NUS law students will still be picked based on merit

WE ARE grateful for the responses to the announcement that the National University of Singapore law faculty is reviewing its admission procedures, most of which have been very positive (“Praise for NUS law school’s new policy” by Miss Tan Tat Jia; “Law admissions and the privileged” by Mr Amarinder Singh; “Unfair policy against external law grads” by Ms Jean Gan; all on Forum Online last Thursday; and “Law school’s new entry policy flawed” by Mr Anthony Leong; last Monday).

We wish to emphasise that selection will continue to be on the basis of merit. The purpose of the review is to increase the opportunities for students to read law. Among other things, this includes encouraging students from a wider range of schools to consider applying, while ensuring no deserving student is denied a place simply because of the school he attended.

Our discretionary admissions scheme also allows up to 10 per cent of places to be awarded to students who can demonstrate exceptional achievements beyond their academic results.

In addition to creating opportunities for deserving students, the review should lead to greater diversity in the law school. This will broaden the experience of our students and make them better lawyers.

As the review of our admission procedures is at an early stage, we welcome additional feedback on this important issue.

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