

Jasudasen named new envoy to KL

VETERAN diplomat T. Jasudasen has been appointed Singapore's next High Commissioner to Malaysia and will take up his post on June 19, the Foreign Affairs Ministry announced last night.

It also said in a statement that another career diplomat, Mr Simon Tensing de Cruz, will be the next High Commissioner to Papua New Guinea.

Mr Jasudasen, 53, who takes over from Mr Ashok Mirpuri, served as Singapore's Ambassador to France from 1997 to 2004 and as Ambassador to Myanmar from 2004 to this year.

A lawyer by training, Mr Jasudasen graduated from the University of Singapore in 1977. He was the first Singapore student to attend the Ecole Nationale d'Administration in Paris in 1983.

Mr Jasudasen, who is married to Patricia Ibbotson and has three children, was awarded the Public Administration Medal (Silver) in 1990 and the Long Service Award Medal in 2000. He also received honours from the French.

Mr de Cruz, 52, who is currently director, Special Duties (Regional Policy) in the ministry, was Singapore's Ambassador to the Philippines from 1996 to 1999 and Ambassador to Myanmar from 2000 to 2004.

He graduated from the University of Singapore in 1979 with a Bachelor of Social Science (Honours) degree.

Mr de Cruz, who was awarded the Long Service Medal in 2002 and who is married to Kwah Poh Choo, will be resident in Singapore.