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Dear alumnus,

Appointment of NUS Pro-Chancellor

We are pleased to announce that Singapore's former Deputy Prime Minister Professor S Jayakumar has been appointed by NUS Chancellor and Singapore President Madam Halimah Yacob as NUS Pro-Chancellor. His appointment is effective from 1 July 2020 for a term of three years.

Prof Jayakumar has been affiliated with our University since 1959, first as a law student at the Faculty of Law. He graduated top of his cohort in 1963, and joined the Faculty as a lecturer in 1964. He later served as Dean of the Faculty of Law from 1974 to 1980.

Prof Jayakumar entered politics in 1980. During the span of his 31-year political career until his retirement in 2011, he held many portfolios such as Minister for Law, Home Affairs, Labour, Foreign Affairs, as well as Deputy Prime Minister, Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security. He returned to the Faculty of Law in 2011.

Prof Jayakumar played a key role in promoting the Faculty, and served, until recently, as Chair of its Advisory Council, where he helped to enhance the Faculty's legal education and research. He is Chair of the International Advisory Panel of the NUS Centre for International Law, one of Asia's most influential international law centres. He is now also Senior Legal Advisor to the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

In recognition of his outstanding contribution to academia, public service and the international community, Prof Jayakumar received the University's Eminent Alumni Award in 2009 and the Outstanding Service Award in 2014.

Prof Jayakumar will join current Pro-Chancellors Mr Po'ad Mattar, Dr Chan Sek Keong, Mrs Theresa Foo, Mr Gautam Banerjee and Mr Teo Siong Seng in the University's Chancellery. More information is available at [NUS News](#).

Please join me in welcoming Prof Jayakumar as NUS' new Pro-Chancellor.

With best wishes

Professor Tan Eng Chye (Science '85)
NUS President