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Eddie Teo Appointed as Pro-Chancellor of SMU

Singapore, 31 January, 2019 (Thursday) - The Singapore Management University is pleased to announce that Mr Eddie Teo has been appointed Pro-Chancellor of the University with effect from 21 September 2018. 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, and Pro-Chancellor Mr Lim Chee Onn, Mr Teo will share the important role of presiding over all major formal University ceremonies, and will officiate at the University's Commencement and Academic Year Opening Ceremonies.

Mr Teo is currently the Chairman of the [Council of Presidential Advisers](#) and also a [Distinguished Fellow](#) at the School of Social Sciences at SMU.

He served in the public service from 1970 to 2008, holding various positions, including Director of Security & Intelligence Division, Director of Internal Security Department, Permanent Secretary (Defence), Permanent Secretary (Prime Minister's Office), and High Commissioner of Singapore to Australia. He was Chairman of the Public Service Commission from 2008 to 2018.

He was a President's Scholar and studied Philosophy, Politics & Economics at Balliol College in Oxford University. He also holds a Master of Science in International Relations from the London School of Economics & Political Science.

He has received several national awards, the last of which was The Order of Nila Utama (First Class) in 2017.

"SMU is honoured to have Mr Eddie Teo who has had a distinguished public service career, as our Pro Chancellor. He championed greater diversity when identifying top talent for public service leadership and in opening up scholarships to a wider range of schools including polytechnics. Coupled with his visionary leadership and exemplary contributions after 48 years with various segments of the Public Service, we are indeed privileged to have Mr Teo play such a key role at SMU," said Professor Lily Kong, President, Singapore Management University.

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Home to over 10,000 students across undergraduate, postgraduate professional and post-graduate research programmes, SMU, is comprised of 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 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