Yale president Levin retiring after 20 years

YALE University president Richard Levin announced yesterday that he will retire on June 30 next year after 20 years at the Ivy League school.

Prof Levin, 65, is one of the longest serving presidents in Yale’s history.

He is credited with leading its largest building and renovation programme since the 1930s, growing Yale’s endowment through fund-raising activities, and expanding its international activities.

Under his watch, an agreement to set up the Yale-NUS College, Singapore’s first liberal arts college, was sealed.

When it opens next year, the college will start with 150 students, growing to 1,000 later.

The National University of Singapore said Prof Levin will remain “intimately involved” with the planning and development of the college in the coming year.

“The Yale Corporation, which will be responsible for the appointment of the new President of Yale, has also reiterated its enthusiastic and whole-hearted commitment to Yale-NUS College,” said the statement.

The Yale Corporation has been “enthusiastic” in nominating Prof Levin to remain as one of the Yale representatives on the Yale-NUS Governing Board following his retirement for at least a further three years, the statement added.

NUS President Professor Tan Chorh Chuan said: “President Levin and I will continue to work closely with Yale-NUS College President Pericles Lewis and colleagues at Yale-NUS, Yale and NUS to build further on the excellent progress made to date.

“I’m confident that together, we will succeed in making the Yale-NUS College a truly innovative model of liberal arts and science education for the 21st century.”