



Media Release

Singapore Management University announces appointment of new Provost

Singapore, 30 October 2024 (Wednesday) – Singapore Management University (SMU) is pleased to announce the appointment of Professor Alan Chan (陈金梁教授) as its new Provost (教务长), effective 1 April 2025. Professor Chan will succeed Professor Timothy Clark, who will complete his term as Provost on 31 March 2025, after six years of service.

Educated in Canada, Prof Chan began his academic career there but moved to Singapore to join the National University of Singapore. He played various leadership roles in education and research before joining Nanyang Technological University, where he took on other leadership roles at both college and university levels. The breadth of experience in both these institutions positioned him well for the Provost role at Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK), a role he has held for five years. In total, Prof Chan brings with him more than 25 years of leadership experience from some of Asia's top universities

As Provost at CUHK, Prof Chan has played a key role in driving the university's strategic plan, increasing enrolment, and improving student quality, and managing operations through the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. Post-COVID, he led the university to grow faculty numbers and quality significantly. He has a proven track record in academic leadership, university governance, and fostering international collaborations. His extensive experience in academic planning, research development, and student experience aligns well with SMU's vision for the future.

"We are excited to welcome Professor Alan Chan to SMU and look forward to the wealth of knowledge and experience he will bring," said SMU President, Professor Lily Kong. "His deep commitment to academic excellence and collaborative leadership will help further elevate SMU's standing as a global city university. His breadth of international experience, coupled by his deep understanding of the Singapore higher education landscape, stands him in very good stead in his role as Provost of SMU."

SMU also extends its gratitude to outgoing Provost, Prof Clark, for his dedicated service over the past six years. During his tenure, Prof Clark made significant contributions to SMU's academic progress, leading initiatives in undergraduate and postgraduate education, as well as in professional and continuing education. His leadership was instrumental in navigating the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic while ensuring continued academic and research excellence.

Prof Clark will remain with SMU as a Professor at the Lee Kong Chian School of Business on a fractional basis. "Professor Clark's contributions have been invaluable, and we are grateful for his commitment and leadership," said Prof Kong. "We are glad that he will continue to be a part of the SMU family, in contributing his teaching and research."

Prof Alan Chan will join SMU on 1 March 2025 for a transitional period before assuming his full responsibilities as Provost on 1 April 2025.

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About Singapore Management University

A premier university in Asia, 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 to produce broad-based, creative, and entrepreneurial leaders for the knowledge-based economy. SMU's education is known for its highly interactive, collaborative, and project-based approach to learning.

Home to over 13,000 students across undergraduate, postgraduate professional and postgraduate research programmes, SMU comprises eight schools: School of Accountancy, Lee Kong Chian School of Business, School of Economics, School of Computing and Information Systems, Yong Pung How School of Law, School of Social Sciences, College of Integrative Studies, and College of Graduate Research Studies. SMU offers a wide range of bachelors', masters', and PhD degree programmes in the disciplinary areas associated with its schools, as well as in multidisciplinary combinations of these areas.

SMU emphasises rigorous, high-impact, multi- and interdisciplinary research that addresses Asian issues of global relevance. SMU faculty members collaborate with leading international researchers and universities around the world, as well as with partners in the business community and public sector. SMU's city campus is a modern facility located in the heart of downtown Singapore, fostering strategic linkages with business, government, and the wider community. www.smu.edu.sg

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