Prof Simon Chesterman designated as next Dean of NUS Law School

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Prof Simon Chesterman, currently the Vice Dean (Graduate Studies) at the NUS Law School, will take over from Prof Tan Cheng Han as NUS Law's 14th Dean with effect from 1 January 2012. The appointment follows an extensive international search by a Committee led by the NUS Provost.

Said NUS President Prof Tan Chorh Chuan of the new Dean-designate: "In Prof Simon Chesterman, an outstanding international scholar and passionate educator, we have a new Dean with the vision and leadership to bring NUS Law to even greater heights of excellence."

"Prof Chesterman's varied international experiences have given him a keen understanding of global and regional sensitivities. Coupled with his leadership abilities, this will enable him to continue building on the Faculty's strong global reputation while growing its contributions and impact in a rising Asia," said Prof Tan Eng Chye, Deputy President (Academic Affairs) and Provost of NUS.

The NUS Law School currently enjoys a strong reputation and is widely regarded as Asia's leading law school. Expressing the University's deep appreciation to outgoing Law Dean Prof Tan Cheng Han for his transformative leadership of the School, Prof Tan Chorh Chuan said: "He has raised NUS Law to new heights with a global and Asian outlook, and established groundbreaking partnerships with leading overseas partners such as New York University."

Dean Prof Tan Cheng Han has served as the Law Dean since May 2001, and will continue to contribute to the Law School and NUS in other capacities after relinquishing his role as Dean.

Prof Chesterman joined NUS Law in 2007, at the same time that he established the New York University (NYU) School of Law Singapore Programme and became its
first Director and Global Professor. Recognised as one of the world's leading experts on the United Nations (UN), Prof Chesterman has published authoritative works on the UN's law and practice.

As Dean-designate, Prof Chesterman said: "I am honoured to be given the opportunity to lead the NUS Law School. NUS Law is at a pivotal moment in its development. Now generally recognised as Asia's Global Law School, we have the opportunity to become one of the very best law schools in the world."