Professor Tan Eng Chye will be the National University of Singapore’s (NUS) 5th President on 1 January 2018. He will be the 23rd leader to head Singapore’s oldest higher education institution, which traces its roots to a modest medical school founded in 1905. He currently serves as the University’s Deputy President (Academic Affairs) and Provost.

Prof Tan, who attended Raffles Institution (1974 to 1979), obtained his Bachelor in Mathematics (First Class Honours, 1985) at NUS and his PhD (1989) at Yale University. He joined NUS as a faculty member in the Department of Mathematics in 1985, as a Senior Tutor. Prof Tan’s research interests are in the Representation Theory of Lie Groups and Lie Algebras; and Invariant Theory and Algebraic Combinatorics. He has been invited to speak in numerous top conferences overseas, and has published more than 20 articles in top internationally-refereed journals and conference proceedings. He has co-authored three books on mathematics, including a well-known graduate text on non-Abelian harmonic analysis.

Prof Tan is a passionate educator. He was a pioneer architect of the current academic system in NUS, and has seeded many initiatives such as the Special Programme in Science, University Scholars Programme, University Town Residential College Programme, Grade-free Year, Technology-enhanced Education, etc. He was recognised with the University Teaching Award for Innovative Teaching in 1998, and was President of the Singapore Mathematical Society (2001 to 2005) as well as the Southeast Asian Mathematical Society (2004 to 2005).

He is a Member of the Board of Directors of the Defence Science & Technology Agency, (DSTA), Ministry of Defence; Board Member of Bizlink Centre, a social enterprise; and a Member of the Board of Governors of NUS High School of Mathematics and Science. He has also sat on the boards of the Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A*STAR), DSO National Laboratories, National Institute of Education, and the Infocomm Development Authority.

Prof Tan received the Public Administration Medal (Gold) at Singapore’s National Day Awards in 2014 for his outstanding contributions to education.
Professor Ho Teck Hua
Senior Deputy President and Provost Designate
National University of Singapore

Professor Ho Teck Hua will become Senior Deputy President and Provost of the National University of Singapore (NUS) from 1 January 2018. He is currently the Deputy President (Research & Technology) and Tan Chin Tuan Centennial Professor at NUS.

He is a prominent behavioural scientist with a PhD in Decision Sciences from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. He also has a Bachelor of Engineering with First Class Honours in Electrical Engineering from NUS, and a Master of Arts in Decision Sciences from the Wharton School.

Prof Ho is a Board Member of the National University Health System, a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Environment Agency, a Fellow at the Singapore Civil Service College, and Chair of a Research Advisory Panel for the Land Transport Authority. He is the Executive Chairman of AI.SG, a national research and development programme, and Chairman of Singapore Data Science Consortium.

Prior to his role as Deputy President (Research & Technology), Prof Ho was the William Halford Jr Family Professor of Marketing at the University of California, Berkeley’s Haas School of Business. He was also the Director of the Asia Business Center and served as the Haas School’s Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and the Chair of the Marketing Group. He earned tenure at the Wharton School, before which he was Assistant Professor of Operations and Technology Management at the UCLA Anderson School of Management.

Prof Ho has published many significant works in refereed journals in the areas of economics, management science, and marketing. In 2014, a co-authored paper won the second place Wickham Skinner Best Paper Award from Production and Operations Management. He has also been a finalist for three of the most prestigious awards in marketing research, including the 2011 William F O’Dell Award, the 2006 John DC Little Best Paper Award, and the 2005 Paul Green Best Paper Award.

He is the first non-US citizen to be Editor-in-Chief of Management Science, the venerable flagship journal of the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences, and one of the top journals for research in management. Prof Ho has consulted and taught for many large companies, and is one of the most sought after experts on revenue model design and behavioural change.

At the Haas School of Business, Prof Ho received the 2015 Williamson Award, the School’s highest faculty award, named in honour of Oliver Williamson, the 2009 Nobel Laureate in Economic Sciences. The award celebrates honourees who best reflect the character and integrity associated with Williamson’s scholarly work and legacy. He was awarded the prestigious Berkeley Distinguished Teaching Award in 2010, and the Earl F Cheit Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2004, 2005, and 2006.