ANNEX 1: TRIBUTE TO THE LATE MDM KWA GEOK CHOO – SMU INITIATIVES

SMU will pay tribute to the late Madam Kwa Geok Choo, wife of former Prime Minister and Minister Mentor Lee Kuan Yew, through the following initiatives:

1. **Kwa Geok Choo Law Library**

An integral part of the Law School, the new Kwa Geok Choo Law Library will be the heart of legal education and scholarship for Singapore.

The Library will be built on the site of the well-loved old National Library building on Stamford Road. It will be a premier legal resource for Singapore and the region. The Library will hold an extensive online and print collection of 100,000 items. It will develop special collections aligned to SMU’s inherent strengths, including dispute resolution and Islamic law. Blending the best of the old and the new, there will be a traditional reading room for research and study, coupled with innovative learning spaces and outstanding information services. In addition, premier facilities such as moot practice rooms, a presentation rehearsal studio and multimedia training rooms will allow students to refine their professional skills. With a planned floor space of up to 5,000 sq m and the capacity to accommodate more than 1,000 users, it will be a green library in its design and construction, from the eco-friendly furniture to the environmentally-conscious building design. Efforts will also be made to bring nature into the Library to complement the green design of the existing SMU buildings and the greenery of Fort Canning Park against which the building will be built.

2. **Kwa Geok Choo Scholars Programme**

Kwa Geok Choo Scholars Programme will fund scholars in the School of Law. Under SMU’s holistic admissions system which evaluates students beyond just grades and seeks out the potential in each student, the university will select well-rounded students who exhibit a moral force of character, a global mindset and a consciousness to serve the community and the nation. These students will benefit from the broad-based, multi-disciplinary and globally-oriented SMU education with a focus on ethics and social responsibility.

3. **Kwa Geok Choo Top Law Graduate Award**

This is an award for the top graduating student of each cohort who has demonstrated both academic excellence and strong community participation.