's fourth term as Dean of Law is expected to end in 2013.

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About the Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore

With a rich heritage spanning over 50 years, the NUS Faculty of Law is one of the finest law schools in the world, and is widely regarded as Asia's leading law school. Home to an outstanding permanent faculty with law degrees from more than a dozen jurisdictions, the law school is an institution dedicated to building a community and an environment in which faculty and students can discuss and reflect on the fundamental legal issues that affect societies in today's globalised world.

The roots of the Faculty lie in the establishment of the Department of Law in the then University of Malaya in 1956. The first law students were admitted to the Bukit Timah campus of the University in 1957. In 1959, the Department attained Faculty status with Professor Lionel Astor ("Lee") Sheridan serving as the founding Dean. The pioneer class of law students graduated in 1961, and counts among its most illustrious members Professor Tommy Koh, Singapore's Ambassador-at-Large and Chairman of the NUS Law Advisory Board, Chief Justice of Singapore Chan Sek Keong and Emeritus Professor Koh Kheng Lian.

Other prominent alumni include Professor S Jayakumar, Singapore's Senior Minister and Co-ordinating Minister for National Security, Mr K Shanmugam, Singapore's Minister for Law and Second Minister for Home Affairs, Professor Walter Woon, Attorney-General of Singapore and Mrs Koh Juat Jong, Solicitor-General of Singapore.

About National University of Singapore (NUS)

A leading global university centred in Asia, the National University of Singapore (NUS) is Singapore's flagship university which offers a global approach to education and research, with a focus on Asian perspectives and expertise.

NUS has 14 faculties and schools across three campuses. Its transformative education includes a broad-based curriculum underscored by multi-disciplinary courses and cross-faculty enrichment. Over 30,000 students from 100 countries enrich the community with their diverse social and cultural perspectives.

NUS has three Research Centres of Excellence and 23 university-level research institutes and centres. It also shares a close affiliation with 16 national-level research institutes and centres. Research activities are strategic and robust, and NUS is well-known for its research strengths in engineering, life sciences and biomedicine, social sciences and natural sciences. It also strives to create a supportive and innovative environment to promote creative enterprise within its community.

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