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File photo of Law Professor Eugene Tan speaking in Parliament.

SINGAPORE: Associate Law Professor Eugene Tan has said he will be re-applying for another term as Nominated Member of Parliament (NMP).

The term for the current nine NMPs began in February 2012 and will expire in August 2014.

Professor Tan, who is with the Singapore Management University, told Channel NewsAsia he had come to the decision after receiving encouragement from people around him.

He said he had wanted to make sure that he was seeking another term for the "right reasons".

Professor Tan said as an NMP, he's had opportunities so far to speak on a wide variety of issues.

These ranged from governance and immigration, to education and labour.

Out of the current team of nine NMPs, earlier reports said four had announced they would not be seeking another term.

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They include National Volunteer and Philanthropy Centre chief executive Laurence Lien, actress Janice Koh, and Mary Liew, the executive secretary of the Singapore Maritime Officers' Union.

Managing Director of Pacific Lines, Teo Siong Seng, who has served two terms as an NMP, is also not seeking another term.

The remaining four NMPs are Republic Polytechnic lecturer Faizah Jamal, Channel NewsAsia Associate Editor Nicholas Fang, Ramasamy Dhinakaran, managing director of lifestyle and fashion retailer Jay Gee Melwani Group, and Tan Su Shan, group head of wealth management at DBS Bank.

The public has been asked to submit names of those they think are suitable for the role of NMP.

The deadline for nomination is 20 May 2014.

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