



## **PRESS STATEMENT**

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### **NUS Law professor and alumnus Michael Hor to be Dean of University of Hong Kong law school**

The National University of Singapore (NUS) Faculty of Law congratulates Professor Michael Hor Yew Meng, currently a full-time professor with the law school, on his appointment as the next Dean of the University of Hong Kong Faculty of Law. Prof Hor, who is also an NUS alumnus, will assume his new position with effect from July 2014.

"This is a bittersweet moment for NUS Law. Michael is a tremendous colleague and has contributed greatly through his research and a generation of students whom he has educated and mentored. We will be very sorry to see him go. But at the same time, we are proud that he has been chosen to take on these new responsibilities and wish him all success in his new role," said Professor Simon Chesterman, Dean of the NUS Faculty of Law.

Prof Hor specialises in a variety of areas within Criminal Law. During his career at NUS Law, Prof Hor has been involved in the different aspects of enhancing education within the law school, and is currently part of the Faculty Curriculum Committee, which looks into the modules offered. He has also been active in law publishing, serving as Chief Editor of the Singapore Journal of Legal Studies, Member of the Editorial Committee of the Singapore Academy of Law Journal, and Member of the Advisory Committee of the Singapore Law Review.

"It cannot be an easy decision to leave an institution which I have been a part of, first as a student and then as a teacher, for most of my 34 years in Singapore. But, at the end of the day, I thought I should follow a piece of advice I sometimes give my students - always choose the untrodden and challenging paths over the familiar and comfortable ones. Life is too short for any other option," said Prof Michael Hor.

Prof Hor graduated from NUS Law in 1984, and furthered his law education at University of Oxford and University of Chicago. Prior to joining NUS Law in 1988, Prof Hor was in the Singapore Legal Service administering insolvencies and other forms of justice.

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### **About National University of Singapore (NUS)**

A leading global university centred in Asia, the National University of Singapore (NUS) is Singapore's flagship university which offers a global approach to education and research, with a focus on Asian perspectives and expertise.

NUS has 16 faculties and schools across three campuses. Its transformative education includes a broad-based curriculum underscored by multi-disciplinary courses and cross-faculty enrichment. Over 37,000 students from 100 countries enrich the community with their diverse social and cultural perspectives.

NUS has three Research Centres of Excellence (RCE) and 23 university-level research institutes and centres. It is also a partner in Singapore's fifth RCE. NUS shares a close affiliation with 16 national-level research institutes and centres. Research activities are strategic and robust, and NUS is well-known for its research strengths in engineering, life sciences and biomedicine, social sciences and natural sciences. It also strives to create a supportive and innovative environment to promote creative enterprise within its community.

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### **About the NUS Law School**

NUS Law is Asia's Global Law School. Widely regarded as the region's leading law school, it sees itself as part of a global conversation about the study and practice of law. Its diverse faculty includes 60 full-time academics together with many adjuncts and visitors; its 1,200 undergraduate and postgraduate students include some of Singapore's top school leavers as well as outstanding scholars from all over the globe.

In addition to its teaching programme, the faculty is a major source of research on legal issues affecting Singapore, the region and beyond. NUS Law produces the leading publication on Singapore law as well as the Asian Journal of Comparative Law and the Asian Journal of International Law. The Faculty regularly publishes in these and other leading journals, as well as producing their own monographs and engaging with the public through mass media.

The Law School's alumni are a who's who of Singapore's legal community. Graduates include leaders in the profession, government ministers, Supreme Court judges, ambassadors, community leaders, social workers and many more.

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