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Passing on the baton of success at NUS High School *Appointment of new principal-designate, Mr Hang Kim Hoo*

National University of Singapore (NUS) High School of Mathematics and Science has announced the decision of its Principal, Associate Professor Lai Yee Hing to step down from his appointment effective 31 August 2007 so as to return to academia work at NUS. Associate Professor Lai was appointed as Principal-Designate on 1 May 2003, and under his leadership over the last four years, established NUS High School of Mathematics and Science as a leading specialised high school.

During his tenure, the NUS High School was established in January 2005 as a specialised independent school that aims to develop and nurture dynamic and well-rounded individuals who will pursue the highest standards in mathematics and science, and prepare them for higher education. Associate Professor Lai led the School in identifying a permanent site for its campus and oversaw the design and construction of the school building which now stands proudly on its campus at Clementi. He was also instrumental in the successful formulation and implementation of the School curriculum, enrichment programmes and innovative pedagogy. Under his leadership, the NUS High School has attracted many talented faculty members, and the best and brightest local and international students, all passionate about mathematics and sciences. The School would like to place on record its deep appreciation to Associate Professor Lai for his leadership and dedicated service.

Associate Professor Lai Yee Hing said, "I am delighted to have had the opportunity to work with talented faculty members and staff, and to have had the strong support of NUS, MOE and other stakeholders in the laying down of the foundation for the first-of-its-kind school in Singapore – NUS High School of Mathematics and Science. The accumulation of all these efforts over the past four years has borne fruit. NUS High School students now enjoy a unique curriculum and campus designed to stimulate their passion in exploring scientific ideas through independent learning and in pursuing learning through cross-disciplinary integration that will prepare them well for higher studies. At this juncture, it is timely that I pass on the baton of leadership to the next principal who will help take the School to its next level of development. Even as I return to academia work at NUS, I am looking forward to keeping close ties and to continue contributing to NUS High School."

To build on the strong foundation of the School and take it to greater heights, the NUS High School Board of Governors is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Hang Kim Hoo as Principal-Designate effective 25 May 2007. Mr Hang will take office as Principal from 31 August 2007.

Mr Hang Kim Hoo, 47, has served in the Ministry of Education (MOE) for 22 years. He first joined the Education Service in 1984 as a Mathematics teacher in Raffles Institution. Mr Hang is currently Manager of School Cockpit Administration Centre which manages MOE's web-based data and information management system for schools. Prior to this appointment, he was a Senior Quality Assessor from 2004 to 2005, and Principal of Clementi Town Secondary School from 1999 to 2004. Mr Hang holds two Masters degrees – Master of Education (Mathematics) and Master of Science (Statistics). Since 1994, he has also served as Vice-President of the Singapore Mathematical Society, overseeing the identification and development of mathematical talents in Singapore.

“I am honoured to be appointed as Principal-Designate of NUS High School of Mathematics and Science,” said Mr Hang. “I look forward to working with the whole school to steer its journey in realizing its goals and vision. I also look forward to working closely with Professor Lai, whom I have known personally for some years, in the next few months. Personally, the appointment provides me the opportunity to extend my personal passion for the learning and development of Mathematics and Sciences.”