NUS sets up research centre on Asian law

SINGAPORE - In a bid to position itself as "Asia's Global Law School", 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.

The Centre for Asian Legal Studies (CALS) is the first of its kind to be established in Asia, and builds on NUS Law's collaborations with other law schools around the region as part of the Asian Law Institute.

The CALS will focus on cutting-edge Asian law research, publications, and events, as well as justice and law reform issues across Asia.

It is headed by Professor Andrew Harding, who joined NUS Law's permanent faculty last month.

Prof Harding said the recent opening up of Myanmar highlights the importance of the research the CALS will be doing.

Having the 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 may also have an influence on the role law plays in shaping the country's future, Prof Harding added.

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