

**SPEECH BY NUSS PRESIDENT MR DAVID HO  
AT THE POST HOUGANG BY-ELECTION DIALOGUE AT NUSS  
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7PM AT KENT RIDGE GUILD HOUSE, GUILD HALL**

Distinguished Speakers  
Fellow NUSS Members  
Ladies and Gentlemen

Good evening and a very warm welcome to Kent Ridge Guild House.

We are privileged to have two major political parties with us this evening. It is only in NUSS that we have such privilege. It pays to be a member here.

As the largest graduate society, we are committed to actively promote intellectual discourse among our members. NUSS is non-partisan and is uniquely positioned to provide a neutral platform to host dialogues of this nature. This is a closed-door session; no press is invited and only NUSS members and invited guests are allowed to attend.

I would like to extend a welcome to the speakers who will spend time with us and provide their political insights on the watershed election, both in GE and Hougang.

I live near Hougang, I have a vested interest. Everytime there's a big commotion, my car cannot go through. Hougang has always been or will continue to have a special place in the history of the political development in Singapore. And I am very happy that tonight, we have the man who created this situation to give us the insight, the high drama of the by-election and the strategy adopted to make his party so special for us to follow.

At the same time, we also have our own major political party telling us how they have successfully defended it and have 158 extra votes. So it is actually an interesting dialogue where I hope you'll walk away with all positive answers as to what the future of Hougang will be for Singapore and for our political development.

And I leave them to share with us their insights. Thank you very much.