NUS to lead research on Asian law

SINGAPORE: The National University of Singapore (NUS) Faculty of Law has established a new centre that will be a leading forum for research on Asian Law.

NUS says the decision to launch the centre is part of a strategy to position NUS Law as Asia's Global Law School.

CALS is the first of its kind to be established in Asia. It builds on NUS Law's collaborations with other law schools around the region as part of the Asian Law Institute (ASLI).

CALS will focus on cutting edge Asian law research, publications, and events. It will concentrate on justice and law reform issues across Asia.

The Centre for Asian Legal Studies (CALS) is headed by Professor Andrew Harding who joined NUS Law's permanent faculty last month.

Professor Harding says the recent opening up of Myanmar highlights the importance of the research CALS will be doing.

Having CALS as a focal point will enable NUS Law and the world of legal scholarship and the international community to understand the role of law in such developments.

This, Professor Harding adds, may perhaps have an influence on the role law plays in shaping the country's future.

CALS will build on NUS Law's capacity-building work in areas such as Aceh, Indonesia, as well as offering regional scholars to spend time in Singapore to research, teach, and participate in conferences.

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