

CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW CIL

WELCOME REMARKS BY PROFESSOR TAN CHENG HAN, SC, DEAN, NUS LAW SCHOOL, AT THE OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW (CIL), FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER 2009, 3.00 – 5.00 PM, NUS BUKIT TIMAH CAMPUS

Our Guest of Honour, Senior Minister & Co-ordinating Minister for National Security Prof S. Jayakumar
Chief Justice Chan Sek Keong
Mr. K. Shanmugam, Minister for Law
Prof Tommy Koh, Chairman of the CIL Governing Board
Prof Walter Woon, Attorney-General / Deputy Chairman of the CIL Governing Board
Mr Peter Ho, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Governing Board member
Judge of Appeal Justice Chao Hick Tin
Mr Joseph Mullinix, NUS Deputy President
Assoc Prof Robert Beckman, Director of CIL
Colloquium speakers
Excellencies
Members of the NUS Board of Trustees and NUS colleagues
Ladies and Gentlemen

It is with great delight that I welcome you to the Official Launch of the Centre for International Law which is to be followed by a *Colloquium on Singapore and International Law: The Early Years*. Let me also say how happy the NUS law school is that CIL is housed within the school. International Law is a subject of great importance at NUS and we see the Centre as an important development that will enhance the research, teaching and learning of international law in Singapore. I am also confident that within a few years CIL will become a thought leader in this field. It will do so not only through the involvement of NUS faculty but also by leveraging off the rich expertise that exists within Government, the Attorney-General's Chambers, and other academic institutions and think tanks.

Let me on behalf of the university express my gratitude to Government for providing the funding for CIL. Over the history of the NUS law school we have been a rich resource to Singapore and beyond and the support for CIL will allow us to do more.

On this note, once again I welcome you to this official launch and wish you a pleasant afternoon ahead.

Thank you.

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