LEADERSHIP APPOINTMENTS

Pro-Chancellors of SMU

Effective 1 January 2025, SMU warmly welcomed two esteemed individuals, Mr Kuok Khoon Ean and Justice Judith Prakash, as Pro-Chancellors of SMU. They joined Chancellor, Mr Lim Chee Onn, and incumbent Pro-Chancellor, Mr Eddie Teo, in providing counsel and leadership to the University. The Chancellor and Pro-Chancellors play important roles in presiding over all major formal University ceremonies and officiate at the University's Commencement and Academic Year Opening Ceremonies.



Mr Kuok Khoon Ean – Pro-Chancellor

Mr Kuok is a seasoned business leader with extensive experience across industries. He has been with the Kuok Group since 1978 and is currently Chairman of Kuok Group Singapore, Vice Chairman of Kerry Group Limited in Hong Kong, and Vice Chairman of Kuok Brothers Sdn Bhd in Malaysia. Mr Kuok Is a Director in Kerry Holdings Limited, Hong Kong, and a Non-Executive **Director of Wilmar International** Ltd. With prior service on SMU's Board of Trustees and other educational institutions. Mr Kuok is familiar with higher education in general, and SMU more specifically, and brings valuable expertise and a longstanding commitment to advancing education. He has long been a supporter of SMU in myriad ways.



Justice Judith Prakash – Pro-Chancellor

Justice Prakash is a trailblazer in the legal profession, being the first woman appointed as a permanent judge of the Singapore Court of Appeal. She served with distinction in the Supreme Court for over two decades, contributing significantly to arbitration, commercial law, family law, and trusts. Justice Prakash is also a strong advocate for education. She currently holds the appointment of Distinguished Fellow at SMU's Yong Pung How School of Law. She also sits on the boards of various community organisations. Her exemplary career and dedication to nurturing future generations align closely with SMU's values.



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Professor Alan Chan – Provost

Professor Alan Chan assumed the role of Provost of Singapore Management University on 1 April 2025. He has over 25 years of academic leadership experience from some of Asia's leading universities, with a strong record in advancing education, research, and institutional excellence.

Prof Chan's breadth of international experience, deep familiarity with Singapore's higher education landscape, and commitment to academic distinction and collaborative leadership will be invaluable as SMU strengthens its position as a globally connected city university.



Professor Scott Fritzen – Vice President (Impact)

Professor Scott Fritzen has been appointed as Vice President (Impact), effective 21 July 2025, to lead the newly established Office of Impact, With over 25 years of leadership experience at leading universities in Asia and the United States. Professor Fritzen brings a wealth of expertise in cultivating global partnerships and driving strategic innovation. His role will be pivotal in enhancing the University's influence and contributions to society, while emphasising the significant impact of academic initiatives on individuals and communities.



Professor Zhang Liandong - Dean, School of Accountancy

Professor Zhang Liandong has been appointed Dean of SMU's School of Accountancy, effective 1 July 2025. Since joining SMU in 2017, he has served as Associate Dean (Research) and Deputy Dean. A prolific researcher in financial reporting, corporate governance, and taxation, Prof Zhang brings strong academic credentials and institutional experience to this leadership role.

