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Prof S Jayakumar returns to alma mater as Professor of Law

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Singapore's former Senior Minister Prof S Jayakumar will rejoin the University's Faculty of Law on 22 October 2011 as Professor of Law. Prof Jayakumar, an NUS eminent alumnus from the Class of 1963, will provide guidance and advice to the Centre for International Law (CIL) and assist it to realise its goal to be a leading think-tank on international law and policy. Prof Jayakumar serves as CIL's Patron after launching the Centre in October 2009.

In his announcement to the faculty, Dean of the Law School Prof Tan Cheng Han said that Prof Jayakumar will also assist the School in its efforts to be a leading centre of excellence for legal studies. He will conduct seminars on international law which will explore the interplay between international law, diplomacy and policy.

Prof Jayakumar has waived any remuneration.

Extending a warm welcome, Prof Tan said: "Prof Jayakumar is a distinguished jurist who has contributed greatly to Singapore's standing internationally. His unique experience over many years in law, public policy, and international law and diplomacy will be invaluable to students interested in a career in those areas. The Faculty and the Centre for International law will benefit from his experience and insights."

Said Prof Jayakumar: "I am delighted to be back at my alma mater where I taught Law before entering politics. The Law Faculty has an excellent reputation today. The Centre for International Law has the potential to become a leading body for international law and policy. I am happy to be associated with both of them."

Prior to serving as Singapore's Senior Minister, Prof Jayakumar was the Deputy Prime Minister of Singapore, and had held many key ministerial portfolios in National Security, Foreign Affairs, Home Affairs, Law and Labour. As Singapore's Law Minister from 1988 to April 2008, he was one of the longest-serving law ministers of the Commonwealth.

Apart from his distinguished public service to Singapore, Prof Jayakumar authored four books and numerous articles on constitutional law, international law and legal education.

Prof Jayakumar read law at the University of Singapore and holds a Master of Laws from the Yale Law School. He taught at the Faculty of Law in the University of Singapore from 1964 to 1981, and was Dean of the Faculty from 1974 to 1980. He received an Eminent Alumni Award from NUS in 2009.