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Former CPF Deputy CEO Don Yeo to helm NUS administration

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Mr Don Yeo

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Singapore - Mr Don Yeo Yong Kiang, former Deputy CEO (Policy & Corporate Development) of the Central Provident Fund (CPF) Board, will be appointed Deputy President Designate (Administration) of the National University of Singapore (NUS) from August 1.

Mr Yeo, who was also chief operating officer and chief information officer at the CPF Board, will succeed Mr Joseph Philip Mullinix from January 1, 2016. This was announced in a university's statement released today.

Said Mr Yeo: "I am honoured and delighted to be given the opportunity to join the strong leadership team at NUS during this exciting time for higher education. I look forward to working with and supporting my talented and dynamic colleagues through excellence in administration to further burnish the reputation of NUS as one of the top global universities and the best in Asia."

NUS President Professor Tan Chorh Chuan said Mr Yeo would bring to NUS his "broad and deep leadership experience and expertise across many key administrative areas". "We are delighted to welcome him on board to contribute towards advancing NUS' overall vision, goals and strategies," he said.

Mr Mullinix will return to the US when he steps down as NUS Deputy President (Administration) on January 1. Thanking him for his contributions, Prof Tan said he has made "transformational and lasting contributions to the university in many areas during his nearly 10 years of service".

"In particular, his outstanding leadership was instrumental in the successful design and construction of the NUS University Town and Yale-NUS College campus," added Prof Tan.

A highly respected administrator who, over the course of a remarkable career, had held senior positions in Columbia University, Yale University and University of California in the US, Mr Mullinix will retain a part-time appointment at NUS as Senior Advisor to the University President, focusing on NUS' partnerships and programmes in the US.

His successor, Mr Yeo, had served in several positions at the CPF Board from December 2005 to June 2015, most recently as Deputy Chief Executive Officer (Policy & Corporate Development), where he was responsible for policy, corporate development, human resources, organisational development, communications and risk management. He was also, concurrently, the board's chief operating officer and chief financial officer.

Before joining the CPF Board, Mr Yeo held positions in the Institute of Public Administration Management at the Civil Service College, Ministry of Law, Shell, Ministry of Trade & Industry as well as the Prime Minister's Office (Public Service Division).

He is currently a board member with the Singapore Examinations & Assessment Board, and a member of the Public Sector Committee, Singapore Chapter, CPA Australia.

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