Wanted: World-class legal research by two varsities

THE Singapore Corporate Counsel Association (SCCA) welcomes the setting up of the second local law school, in the Singapore Management University (SMU).

We note that SMU’s law-degree programme hopes to provide legal education with a deep appreciation of business, preparing its graduates for the corporate and commercial environment.

We also welcome the internship and community-service elements of the programme. We are hopeful this will not only meet the needs of legal practice but also those of the industry, both in Singapore and the region.

The SCCA, through its members and their respective organisations, makes available internships to law students at the National University of Singapore. It will extend its support to both schools. We would like to see both schools encourage and look into postgraduate legal education that may be useful for corporate counsel.

Each school with its own superior education programme should aspire not just to be a top provider of legal education but also, more importantly, undertake and produce world-class legal research beneficial to both commerce and society.

Healthy competition between both schools will be beneficial to the long-term interests of Singapore.

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