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### **NUS Law in the World's Top Ten Schools**

*Asia's global law school moves up to 10th position, according to the latest QS World University Ranking by Subject for 2012*

*Singapore, 5 July 2012*—The National University of Singapore's Faculty of Law (NUS Law) leads the way for Asia, as it moves up the rankings to being among the top 10 law schools in the world. In the latest release of "2012 World University Rankings by Subject" by London-based Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), NUS Law is placed at 10th position in Law, shooting up from its previous ranking of 24th in 2011.

"NUS Law is Asia's Global Law School and aspires to be one of the very best law schools in the world. This latest recognition of our achievements is testimony to the hard work of our faculty and students, but also the successes of our alumni," says Professor Simon Chesterman, Dean of NUS Law. "I am particularly pleased that this news will create even more opportunities for our graduates to make an impact in their chosen field, in Singapore and around the world."

Climbing up 14 places from last year to be placed among the world's top ten law schools of 2012, NUS Law reaffirms its position as Asia's Global Law School, being the only law school from Asia to join the likes of top universities such as Harvard and Oxford.

Earlier this year, as part of a strategy to position NUS Law as Asia's Global Law School, the Centre for Asian Legal Studies, headed by Professor Andrew Harding, was established to serve as a leading forum for research on Asian law. The Centre is the first of its kind in Asia, and builds on NUS Law's collaborations with other law schools around the region as part of the Asian Law Institute. As legal developments in the region gain global importance, the Centre's main focus is on justice and law reform issues across Asia, seeking to foreground Asian perspectives on these issues.

Students of NUS Law are given rigorous legal training, together with personal and professional skills that allow them to expand beyond their boundaries. This includes an opportunity to spend a semester or more at partner law schools in over 15 countries, or completing the final year with a Masters of Laws degree from New York University or Boston University. Together with the NUS Centre for International Law, it also recently announced the creation of the Singapore International Arbitration Academy, which will welcome its first candidates in November this year.

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### **About National University of Singapore (NUS)**

A leading global university centred in Asia, the National University of Singapore (NUS) is Singapore's flagship university which offers a global approach to education and research, with a focus on Asian perspectives and expertise.

NUS has 16 faculties and schools across three campuses. Its transformative education includes a broad-based curriculum underscored by multi-disciplinary courses and cross-faculty enrichment. Over 36,000 students from 100 countries enrich the community with their diverse social and cultural perspectives.

NUS has three Research Centres of Excellence (RCE) and 22 university-level research institutes and centres. It is also a partner in Singapore's 5th RCE. NUS shares a close affiliation with 16 national-level research institutes and centres. Research activities are strategic and robust, and NUS is well-known for its research strengths in engineering, life sciences and biomedicine, social sciences and natural sciences. It also strives to create a supportive and innovative environment to promote creative enterprise within its community.

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### **About the NUS Law School**

NUS Law is Asia's Global Law School. Widely regarded as the region's leading law school, it sees itself as part of a global conversation about the study and practice of law. Its diverse faculty includes 60 full-time academics together with many adjuncts and visitors; its 1,200 undergraduate and postgraduate students include some of Singapore's top school leavers as well as outstanding scholars from all over the globe.

In addition to its teaching programme, the faculty is a major source of research on legal issues affecting Singapore, the region and beyond. NUS Law produces the leading publication on Singapore law as well as the Asian Journal of Comparative Law and the Asian Journal of International Law. The Faculty regularly publishes in these and other leading journals, as well as producing their own monographs and engaging with the public through mass media.

The Law School's alumni are a who's who of Singapore's legal community. Graduates include leaders in the profession, government ministers, Supreme Court judges, ambassadors, community leaders, social workers and many more. Other alumni go on to

careers that take them to the heights of the profession around the world. Distinguished Alumni of NUS Law include:

- Chief Justice of Singapore, Chan Sek Keong (Class of '61)
- Ambassador and Former Dean, Professor Tommy Koh (Class of '61)
- Former Senior Minister and Former Dean, S. Jayakumar (Class of '63)
- Minister for Law and Minister for Foreign Affairs, K. Shanmugam (Class of '84)
- Attorney-General of Singapore, Mr Steven Chong (Class of '82)
- Senior Counsel at Drew & Napier, Davinder Singh (Class of '82)
- Playwright, Eleanor Wong (Class of '85)
- Judge of Appeal - Designate, Mr Sundaresh Menon (Class of '86)
- Theatre Director, Ong Keng Sen (Class of '88)
- Actors, Neo Swee Lin (Class of '86), Ivan Heng (Class of '88), and Selena Tan (Class of '94)

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