



## **Media Release**

### **Professor Pang Hwee Hwa appointed Dean of SMU School of Information Systems**

**Singapore, 20 May 2016 (Friday)** – The Singapore Management University (SMU) has announced today the appointment of Professor Pang Hwee Hwa as the next Dean of the SMU School of Information Systems (SIS) with effect from 1 July 2016 for a term of five years.

Selected from a global pool of candidates after an extensive and rigorous global search which started in October 2015, Prof Pang's strong commitment to research in information systems and a passion for excellence in education, make him the ideal candidate to lead the School of Information Systems.

Prof Pang succeeds Prof Steven Miller, who is completing 13.5 years as SIS's founding dean. Prof Miller will continue with his role as Vice Provost (Research).

Prior to joining SMU in July 2005, Prof Pang was with the A\*Star Institute of Infocomm Research where, as Division Director and Principal Scientist, he was responsible for strategic planning, project management, industry and government agency engagement, leading and managing research staff. Under his leadership, the division was one of the most successful in transferring technology to industry.

At SMU, Prof Pang has played a central role in supporting the development and growth of the PhD programmes at the university. He served as PhD Programme Director at SIS from 2006 to 2014, and took on additional responsibilities as Director, and later Dean for Postgraduate Research at the university level from 2011.

Prof Pang's research interests include Data Security & Privacy, Database Systems, Information Retrieval & Multimedia Analytics, Spatial and Context Aware Data Management, Recommender Systems & Preference Analytics. His strength in research is evident from the more than 20 high-quality papers he has published in top-tier refereed journals, including ACM Transactions of Database Systems, Very Large Database Journal, and IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering. He has also presented 50 papers at numerous conferences in the US, Europe, China, Korea and Japan. His research output also includes a number of commercial systems and 14 patents. He is highly regarded in his professional area and has served in the programme committees of prestigious conferences such as ACM SIGMOD, Very Large Data Bases, and IEEE International on Data Engineering.

SIS Dean-designate Prof Pang said, "I am honoured and excited to have this opportunity to chart SIS's next phase of development. SIS already has a reputation of producing graduates who are versatile and highly sought after by employers, as well as impactful research. I will work closely with my colleagues to further develop the School into an institution that is internationally admired for our research and education. To achieve this, my priorities would be to strengthen the practical relevance of our School's research, further our contribution to academic knowledge,

and train our students to become professionals who employ IT innovatively to create business value.”

In expressing her appreciation to Professor Steven Miller, SMU Provost Professor Lily Kong said, “We would like to express our sincere appreciation to Prof Miller for his unwavering commitment and tremendous contributions to SMU and SIS. As founding Dean, his foresight, leadership, dedication and tireless efforts are legendary, and he has built a school that not only has a very strong foundation but is also very highly regarded by academia and industry. We are pleased that Prof Miller will continue with us as Vice Provost (Research) and guide SMU in growing our research strengths.”

“Prof Pang brings with him an admirable track record of teaching and research. Within SMU, Prof Pang enjoys a strong reputation as a dedicated educator, a meticulous planner and an able administrator, known for his integrity and highly respected by faculty, staff and students. We are confident that Prof Pang’s expertise and experience will lead the School to even greater heights,” added Prof Kong.

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**About School of Information Systems**

The SMU School of Information Systems (SIS) was set up in 2003 to extend SMU's research and education efforts into the areas of Information Systems Technology, Information Systems Management, and problems at the intersection of IS technology and management. SIS is distinct from the other five schools of SMU in that it is the only academic unit within the University which falls under Singapore's Science & Technology cluster of academic units as defined by the Ministry of Education.

The School possesses deep research R&D capability in four strategically-selected areas of IS technology: Cybersecurity; Data Management & Analytics; Intelligent Systems & Decision Analytics; and Software & Cyber-Physical Systems. The fifth strategic area of the School is Information Systems & Management, where the faculty investigate the managerial aspects and economic impacts of IT in private sector and public sector organisations, and across value chains, markets and industries.

The School currently has over 1200 students and about 50 faculty members.

**About Singapore Management University**

A premier university in Asia, the Singapore Management University (SMU) is internationally recognised for its world-class research and distinguished teaching. Established in 2000, SMU's mission is to generate leading-edge research with global impact and produce broad-based, creative and entrepreneurial leaders for the knowledge-based economy. SMU education is

known for its highly interactive, collaborative and project-based approach to learning, and for its technologically enabled pedagogy of seminar-style teaching in small class sizes.

Home to over 9,300 undergraduate and postgraduate students, SMU is comprised of six schools: School of Accountancy, Lee Kong Chian School of Business, School of Economics, School of Information Systems, School of Law, and School of Social Sciences. SMU offers a wide range of bachelors', masters' and PhD degree programmes in the disciplinary areas associated with the six schools, as well as in interdisciplinary combinations of these areas.

SMU has an emphasis on generating rigorous, high-impact, and relevant multi-disciplinary research that addresses Asian issues of global relevance. SMU faculty members collaborate with leading international researchers and universities from USA, Europe, China and India, as well as with partners in the business community and public sector, through its research institutes, centres and labs. SMU's city campus is a state-of-the art facility located in the heart of downtown Singapore, fostering strategic linkages with business, government and the wider community. [www.smu.edu.sg](http://www.smu.edu.sg)