

**SPEECH BY NUSS PRESIDENT MR JOHNNY TAN
AT THE 26TH NUSS-PAUM GAMES
22 OCTOBER 2011, SATURDAY
7.30PM AT KENT RIDGE GUILD HOUSE**

His Excellency **Dato Mohd Hussin Nayan**, Malaysian High Commissioner to Singapore

Dato Wira Jahaya and all our dear friends from PAUM

My fellow NUSS members

Ladies and gentlemen

A very good evening to all, and on behalf of the Management Committee, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our Malaysian friends to Kent Ridge Guild House.

NUSS is very happy to host the **26th NUSS-PAUM Games**.

Just as sports promote goodwill between nations, the **NUSS-PAUM Games** were first organised in 1984 with the aim of fostering a sense of camaraderie between **NUSS and PAUM**, and promoting cross-border friendships and networking opportunities among members of our two alumni organisations.

Over the years, we have bonded over sweat and laughter, and have developed a very special relationship **on sporting grounds**. And I have every reason to believe that we will continue to uphold this **valuable and strong sporting tradition**, and further deepen our friendship in years to come.

For those who were in Malacca last year, you would remember that we marked a significant milestone in the history of **NUSS-PAUM Games** when we celebrated the Games' **Silver Jubilee**. This evening, as we embark on the next chapter of 25 years, NUSS is extremely delighted and honoured to have the opportunity to donate a new **Challenge Trophy** to mark this new beginning.

Some of you might ask ... what happen to the old Trophy?

Well, the previous Challenge Trophy will be kept by PAUM (I think they deserve it ...), and I trust that our Malaysian friends will look after this sentimental piece of **priceless 'antique'**, which symbolises the close ties and friendly competitive spirit between us.

Like before, we again competed in 7 different sports this year (golf, bowling, tennis, table-tennis, badminton, squash, and soccer.) Golf was played yesterday and we had a wonderful game despite the rain. I'm pleased to share that the result for golf was a draw (I like to believe that the golfers are friendly people). And I understand that the results for the rest of the games today are also quite interesting (Very close ...) and I shall leave it to the emcee to make the announcement later.

I just wanted to extend my congratulations in advance to all the winners ... and if you happen to be NOT one of them, just remember that you have done a wonderful job in making your opponents happy – that to me, is also a **notable achievement** because one of the greatest satisfactions one can ever have in life is knowing that you have made someone else ... happy.

So everyone, regardless of whether you have won the competition should be proud of what you have done please give yourself a round of applause ...

I would like to thank the **Organising Committee** for their efforts in organising this event, and also wish to convey our deep appreciation to **His Excellency Dato Mohd Hussin Nayan**, for gracing this occasion.

On this note, may I invite my NUSS colleagues to please rise and join me in proposing a toast to **His Excellency and all our friends from PAUM ...**

Let's toast to **the well-being of our two nations** and the **enduring friendship** between us

Cheers!