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UniSIM chancellor Cham Tao Soon retires

The Cambridge-educated Prof Cham was a key figure in setting up UniSIM in 2005. It offers its own degree programmes, targeting mainly adult learners, under a charter from the Education Ministry.

Yesterday, the university said in a statement that Prof Cham was “ahead of his time” in mandating the college to focus on e-learning as a primary mode of lesson delivery.

“His leadership and innovative spirit, along with his vision for UniSIM, has been a strong driver for the institution’s success and will continue to shape the future of UniSIM,” it said.

Prior to heading UniSIM, Prof Cham was president of Nanyang Technological University from 1991 to 2002. He led the university’s expansion of programme offerings, including initiatives in the fields of design, business and accountancy.

Prof Cham’s successor, Mr Ee, is active in the social service, academic and business sectors. An accountant by training, he was named the new president of the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants last month.

He was also chairman of the Council for Third Age, a government-funded group that promotes active ageing.

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