

**WELCOME ADDRESS BY NUSS PRESIDENT MR JOHNNY TAN  
AT UNVEILING OF THE *DELLA & SENG GEE GUILD HALL*  
13 JULY 2011, WEDNESDAY, 7.30PM**

Our Special Guest, Dr Della Lee

NUS President, Professor Tan Chorh Chuan

NUSS Honorary Member, Dr Tony Tan

Members of NUSS Advisory Panel

Past Presidents

Management Committee Colleagues

Distinguished Guests

Ladies and Gentlemen

Good evening and a very warm welcome to NUSS.

Today is an important day for two reasons.

**1. The first is ... the renaming of our NUSS Guild Hall.**

Since its opening, this Guild Hall has **witnessed many significant events** such as the Official Opening of the **Alumni Complex** in 2009 by the then Minister Mentor Lee Kuan Yew, and the numerous **thought-provoking talks** by ministers, ambassadors, eminent academics as well as our young politicians.

This Guild Hall is also the **preferred venue** for many major university and business conferences, and many other community and members' events. This year alone, we will have over 20 wedding receptions held at this Guild Hall, averaging about two per month.

As you can see, this Guild Hall is a **very special place for us at NUSS**.

This evening, the Society is honoured and delighted to rename the Guild Hall as the ***Della & Seng Gee Guild Hall***.

This is to show our deep appreciation to **Dr Della Lee and Dr Lee Seng Gee** for their generous donation of \$1 million to the **NUSS Endowment Fund for UTown Student Advancement**. This Endowment Fund was established to provide **financial assistance** to needy and deserving students enrolled for studies at the new **NUS University Town**.

**Dr Della Lee and Dr Lee Seng Gee's** names are synonymous with **philanthropy, altruism and generosity**. Their generous gift will go a long way towards cultivating a thriving and an all-inclusive learning environment and ensuring that no deserving students would be denied a place at the **University Town**.

Thank you Dr Della Lee and Dr Lee Seng Gee who has returned to join us.

NUSS is indeed privileged to have received their support.

- 2. I mentioned earlier that today is an important day for two reasons.** I already mentioned one, and the second reason, as you already know, is that it is **Dr Della Lee's birthday**.

I believe this is the first time **Dr Della Lee** is celebrating her birthday here at NUSS and I hope that she and Dr Lee Seng Gee will continue to celebrate many more birthdays here, especially now that the Guild Hall is named after them.

I would like to invite you to join me in **proposing a birthday toast to Dr Della Lee**.

**Please raise our glasses** --- let's wish Dr Della Lee a very happy birthday again with many more to come. **Cheers!**

- 3. Dance Ensemble will be performing their dance again for us. Thank you.**