

Prof Tan Thiam Soon to be new SIT president

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Dr Feng Lun (right), founder and chairman of Beijing Vantone Real Estate, shaking hands with National University of Singapore (NUS) vice-provost (education) Tan Thiam Soon (left) at the memorandum of understanding signing ceremony on May 18, 2011. Professor Tan will join Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT) on Sept 1 as president-designate, and will take over as president on Feb 2, 2013. – ST PHOTO : LIM SIN THAI

Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT) president Tan Chin Tiong will vacate his post on Jan 31, 2013, after his secondment from Singapore Management University ends.

His replacement will be Professor Tan Thiam Soon, who is currently vice-provost of education at the National University of Singapore.

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Professor Tan Chin Tiong was the founding president of SIT. Under his watch, the institute, which offers degrees by overseas universities targeted at diploma holders, grew from 500 students in 10 programmes in 2009 to 1000 students in 17 programmes.

He will return to Singapore Management University as advisor to the university president and professor in its business school.