SINGAPORE: The National University of Singapore's (NUS) Law Faculty celebrated its 50th anniversary by establishing the Lionel A. Sheridan Professorship in honour of its founding dean.

This was announced on Saturday at a reunion dinner for its pioneer graduating class of '61, which will kick-start the fundraising campaign for the professorship.

Speaking at the dinner at the NUS Bukit Timah campus, NUS president Professor Tan Chorh Chuan said the newly established professorship will contribute significantly to the faculty’s continued progress and development as a leading law school.

Founding dean, Professor Sheridan, had taught the first six graduating classes from 1956 to 1962.

He also planned curriculum, set up a law library and negotiated for professional recognition of local law graduates at the then Department of Law.

Singapore’s Chief Justice Chan Sek Keong and Ambassador-at-Large, Professor Tommy Koh - both members of NUS' pioneer class of 22 law students who graduated on 10 July 1961 - were also at the reunion dinner.

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