

# Varsity has new vice-chancellor

PROF Graeme Wilkinson (pic) has been appointed as Sunway University vice-chancellor from July 1: He takes over from Prof Robert Bignall.

Prof Wilkinson will be responsible for providing strategic direction and leadership for the university, representing it both at home and abroad.

"I am both proud and honoured to be given the opportunity to play such a pivotal role, leading Sunway University and building upon the outstanding work that has been carried out by my predecessor as well as the dedicated staff here," he said in a statement.

Born in England, he graduated with First-Class Honours in Physics from Imperial College, London, and received a doctorate in Atmospheric Physics from Oxford University.

Prof Wilkinson has previously lectured at several institutions in the United Kingdom, including University College London.

He is a Fellow of the British Computer Society and a chartered IT professional.

He is also a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, an associate at the Academy of



Experts, a senior member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers in the United States and a member of the Technical and Scientific Advisory Council of IncGeo in Belgium.

Prof Wilkinson is a specialist in satellite remote sensing, and has also worked at the European Commission's Joint Research Centre at Ispra, Italy, where he led a team of

international scientists working on the use of space satellite technology to monitor environmental issues.

More recently, he was head of school, dean and pro vice-chancellor at Kingston University, University of Lincoln and Glyndwr University respectively.

Sunway University chancellor Tan Sri Dr Jeffrey Cheah welcomed Prof Wilkinson.

"On behalf of all the staff and students of Sunway University, I would like to extend a warm welcome to Prof Wilkinson.

"I look forward to working closely with him in bringing Sunway University to greater heights," he added.

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