

**WELCOME ADDRESS BY NUSS PRESIDENT MR EDDIE LEE
AT NUSS CELEBRATORY DINNER
30 NOVEMBER 2016, KENT RIDGE GUILD HOUSE
INNER CHAMBER**

1. Address the audience

Recipients of the National Day Awards 2016, NUSS Past Presidents, Friends, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good evening and thank you for joining us at the NUSS Celebratory Dinner 2016. Tonight, we gather to celebrate the achievements of our members who are also recipients of the National Day Awards 2016.

2. Celebrate the achievements of our members who are also recipients of the National Day Awards 2016 (NDA)

- First, allow me to extend my heartiest congratulations to our NDA recipients who have gone beyond the call of duty to make significant contributions to public service.
- This year, we have a total of 27 members who have been identified as NDA recipients and 2 of our members were awarded The Meritorious Service Medal, one of the highest awards for public service.
- One of them is Mr Goh Joon Seng, who has served almost 10 years as the Judge of the Supreme Court. Even after retiring from the bench, he has served in many councils, one of which is the Presidential Council for Religious Harmony where he provided leadership and advice for matters relating to the racial harmony in Singapore.
- The other member is Professor Leo Tan, who is Singapore’s first locally-trained marine biologist who took up teaching in National University of Singapore (NUS) to share his knowledge with the younger generation. He also spearheaded the development of the Lee Kong Chian Natural History Museum, which is Singapore’s first and only natural history museum.
- I am proud of all our members who have contributed immensely to the community and hope that their actions and commitment will inspire more to step forward and give back to our community.
- NDA Recipients Awardees (For reference):

Sal.	Name	Medal
Professor	Tan Wee Hin	The Meritorious Service Medal
Mr	Goh Joon Seng	The Meritorious Service Medal

Mr	Kwa Chong Seng	The Public Service Star (BAR)
Mr	Lim Yong Wah	The Public Service Star (BAR)
Mdm	Teo Lin Lee	The Public Service Star
Mr	Koh Soo Keong	The Public Service Star
Professor	Koh Annie	The Public Administration Medal (Silver)
Pow	Pow Choon Ghee	The Public Administration Medal (Bronze)
Professor	Ong Choon Nam	The Public Administration Medal (Bronze)
Ms	Tay Bee Peng	The Public Administration Medal (Bronze)
Mr	Chng Kian Wee	The Public Administration Medal (Bronze)
Mdm	Long Alice	The Commendation Medal
Ms	Goh Hui Hua	The Commendation Medal
Mr	Ow Kwok Leong	The Commendation Medal
Mr	Hoe Kok Wei	The Commendation Medal (Military)
Mr	Gan Fong Yin	The Commendation Medal (Military)
Ms	Chua Chye Ping Christine	The Commendation Medal
Professor	Lye Lin Heng	The Public Service Medal
Mr	Low Chong Kuan	The Public Service Medal
Mr	Ong Kah Eng	The Public Service Medal
Mr	Tham Tuck Cheong	The Public Service Medal
Mr	Sardar Aslam	The Public Service Medal
Ms	Shee Shirley	The Long Service Medal
Mr	Kwan Yew Meng	The Long Service Medal
Mr	Tan Chee Siong	The Long Service Medal
Mr	Tan Kim Hock	The Long Service Medal
Madam	Lau Chay Joo	The Long Service Medal
Mr	Ong Seow Eng	The Long Service Medal
Prof/Assoc.Prof	Pierce Chow Kah Hoe	The Long Service Medal
Dr	Abdul Majeed Bin Abdul Khader	The Long Service Medal
Assoc Prof	Chin Wei Ngan	The Long Service Medal

Mr	Foo Kok Soon	The Long Service Medal
Mr	Tan Wei Hyan	The Long Service Medal
Professor	Tan Tai Yong	The Long Service Medal
Dr	Lim Tock Han	The Long Service Medal
Mr	Lauw Joo Kiat	The Long Service Medal
Mr	Liong Yuen Ming	The Long Service Medal (Military)
Mr	Ma Lup Hoe Michael	The Long Service Medal (Military)
Mdm	Chua pui Hong Serene	The Long Service Medal (Military)

3. Thank Past Presidents for honouring us with their presence

- To our past Presidents, we are honoured to have you join us tonight at this joyous occasion. The various activities and events by the Society will not be as successful without your strong support and extensive contributions.

4. NUSS Achievements

(a) Supporting NUS' Interests

- The key mission of the Society is to foster a lifelong relationship with NUS and the wider graduate community.
- A key initiative to promote the interests of NUS and its students is the NUSS-NUS Mentorship Program AY2016/17. The program, which started in AY2012/13, provides a platform for students to learn from NUSS members on post graduation opportunities and how to facilitate a transition from school to the workforce. This initiative is a meaningful one which allows us to support our alma mater while guiding our younger generation. I would like to thank our members who have been part of this programme and look forward to welcoming more on board.
- The Society has also been stepping up on its efforts to raise funds for needy students in NUS so they could enjoy a beneficial, life changing education.
- NUSS contributes an annual gift of \$250,000 to the NUS Alumni Bursary Fund. This year, besides aiding needy students enrolled in NUS, the funds will also be used to seed and inspire alumni groups to raise funds for other entities within NUS such as faculties, departments and halls.

- At the 25th NUS Alumni and Friends Charity Golf 2016 tournament held in October 2016, NUSS and NUS have also raised more than \$500,000 to support bursaries for financially disadvantaged students. I'm grateful to our members for their support in making a difference in the students' lives and would like to appeal to fellow alumni and friends to join me in future initiatives to give the gift of education to more needy students.

(b) Engaging our members

- Our members continue to be the core of our Society and we constantly seek to improve our facilities, events and membership privileges to ensure we provide the best for our members.
- The Society has spent efforts to upgrade our facilities and offerings starting with improvement works and introduction of the new Northern Indian Tandoori Chicken menus at Cafe on the Ridge.
- Year on year, the Society also organise several events such as the 21: Endless Connections and Meet the Ambassador Series which allows members to interact with one another, gain fruitful cultural or intellectual insights and improve their lifestyles.
- NUSS has also worked with business partners such as Emirates and Nike to develop exclusive privileges for our members. You can find out more about these promotions through our website.
- We are proud of the achievements by our members and we hope that you will continue to support us as we strive to provide the best experiences for you.

5. Thank you.