Solicitor-General Chan Seng Onn, 53, was sworn in as a Judge of the High Court by President S R Nathan at a ceremony at the Istana yesterday.

Mr Chan's appointment brings the total number of permanent judges in both the Court of Appeal and the High Court to 14.

A President's and Colombo Plan scholar, Mr Chan graduated with a bachelor's degree in engineering from the University College, London in 1976. This was followed by a master's degree in industrial engineering from the National University of Singapore (NUS) in 1981.

He obtained his bachelor's degree in law from NUS in 1986 and his master's degree in law from Cambridge University in 1987.

Mr Chan entered the Legal Service in 1987. He was appointed Judicial Commissioner of the Supreme Court in October 1997 and Solicitor-General in June 2001.