NUS Law congratulates Professor Tan Cheng Han’87, on his appointment as the Chairman of the Media Literacy Council (MLC). The council, which is officially formed on 1 August 2012, aims to spearhead public education on media literacy and cyber wellness, and advise the government on the appropriate policy response to an increasingly complex and borderless world of media, technology, consumer expectations and participation.

Prof Tan will head the 21-member team, all of whom are appointed by Dr Yaacob Ibrahim, Minister for Information, Communications and the Arts. The members are made up of representatives from the business sector, educational institutions, community organisations and social media.

“In cyberspace and the real world where people are constantly interacting and sharing information, appropriate social norms and discernment are important. The MLC hopes to raise the media literacy level of Singaporeans so that everyone can benefit even more from the Internet, and traditional and new media,” said Prof Tan in a press release by the Media Authority of Singapore.

Prof Tan led NUS Law as Dean from May 2001 to December 2011. He was also appointed Senior Counsel in 2004 and a Specialist Judge in 2006.