Produce world-class legal research, foster competition

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

We note that SMU's law degree programme hopes to provide legal education with a deep appreciation of business and prepare their law graduates for the corporate and commercial environment. We also welcome the internship and community service elements of the law degree programme. We are hopeful this will not only meet the needs of legal practice but also that of the industry.

The SCCA, through its members and their respective organisations, already makes available internship opportunities to interested law students at the National University of Singapore (NUS). The SCCA will extend its support to both law schools in SMU and NUS. We would also like to see both law schools encourage and to look into postgraduate legal education that may be useful for corporate counsel.

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

Healthy competition between both law schools will be beneficial to the long-term interests of Singapore. The SCCA will continue to take an active interest in the legal education landscape in Singapore.