



Media Release

Lim Chee Onn Appointed as Pro-Chancellor of SMU

Singapore, 8 December, 2016 (Thursday) - The Singapore Management University is pleased to announce that Mr Lim Chee Onn has been appointed Pro-Chancellor of the University with effect from 18 November 2016. His appointment will be for a term of three years.

The positions of Chancellor and Pro-Chancellor are key and important positions within the University structure and the role of the Pro-Chancellor is to assist that of the Chancellor. Together with Chancellor of SMU, Mr J Y Pillay, Mr Lim will share the important role of presiding over all major formal University ceremonies, and will officiate at the University's Convocation (inauguration ceremony for freshmen) and Commencement (graduation ceremony).

Mr Lim is currently the Senior International Adviser to the Ascendas-Singbridge Group which invests in, develops and manages overseas integrated cities and provides sustainable urban solutions adapted from Singapore's successful development experience. He also chairs the Singapore-Suzhou Township Development Pte Ltd, is a Board Member of the Monetary Authority of Singapore, an Honorary Chairman of the National Heritage Board, Alternate Member, Council of Presidential Advisers and a Member of the Governing Board, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKYSPP). In addition, he is a Director of the International Institute for Strategic Studies (Asia) Ltd and a Board Director of Orica Limited.

Mr Lim started his career in the Civil Service and was elected Member of Parliament from 1977 to 1992, Secretary-General NTUC from 1979 to 1983 and Minister without Portfolio, Prime Minister's Office from 1980 to 1983. He was Keppel Corporation Limited's Executive Chairman from 2000 to 2008.

Mr Lim graduated with First Class Honours in Naval Architecture from Glasgow University, earned his Masters in Public Administration from Harvard University, and was conferred the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Engineering by Glasgow University.

Mr Lim has been conferred the Distinguished Service Order by HE The President, Republic of Singapore and Commander, Order of the Crown, by HM King Albert II, Kingdom of Belgium. He is also an Honorary Citizen of Suzhou, People's Republic of China, and Seoul, Republic of Korea.

"SMU is honoured to have a former Cabinet Minister and an influential advisor to many enterprises and partnerships, Mr Lim Chee Onn, as our Pro Chancellor. He brings with him visionary leadership and a wealth of knowledge and experiences from both the private and public sectors that will help in our efforts to develop SMU as a great and iconic global-city university in Asia," said Professor Arnoud De Meyer, President, Singapore Management University.

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A premier university in Asia, the Singapore Management University (SMU) is internationally recognised for its world-class research and distinguished teaching. Established in 2000, SMU's mission is to generate leading-edge research with global impact and produce broad-based, creative and entrepreneurial leaders for the knowledge-based economy. SMU education is known for its highly interactive, collaborative and project-based approach to learning, and for its technologically enabled pedagogy of seminar-style teaching in small class sizes.

Home to around 9,300 undergraduate and postgraduate students, SMU comprises six schools: School of Accountancy, Lee Kong Chian School of Business, School of Economics, School of Information Systems, School of Law, and School of Social Sciences. SMU offers a wide range of bachelors, masters and PhD degree programmes in the disciplinary areas associated with the six schools, as well as in interdisciplinary combinations of these areas.

SMU has an emphasis on generating rigorous, high-impact, and relevant multi-disciplinary research that addresses Asian issues of global relevance. SMU faculty members collaborate with leading international researchers and universities from USA, Europe, China and India, as well as with partners in the business community and public sector, through its research institutes, centres and labs. SMU's city campus is a state-of-the art facility located in the heart of downtown Singapore, fostering strategic linkages with business, government and the wider community. www.smu.edu.sg