哈佛法学院前副院长 下月担任新大法学院院长

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新加坡管理大学让新委任的法学院院长有“重回哈佛的感觉”，因为它的学习环境开放，学生也外向好学，素质非常高。

这名来自美国的哈佛大学法学院前副院长史达伟教授（David N. Smith），昨天受委为本地第二所法学院的院长。

此外，新大法学院也宣布将收生人数增加到118人，比原先的93人多出25个，当中有34人将攻读5年的双学位课程。新大说，法学院在招生时获得热烈反应，而当中有不少优秀的毕业生，所以决定向教育部申请增加收生名额。

史达伟将从8月1日起，从院长办公室转到法学院，担任新任法学院院长。他在哈佛法学院任教30年，过去9年也在东南亚地区三所不同法学院担任院长、副院长和院长等职位。

这包括在新加坡的圣法兰西斯大学担任法律系主任，以及在澳大利亚的悉尼科技大学和新南威尔士大学担任副校长，并协助设立该校的法学院。

新大校长霍华德·亨特（Howard Hunter）教授昨天在记者会上介绍这名新院长时说，史达伟过去在管理东南亚几所大学的经验，对法学院非常宝贵，因此很高兴能接下这份职务。

谈到对新大，史达伟也是赞赏不已，形容初次踏入大学感觉像“回到哈佛”，并认为，新大的教学环境和师资的素质都不亚于这所顶尖学府。

他认为，法学院让学生跨界学习的做法，是相当少见的。此外，他也赞成让学生选修非法律专业的课程，因为法律和生活的各个方面是互相影响且不能分开的。他相信这些常识将让新大毕业生的法律基础更扎实和广阔。

谈到法学院招收的第一批学生，史达伟说：“我已介绍一些学生见过面，他们都非常杰出。我相信他们会成为优秀的律师和法官。”

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史达伟：新的教学环境和师资的素质，不亚于哈佛那样的顶尖学府。（新加坡管理大学提供）
The open learning environment and high-calibre faculty and students at SMU makes the new School of Law dean feel that he has returned to Harvard.

Professor David N. Smith, was appointed the new dean of SMU's School of Law. The university has also been granted permission by the Ministry of Education to increase the pioneer intake for its law school from 90 to 118 in order to accommodate the overwhelming number of well-qualified applicants. Among the intake are 34 students pursuing the 5-year programme leading to a double degree.

Prof Smith, 70, will commence his duties on Aug 1, succeeding interim dean, Associate Professor Low Kee Yang. He had taught at Harvard Law School for 30 years and has headed a number of schools and faculties in universities in Hong Kong and Macau in the last nine years. He was Acting Dean of the School of Law and School of Creative Media at the City University of Hong Kong, and Vice-Rector (Vice-President), Professor and Dean of the Faculty of Law at Macau University of Science and Technology.

President of SMU Professor Howard Hunter said he was delighted Dean Smith accepted the position as his experience in Asian universities is valuable for the School of Law.

Given the close interlink between law and society, Dean Smith felt that the approach to provide holistic education and emphasis on interdisciplinary work at SMU will provide graduates of the law school a broad yet firm foundation in the study of law. On attracting students of a different caliber from NUS’ law school, Dean Smith noted that while both schools attracted excellent students and faculty, those who opted to study at SMU were looking for a unique and different type of training that being in a school emphasizing traditional or historical methods of law studies cannot provide. He hoped that graduates of SMU’s law school will help promote the school as an excellent institution for the study of law.

SMU also announced two new faculty appointments. Former NUS law lecturer Professor Yeo Tiong Min is the university's first Yong Pung How Professor of Law. The prestigious Professorship of Law was made possible by a generous S$3 million endowed contribution by the Yong Shook Lin Trust to advance the research and teaching of law in SMU. Distinguished contracts and commercial scholar in the Commonwealth, Professor Michael P. Furmston was also appointed to the faculty. He is best known for his book, Cheshire, Fifoot & Furmston on Contract which is one of the leading textbooks for students studying the law of contract.