

FACULTY ANNOUNCEMENT

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HL Wee Scholarship & HL Wee Mooting Fund

The Wee family pledges an endowed gift to NUS Law in honour of the late Harry L. Wee.

Always ready to help young lawyers in advancing their skills and knowledge, one of the most important things that Harry L. Wee did for the legal profession was to open his door to pupils at a time when it was difficult for law graduates to obtain Chambers to do their pupillage. Although Mr Wee has passed on in 2005, his spirit of giving lives on in the generosity of his family's latest contribution to the students of NUS Law.

In memory of the late Mr Wee, his family has pledged an endowed gift of S\$500,000 to NUS Law to establish the HL Wee Scholarship Fund and the HL Wee Mooting Fund.

"Our hope is that the gift will contribute to the growth and advancement of the skills of advocacy among young lawyers in Singapore. It is an area of legal practice that my late husband, Harry L. Wee, was passionate about," says Mrs Ann Elizabeth Wee, who is an NUS Assoc Professorial Fellow with the Department of Social Work, Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences.

One of the areas key to honing the advocacy skills of aspiring lawyers is mooting. With the HL Wee Mooting Fund, NUS Law's mooting teams will be better able to focus on preparing for the international competitions, and more students would be able to benefit from the experience of participating in these mooting competitions.

The HL Wee Scholarship Fund will provide for one scholarship per academic year, with priority given to financially disadvantaged students. The scholarship, which is estimated at S\$6,000 each year, would partially cover their undergraduate student expenses.

The family's gift has also enabled the school to seek funds through government matching, which will be endowed and applied to the HL Wee Scholarship and HL Wee Mooting Fund.

About Harry L. Wee

Born in 1924, Mr Wee studied at St. Joseph's Institution where he did his School Certificate in 1938 and thereafter, he read law at Queen's College, Cambridge. On returning to Singapore, Mr Wee did his pupillage at Rodyk & Davidson, and was called to the Bar in 1948.

He first practiced with CJ Koh & Company, and later joined Braddell Brothers. Apart from his passion for the practice of law, he was also interested in the academia and lectured for many years, civil procedure on a part-time basis at NUS Law for a small honorarium. Mr Wee was also dedicated to public service and was active in YMCA.